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BOARD MEETING

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 PM, April 11, 2017

Administrative Services Annex, 43 Hawkside Drive, Markleeville, CA 96120

Teleconferencing/Videoconferencing

Perry Walther Building, 325 Creekside Drive, Bear Valley, CA 95223

Attendance Taken at 5:33 PM:

Present:

Rachael Brothers
Clint Celio
Geoff Ellis
Jenny Goldstein
Tony Holdridge
Amy Mecak
Dr. Scott Smith
Dr. Patrick Traynor
Cheri Warrell

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mr. Celio called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

A. Agenda Approval

Motion Passed: The Agenda was approved as amended. Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Amy Mecak.

Yes Rachael Brothers
Yes Clint Celio
Yes Geoff Ellis
Yes Tony Holdridge
Yes Amy Mecak

Minutes:

The Agenda was approved with the following revisions:

Presentations item 4.A. Alpine County Health and Wellness Coalition's Collaborative Work and Priority Areas presented by Erin Dobyns, Alpine County Public Health Educator would be moved to the May meeting.

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New Business item 9.B.4. Approve Resolution No. D 16-17-13: Resolution for approval for Music assignment authorization for the 2017-2018 school year was stricken from the agenda and would be addressed in the future if necessary.

New Business item 9.B.1. Approve the District Certification of the 2016-2017 second interim financial reports would be heard immediately after Hearing of the Public.

Unfinished Business item 9.A.1. Discussion and/or direction/action regarding reopening the Bear Valley Elementary School would be heard immediately after New Business item 9.B.1.

2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

B. Public Comment on Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

Minutes:

There were no comments from the public present.

C. Closed Session

Minutes:

The meeting was convened into closed session at 5:37 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - One Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation per Government Code 54957

a. Title: Classified Employees

b. Title: Superintendent

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code 54957.6

a. Employee Organization: Alpine County Teachers Association

b. Unrepresented Employees: ACUSD Classified Employees Organization

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4. Public Employee Employment or Appointment per Government Code 54957

a. Title: Walk On Coach - Temporary

b. Title: Instructional Assistant - Temporary

c. Title: Senior Management

D. Open Session - Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 6:17 p.m. Mr. Celio announced no action had been taken.

E. Public Comment on Action Taken in Closed Session

3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

There were no comments from the public present.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Alpine County Health and Wellness Coalition's Collaborative Work and Priority Areas presented by Erin Dobyns, Alpine County Public Health Educator

Minutes:

Item moved to May regular Board meeting.

B. Board Appreciation Award

5. STAFF/DEPARTMENT/BOARD REPORTS

A. Annual report on Outcomes for Homeless Students per BP 6173 Education for Homeless Children by Dr. Scott Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services

Minutes:

Dr. Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services, reported to the Board that 14 Diamond Valley Elementary School students qualify as homeless under the McKinney Vento Act. All qualified students are making satisfactory academic progress and none are candidates for retention.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda Approval

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Geoff Ellis.
Yes Rachael Brothers
Yes Clint Celio
Yes Geoff Ellis
Yes Tony Holdridge
Yes Amy Mecak

B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2017

C. Monthly Warrants

D. April 2017 Quarterly Report stating zero complaints have been filed regarding the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignments, and facilities conditions

E. Overnight Field Trip to Marin Headlands and San Francisco

F. Discarded Book List as of March 31, 2017

G. Ratify CSBA Agreement for Governance Consulting Services for Governance Leadership Workshop to be held during the April 14, 2017 Board Workshop

H. Budget revisions through January 31, 2017

1. General Fund 01

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Diamond Digest, April 2017

B. Letter from the California Department of Education stating the 2016-2017 first interim reports meeting all financial obligations

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Local Education Plan Evaluation

Minutes:
Dr. Traynor reviewed the state indicators for student performance. For

1 school climate, he presented the evaluation rubric on the California
2 Dashboard for suspension rates and discussed the rating structure,
3 noting Diamond Valley Elementary School (DVES) ranked very high.
4 DVES students' scores increased from high last year to very high this
5 year in English/Language Arts. Dr. Traynor discussed the Native
6 American, white, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and students with
7 disabilities subgroups ratings changes from last year to this year. He
8 noted that DVES students scored high in Math and the subgroups
9 scored low, decreasing from last year. Dr. Traynor stated these will be
10 areas of focus for next year.

