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BOARD MEETING

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 p.m., December 8, 2015

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

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

Mr. Holdridge called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Clint Celio, Mr. Geoff Ellis, Mr. Anthony Holdridge, and Mrs. Jane Starratt

ABSENT: Mrs. Jill Wegenstein

STAFF: Dr. Patrick Traynor, Dr. Scott Smith, Cheri Warrell, and Michelle McLelland

PUBLIC: There were public present.

A. Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the Agenda. Polled vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)

2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Holdridge announced there would be a closed session to conference with the following items:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
2. Conference to Review Superintendent's Performance Evaluation per GC 54957 and GC 54954.5(e)
3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation per GC 54957 and GC 54954.5(e)  
*Title:* Classified Employees  
*Title:* Certificated Employees
4. Discussion of Student Matters per Education Code 35146
5. Conference with Labor Negotiator per GC 54957.6  
*Agency Negotiator:* Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent  
*Employee Organization:* Alpine County Teachers Association  
*Unrepresented Employees:* ACUSD Classified Employees Organization

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m. into closed session.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:32 p.m. into open session. Mr. Holdridge announced that the initial proposals to the Alpine County Teachers Association and the ACUSD Classified Employees Organization had been approved.

**3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Wegenstein stated she supported the formation of a Facilities Committee now that a Business Manager had been hired and consideration needed to be made for the diminishing student enrollment at Diamond Valley Elementary School and increasing population of the Bear Valley community. She also stated the school board member swearing in historically coincided with that of the Alpine County elected officials in January, the organizational meetings needed to be held within 15 days of the board members assuming their positions, and she did not support moving the organizational meetings into December as it would shorten the terms of current board members by one month. Mrs. Wegenstein suggested that if the Board chooses to move forward, the process should be changed such that the next group of nominees running in 2016 and 2018 be notified that their terms would be for 47 months.

**4. PRESENTATIONS – NOTE ORDER**

The honoree of the Board Appreciation Award had been selected and the nominee would receive the award at the next board meeting.

Dr. Traynor presented to the Board an update on the 2015 English Language Arts/English Language Development instructional materials adoption. He advised that the State Board of Education approved a set of adopted materials in November; the Curriculum Council, composed of himself, three teachers, and the principal, reviewed all adopted curriculum materials at the Sacramento County Office of Education; and the council members individually selected the Houghton Mifflin instructional materials. In keeping with board policy and the adoption process, the materials would be on display and a parent meeting had been scheduled for December 15, 2015 to allow for parent input on the instructional materials. Dr. Traynor hoped to be prepared for approval of the materials in January and current materials in use were adopted in 2002 which aligned to 1997 standards.

Ms. Erin Dobyms, Alpine County Public Health Educator Tobacco Control Program, gave a presentation on Flavored Tobacco – What Everyone Needs To Know (Dangers, Deception, and Protecting Youth). The Tobacco Control Program is working towards regulation of flavored tobacco products, keeping youth from starting smoking, and the goal of a tobacco free generation. She discussed tobacco related deaths, provided statistics on historical and current numbers of smokers, various tobacco and nicotine products and the ingestion

1 process, tobacco marketing and packaging tactics, tobacco content in various  
2 products, and the attraction to flavored tobacco products. She further discussed  
3 historical legislation that had been enacted to regulate tobacco products, flavored  
4 cigarettes are illegal while flavored cigars are not, and the addictive mechanisms  
5 of menthol in cigarettes. Ms. Dobyms advised the Board that marijuana will  
6 likely be legalized in California in 2016, ingestible THC syrup is currently on  
7 the market, and discussed other cannabis products. She discussed tobacco use  
8 prevention measures including awareness, tobacco retailer licensing, proximity  
9 regulations, minimum pack size, and a flavored tobacco restriction and ban.

10 Dr. Traynor updated the Board on the purchase of 30 Chromebooks. He reported  
11 that the students were doing very well with the Chromebooks and engaged in  
12 meaningful projects. He would like to purchase 25 more which would provide  
13 one Chromebook per student in grades 5-8 for the start of the 2016-17 school  
14 year. The Chromebooks are also being used in Kindergarten and there is  
15 currently competition to use the Chromebooks. They cost approximately \$350  
16 each for a total purchase price of approximately \$8,000; the purchase is part of a  
17 larger plan; and it fits with the budget.

18 **5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)**

19 Motion by Mrs. Starratt, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the consent agenda as  
20 presented. Polled vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)

21 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

22 The Board acknowledged receiving communications as listed on the agenda.

23 **7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

24 Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent, stated that he combined the District and  
25 County Superintendent's Reports. He shared with the Board the goal to expand  
26 the preschool to include infant care, reach out to children ages 0 to 5 as these  
27 ages are critical to build social and emotional development, and moving the  
28 preschool to the Learning Center building by July 1.

