



TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The TUHSD Board of Trustees met on Zoom on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00 pm. Here are some of the Highlights from the meeting.

ADOPTION OF 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED RESERVE LEVELS

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented [slides](#) of the budget proposed at the board meeting on June 2, 2020. He reviewed the key assumptions for revenue and expenditures, the uncertainties surrounding the economic downturn, and the prudence needed as the District moves forward. The trustees discussed reserve levels, and the need to provide resources for equity while maintaining the high quality of education that our District expects. The Board unanimously approved the 2020-21 Budget and Reserve Levels. The [adopted Budget](#) is posted on the Tam District website.

POLLING RESULTS PRESENTATION

Brian Godbe from Godbe Research, along with Charles Heath and Sabrina Kochprahah from TBWB, presented the results of the [recent survey](#) completed by 771 community members. Questions on the survey related to support for a parcel tax to replace the current parcel tax which expires in June 2022. Mr. Heath provided an analysis of the data, and suggested using a two ballot measure option to hedge the risk of not passing a measure that meets the fiscal needs of the District. One measure will propose a renewal of the existing parcel tax, and the second measure will be for an additional \$98 in the parcel tax. The board discussed the pros and cons of this approach, the feasibility, and the communication that will be needed for voters to understand the two measure ballot. The Board will decide on the measures at the July 14 meeting.

EQUITY INITIATIVES UPDATE

Dr. Taupier presented an overview of the [focus on equity](#). The Tam District is engaged in ongoing work over several years including professional learning for staff, SOAR education for students and parents, and community partnerships. TUHSD is part of an equity initiative with goals to increase staff diversity, to retain educators of color, and to recruit a substantial number of candidates within the next year. Dr. Taupier and the board discussed next steps and the development of a District resolution in support of anti-racist education.

FALL PLANNING FOR SCHOOL OPENING

How will the District re-open school in the fall? The [District Plan](#) is continuing to develop, with priorities on learning and safety. Two teams are working to ensure that all aspects of the instructional model are within the parameters of safety measures. This is a process which also involves negotiations with teachers and staff. Plans incorporate guidance from the County and California Department of Health and feedback from a survey of parents and students. Potential scenarios are hybrid learning, open with restrictions, and fully virtual learning. The board has many questions, and listens to the concerns of parents, students, teachers and staff. The Board discussed how difficult it is to balance the needs of all students, and how best to plan for the common good, inclusive of safety, social/emotional needs, academic rigor, and equity. The District re-opening plan will be announced in July.

APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RESPONSE DOCUMENT

This document outlines the spring COVID-19 response during the shelter in place orders. It is in lieu of the yearly LCAP, which will be presented in December. Dr. Taupier mentioned that the nutritional support program ends on June 30, but the Marin food bank will continue a weekly [grocery bag](#) distribution at Tam High School.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

An election for two seats on the TUHSD Board is on the November 3 ballot. Incumbents Leslie Harlander and Karen Loebbaka will run for re-election. An informational meeting for interested candidates was held on June 25. Interested candidates can apply on the Marin County website at <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/rv>

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Until further notice, Board meetings are held online, using a Zoom webinar platform. Please see the district website homepage for a link to published agendas. The Zoom link and password is found under Item 5., Reconvene into Open Session. For past meetings, please see the website for agendas, [minutes, videos, and highlights](#).

July 14, 2020: Regular Board Meeting on Zoom

August 11, 2020: Regular Board Meeting on Zoom

August 25, 2020: Regular Board Meeting on Zoom

[Board Members](#): Leslie Harlander, President; Cynthia Roenisch, Clerk; Karen Loebbaka, Dan Oppenheim, and Kevin Saavedra

Superintendent: Tara Taupier

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Facilities: Lars Christensen

Chief Financial Officer: Corbett Elsen