11 Mrs. Brothers recommended providing a break for students between
12 first and second block. Mr. Voss mentioned dividing up the
13 (instructional) day to address Math scores.

14 **2. 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan development**

15 Minutes:

16 Dr. Traynor reviewed the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
17 timeline and reported that four LCAP Parent Advisory Committee
18 (PAC) meetings had been held. Two parents regularly attended the
19 meetings and the focus was to clarify the actions and services and
20 several modifications had been used to update the LCAP draft. Dr.
21 Traynor thanked Mrs. Mecak and Mrs. Brothers for working with
22 parents to modify the LCAP survey to obtain better results and the
23 survey was distributed to a wide variety of stakeholders and students.
24 A focus group was also held. He thanked Ms. Alissa Nourse, Director
25 of Behavioral Health, for facilitating the focus group. Dr. Traynor
26 further reported that the survey results and focus group data were
27 compiled and were being used to further modify the LCAP. He added
28 that an incomplete draft has been shared with an LCAP PAC parent to
share with other parents for further modification. Dr. Traynor
expressed the desire to have the actual draft available for community
feedback prior to the next Board meeting.

29 **B. Principal's Report**

30 Minutes:

31 Dr. Smith reported to the Board that a 6th-8th grade Marin-U.C. Davis field
32 trip information night had been scheduled for April 27th, a tour of South
33 Tahoe High School for 7th and 8th grade students was scheduled for April
34 26th and an adult tour for April 27th, and 8th grade students were scheduled to
35 tour Douglas High School on May 15th.

36 **C. Business Manager's Report**

37 Minutes:

1 Dr. Traynor stated he would report under item 7. Discuss Business Office
2 contracting services and current contract with Ryland School Business
3 Consulting effective through June 30, 2017.

4 **9. ACTION ITEMS**

5 **A. Unfinished Business**

6 **1. Discussion and/or direction/action regarding reopening the Bear
7 Valley Elementary School**

8 **Motion Passed:** Motion to repair and open the Bear Valley School
9 building, develop a plan by October 2017 to reopen the Bear Valley
10 School for the 2018-2019 school year, and for District administration
11 to research opening the Bear Valley School building for operation of
12 the Busy Bears Preschool program. Passed with a motion by Amy
13 Mecak and a second by Tony Holdridge.

14 Yes Rachael Brothers

15 Yes Clint Celio

16 Yes Geoff Ellis

17 Yes Tony Holdridge

18 Yes Amy Mecak

19 Minutes:

20 Mr. Celio thanked everyone who participated in discussion and
21 research on reopening the Bear Valley School.

22 Dr. Traynor reviewed a proposed budget of \$294,000 for staff and
23 operating costs to reopen the school for the 2017-2018 school year,
24 various scenarios of the grade and transportation structure, and
25 potential program cuts. He discussed opening for grades TK-5 and
26 eventually TK-8, and projected enrollment. Mrs. Mecak stated that the
27 Bear Valley community really wanted the school to reopen for
28 community connectedness, safety, and in consideration of the length of
the bus ride. She expressed she was comfortable with the projected
expenses though they could vary and discussed the current
transportation of Alpine and Calaveras county students. Mrs. Brothers
reiterated that the building needed to be maintained and the Board
discussed that no work is currently in process.

Upon being asked for a recommendation, Superintendent Traynor
stated his staff's recommendation is in light of what is the greatest
likelihood for student success for the 2017-18 school year. He
reviewed that currently our Bear Valley student residents are
experiencing a quality education with Vallecito Schools and could not
make a recommendation that disrupted that for this next year. He
reviewed that the Board could not be confident that the reasons for the

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school closing on July 1, 2011, namely declining enrollment had been ameliorated.