Dr. Traynor updated the Board on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)  
per the timeline presented at the last board meeting, parent input had been  
sought, last year's goals will be analyzed, the LCAP survey is now available  
online and will close in March, the first public LCAP hearing will be held in  
April or May, and the second public LCAP hearing will be held in May or June.  
The LCAP must be submitted to the California Department of Education by July  
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Mr. Celio suggested sending out a community email regarding the LCAP survey. Dr. Traynor stated that the survey had been announced in the Diamond Digest.

Dr. Traynor made the initial proposals to the classified and certificated employee groups available to the public and read the proposal aloud for the record. He stated the public will have sufficient time to comment on the proposals prior to Board adoption in January.

Dr. Scott Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services, thanked the district and (Alpine County) Parents Club for their support of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program facilitating ordering eight sets of Legos Mindstorms (robots) which will be distributed to the Opportunity School, advanced learner program, and After School program for project based learning for grades 5-8. He advised that the Nutcracker Suite Winter Program and astronomy trip for the advanced learner program are coming up next week.

Dr. Smith reported that two students have graduated from the Opportunity School this (school) year, one student is set to graduate next week, and two students are expected to graduate by the end of next semester. The Opportunity School students have been involved with researching clean energy solutions, created wind generating blades on the 3-D printer and tested their efficiency, and assisted Diamond Valley Elementary School (DVES) students with their boat projects. He also advised that the large format plotter has been repaired and is operational.

Mrs. Michelle McLelland, Fiscal Analyst, reported to the Board the First Interim Report is due to the state by December 15; the auditor's report has been received with no findings to report; and the architect firm has visited the east slope, DVES campus, and the Learning Center. She advised that Mrs. Jessica Young, Business Manager, is awaiting Board direction to proceed with AgendaOnline; direct deposit stubs are now being sent via email reducing the materials and time required to process payroll; the Business Office has applied for a \$36,894 Cafeteria Grant to fund replacing the refrigerator, dishwasher, and salad bar; and a claim has been submitted to the Special Education Extraordinary Cost Pool for 2014-15 NPS student costs.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. New Business**

1. Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mrs. Starratt to Approve the Superintendent's Evaluation. It was noted that Dr. Traynor ranked at or above District standards in all categories.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)

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- 2. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Mr. Celio to waive the second reading and approve BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)
- 3. Mr. Holdridge opened the floor for nominations for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. No nominations were made by the Board. Mr. Holdridge closed the floor for nominations.
- 4. Motion by Mrs. Starratt, second by Mr. Celio to Approve the District Certification of the First Interim Report dated October 31, 2015. Mrs. McLelland, Fiscal Analyst, noted a positive certification.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)
- 5. Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mrs. Starratt to Approve the ACUSD Audit Report from Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2015  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)
- 6. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Mrs. Starratt to Approve Resolution No. D15-16-01: Resolution to Allow Board Members to be Paid for Non-attendance per EC 35120 for the December Board Meeting.  
Polled vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)

A. Unfinished Business - None

**9. OTHER REPORTS - None**

**10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Dr. Traynor reviewed BB 9100 Annual Organizational Meeting and reminded the Board that the January 2016 organizational meeting date was approved in January 2015. Mr. Celio expressed concern that the organizational meeting date is out of alignment with Education Code and other state districts and suggested aligning with both for a December organizational meeting date. Mr. Holdridge advised that the Superintendent's evaluation is conducted in December which would create a new board to evaluate the Superintendent in an election year. Mr. Celio suggested moving up the Superintendent's evaluation date. The month of elections and board member terms were discussed. Mr. Holdridge directed Dr. Traynor to confer with legal counsel regarding the organizational meeting date.

Dr. Traynor discussed the board policies and requirements regarding committee formation including agendas, types and number of members, board

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representatives, and subcommittees. Mr. Holdridge expressed a preference for a District appointed committee, Mr. Ellis would like the community to be involved in District subcommittees, and Mr. Celio suggested creating a vision and mission statement to define committee expectations.

Mr. Celio and Mr. Holdridge were appointed as Board Representatives to the Facilities Committee.

**11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Katherine Rakow, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, encouraged the Board to attend a special meeting of Alpine County Board of Supervisors on December 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. regarding marijuana laws in Alpine county.

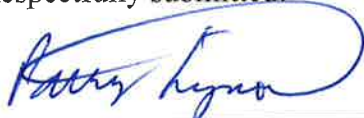
**12. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Starratt, second by Mr. Celio to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Wegenstein)

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:



Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

Jane Starratt  
~~Clerk~~ of the Board  
PRESIDENT