Mrs. Brothers questioned if Alpine county students in K-6 would be allowed to attend Vallectio schools (if the Bear Valley School reopened) and expressed the need for uniformity between the slopes. Dr. Traynor advised that administrative oversight was provided by the previous Superintendent and Mrs. Mecak stated that a portion of the administrative cost would be attributed to the Bear Valley School and would not increase the costs. Mrs. Mecak further discussed transportation needs for older students, uncertainty of the time needed for building repairs, and making the school available for the Busy Bears Preschool program. Mr. Celio presented projected enrollment through 2020-2021 based on residents currently living in Alpine county and Calaveras families potentially moving into Alpine county should the school reopen.

Mr. Holdridge advised that past enrollment projections were not realized. He further stated that it was the responsibility of the District to provide an education for the children but it was not the business to set up a school to promote the economy of Bear Valley. He took exception to kindergartners students having a long bus ride. Mr. Ellis stated they have an obligation to that side of the county, agreed with Mr. Holdridge regarding transport of young students, opening the school would provide community unity, and it was the Board's job to provide an adequate education for the Bear Valley school.

Mr. Holdridge mentioned potentially leasing space from which to operate the school and the county's responsibility to assist. Mrs. Mecak mentioned First Five's support of the Busy Bears Preschool and Ms. Terry Woodrow, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, responded that reopening the school was a school board issue and the county did not have property other than the Perry Walther Building. She also mentioned that the previous (enrollment) projections dropped due to the teacher.

Mr. Celio reviewed the facility opening costs, future operating costs relative to current costs, and the current and future deficit. He questioned how to sustain spending and the impact on the reserve; he stated reserves would be exhausted in ten years if the spending and projected costs continued. Ms. Amber Watts, resident, mentioned the current transportation and facility costs. Mr. Celio expressed the need to solve the budget issues to make Bear Valley work within the budget and provide a quality education. He suggested developing a comprehensive annual review process of projections. Mrs. Brothers offered structuring lower grades together and Mr. Holdridge stated his desire to initially pursue a school for small children to start with but

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not go broke. The Board discussed consistency across the District regarding interdistrict transfers.

Ms. Watts offered that the community would like to help the school and parents have offered support with music, art, sports, gardening, cooking, and technology. She would like her student to attend a school where the teacher has an interest in the school and mentioned tenure review. Mr. Joe Voss, CTA Representative/Teacher, spoke in support of the previous Bear Valley teacher and the Board needed to deal with the employees. He compared bus ride times and expressed his concerns about the budget impact of reopening Bear Valley School. Ms. Patty Schimke, Bear Valley resident, expressed her concern about taxes paying for Markleeville programs, cited commitments made by previous Boards to reopen the school, and stated that Bear Valley School has been and could be successful.

Mrs. Mecak recommended a motion to open the Bear Valley School building to the Busy Bears Preschool program, repair the building, and develop a plan by October 2017 to reopen the school for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Holdridge spoke in support of Mrs. Mecak's recommendation.

Mr. Celio directed the Superintendent to research opening the building to Busy Bears and develop a plan to reopen the school for the 2018-2019 school year. He requested an update by the June meeting.

2. Discuss and Review BP/AR 5144 Students Discipline

Minutes:

Dr. Smith reported that the staff met during collaboration and as a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) team. Topics discussed were making consequences clearer for students, families, and staff members; make communications more effective; provide feedback to staff; updating the PBIS handbook and making it more readily available to stakeholders; and building upon the current matrix as needed. Mr. Celio acknowledged progress had been made and the policy did not require revision. He requested an update at a future board meeting.

3. Review and approve first draft of the 2017-2018 School Calendars

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Diamond Valley Elementary School and Secondary Community Day School 2017-2018 school calendars. Passed with a motion by Rachael Brothers and a second by Tony Holdridge.

- Yes Rachael Brothers
- Yes Clint Celio

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- Yes Geoff Ellis
- Yes Tony Holdridge
- Yes Amy Mecak

a. Diamond Valley Elementary School

b. Alpine County Secondary Community Day School

B. New Business

1. Approve the District certification of the 2016-2017 second interim financial reports

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Rachael Brothers.

- Yes Rachael Brothers
- Yes Clint Celio
- Yes Geoff Ellis
- Yes Tony Holdridge
- Yes Amy Mecak

Minutes:
Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent, noted a positive certification.

2. Approve the employment of the following positions:

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Geoff Ellis.

- Yes Rachael Brothers
- Yes Clint Celio
- Yes Geoff Ellis
- Yes Tony Holdridge
- Yes Amy Mecak

a. Sarah Harvey, Instructional Assistant - Temporary, Range 28, effective April 3, 2017

b. Sarah Harvey, Walk On Coach - Temporary, Range 39, effective March 27, 2017

3. Approve Education Protection Account Spending determinations

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Geoff Ellis and a second by Tony Holdridge.

- Yes Rachael Brothers
- Yes Clint Celio
- Yes Geoff Ellis

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Yes Tony Holdridge
Yes Amy Mecak

4. Approve Resolution No. D 16-17-13: Resolution for approval for Music assignment authorization for the 2017-2018 school year

Minutes:
Item was stricken from the agenda.

5. Set dates for public hearings for the 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan and 2017-2018 Budget

Motion Passed: Motion to set the public hearing dates for the 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan for May 9, 2017 and June 13, 2017 and the 2017-2018 Budget for and June 13, 2017. Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Rachael Brothers.

Yes Rachael Brothers
Yes Clint Celio
Yes Geoff Ellis
Yes Tony Holdridge
Yes Amy Mecak

The Board discussed timing for LCAP review and modification. Mr. Celio suggested setting an LCAP public hearing in May and June. Dr. Traynor advised that the budget would not be prepared by May and the LCAP would contain budget estimates.

6. Set dates for approval of 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan and 2017-2018 Budget

Motion Passed: Motion to set the approval dates for the 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan and the 2017-2018 Budget for June 27, 2017. Passed with a motion by Amy Mecak and a second by Tony Holdridge.

Yes Rachael Brothers
Yes Clint Celio
Yes Geoff Ellis
Yes Tony Holdridge
Yes Amy Mecak

7. Discuss Business Office contracting services and current contract with Ryland School Business Consulting effective through June 30, 2017

Minutes:
Dr. Traynor reviewed the Business Services proposal from Terri Ryland and discussed how the Business Office tasks would be divided among District staff, various neighboring county offices of education,

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and Ryland School Business Consulting. Mr. Celio and Mrs. Mecak discussed putting a limit on the contract amount. Mrs. Mecak requested an update at each Board meeting. Mr. Celio expressed his concern regarding a long term contract. Mrs. Katie Johnston, Business Services Technician II, requested to be included in all communications regarding the Business Office support.

8. Approve Resolution D 16-17-12: Resolution to Allow Board Members to be paid for Non-Attendance per EC 35120 for the April Board Meeting

Minutes:
Item 8 was not needed nor acted on.

10. OTHER REPORTS

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:
Mr. Joe Voss, Teacher, expressed his appreciation of Mrs. Mecak's forethought on a solution for the Bear Valley School. He requested the Board and Superintendent be forthright regarding staffing and programs citing his previous job placements.

13. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

14. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Items not completed in previous Closed Session)

- A. Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session**
- B. Public Comment on Items to be Discussed in Closed Session**

Minutes:
There were no comments from the public present.

C. Closed Session

Minutes:
The meeting was convened into closed session at 8:30 a.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - One Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9

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2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation per Government code 54957

- a. Title: Classified Employees
- b. Title: Superintendent

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code 54957.6

- a. Employee Organization: Alpine County Teachers Association
- b. Unrepresented Employees: ACUSD Classified Employees Organization

4. Public Employee Employment or Appointment per Government Code 54957

- a. Title: Walk On Coach - Temporary
- b. Title: Instructional Assistant - Temporary
- c. Title: Senior Management

D. Open Session - Call to Order

Minutes:
The meeting was reconvened into open session at 8:53 p.m. Mr. Celio announced no action was taken.

E. Public Comment on Action Taken in Closed Session

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Tony Holdridge and a second by Rachael Brothers.

- Yes Rachael Brothers
- Yes Clint Celio
- Yes Geoff Ellis
- Yes Tony Holdridge
- Yes Amy Mecak

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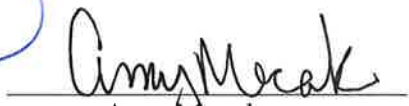
Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:



Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.
Superintendent



Amy Mecak
Clerk of the Board