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BOARD MEETING

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 p.m., February 9, 2016

Teleconferencing/Videoconferencing
Holiday Inn, 600 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72202
Administrative Services Annex, 43 Hawkside Drive, Markleeville, CA 96120
Perry Walther Building, 325 Creekside Drive, Bear Valley, CA 95223

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

Mrs. Starratt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Dr. Patrick Traynor, Dr. Scott Smith, Jessica Young, Jenny Goldstein, Nicole Fruitman, and Joe Voss

PUBLIC: There were public present.

A. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Celio to approve the Agenda with the Bear Valley Charter School Update tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mrs. Starratt announced there would be a closed session to conference with the following items:

Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One Anticipated Litigation
Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
2. Public Employee Employment per Government Code 54957
Title: Certificated Employees

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- 3. 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
- 4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation per GC 54957 and 54957.6
Title: Certificated Administrative Employee, District Superintendent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. into closed session.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:01 into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public present.

4. PRESENTATIONS

The Bear Valley Charter School Update was tabled until the next meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)

Motion by Mr. Holdrige, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The board acknowledged receiving communications as listed on the agenda.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent, stated he was combining the District and County Superintendent's reports. He thanked the Board for supporting the purchase of 30 Chromebooks which provides a 1:1 computer to student ratio for grades 5-8 with the goal for next year of a 1:1 ratio for grades K-8. Students have immediate access to the Internet, can engage in meaningful and higher level learning, and work on the computer enhanced items typical of the Smarter Balanced Consortium Assessment (SBAC). He further reported that the anti-bullying policy has been fully implemented to create a safe and inviting environment for students, the counselor sends out weekly notices to all Diamond Valley Elementary School (DVE) students to anonymously report a student who

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has been bothering them, and the counselor follows up with the offending student.

Dr. Traynor updated the Board on moving the Early Learning Center to the Foothill Road location, expanding the program to include infant care, 9 students are currently enrolled, and anticipated enrollment will be 21 including infants. He hopes that the increased capacity will help to close the achievement gap for students entering DVE.

Mr. Joe Voss, Opportunity School/Community Day School Teacher, reported to the Board that three eligible students have graduated and 2 are projected to graduate by the end of the year, 4 students are currently enrolled in the Opportunity School, and they have been actively tracking the progress of resident students attending schools outside of the District. Tracking includes reviewing 6 and 12 week progress reports and report cards, determining if students are on track to meet credit goals for graduation, sending letters to students needing attention, and advising students of alternatives for graduating with a diploma. He also stated that students not meeting graduation goals are invited back to the District. Mr. Voss reported that the Opportunity School students have been involved in community service projects including Sole Hope and Backpacks of Love with instrumental support from Ms. Katie Quinlan, Special Education Instructional Assistant. Mr. Voss stated he has been working, in conjunction with Mrs. Romanowitz, with over 30 students on targeted instruction and SBAC intervention, and use of the Chromebooks has been helpful for students working on test items and preparatory information.

Mr. Holdridge stated it was a good program and nice for students to have an alternative. Mr. Celio requested gathering student metrics such as average class rank and determining how the District is preparing students for the high school experience and overall success.

Dr. Scott Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services, reported to the Board that this year's freshman class is doing well and student academic performance and growth is a top priority for teachers, staff, and administration. Students took interim SBAC assessments in November and information was sent home to parents/guardians of students in grades 1-8 with suggestions and resources for targeted academic areas; information was sent to Amber Bill of the Woodfords Indian Education Center regarding students who met certain criteria to facilitate their after school tutorial program. He further reported that the tutorial program utilizes SBAC assessment data, individual teacher reports, and other metrics to provide targeted assistance for individual students and small groups. Dr. Smith thanked the Board for their support of the additional Chromebooks purchase and confirmed that the computers are being well utilized by the students. He advised that the DVE Science, Technology,

1 Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program is in a growth phase,
2 eight Lego Mindstorm Robotic kits were purchased with Board support,
3 staff is being trained on the kit use, and is hoping to set up a mentoring
4 program with the Opportunity School students. The DVE Advanced
5 Learner program students have visited a local observatory, participated in
6 star parties, and a field trip to the Fleischmann Planetarium is planned for
7 next month.

8 Dr. Smith stated that Staff Development will be held at the end of this
9 month which will entail hands on and webinar training on the newly
10 adopted English/Language Arts curriculum for K-5 and 6-8 staff and
11 professional development on the McGraw Hill Math curriculum adopted
12 last year. He also advised that teachers will continue with data analysis,
13 SBAC data, and other exam results to facilitate student assistance and
14 growth.

15 Mrs. Jessica Young, Business Manager, reported that she had just
16 received an updated facilities report from the architecture firm, the
17 District did not receive the cafeteria grant but can apply for another grant
18 next year, and sought comments from the Board regarding the
19 AgendaOnline software. Mrs. Starratt supported using AgendaOnline,
20 Mrs. Wegenstein also supported using the software and inquired about
21 training and if computers will be provided to Board members. Mr. Celio
22 also supported using the software.

23 Mrs. Young further reported that Jack Schreder and Associates has been
24 contracted to complete a developer fee study and, pending justification of
25 the District collecting developer fees, should expect the study for
26 submission to the Board at the April Board meeting. The contractor she
27 had contacted regarding the access control system for securing the
28 perimeter of DVE has not yet submitted a proposal

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Discussion and/or direction/action regarding reopening the Bear Valley Elementary School was tabled until the next meeting.

Dr. Traynor explained that the estimated cost to reopen the Bear Valley Elementary School would be \$250,000; some parents did not want to reopen the school or reopen it as a K-3 school according to the Bear Valley Parent survey results; approximately eight K-8 students reside in Bear Valley; and reopening the school for a few students while continuing to provide transportation for Calaveras students was not economically feasible. Mrs.

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Wegenstein and Mr. Celio agreed the school should not be reopened for the 2016-17 school year.

- 2. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alpine County Teachers Association for transfer of County certificated employees to the Alpine County Unified School District

Dr. Traynor explained that the Memorandum of Understanding would transfer County teachers to the District as they currently support District students in straight grades, Visual and Performing Arts, sports, and Advanced Learners.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

- 3. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Celio to Approve Resolution No. D15-16-11: Resolution for Certificated Retirement Incentive Program with designated program period between March 3, 2016 and June 30, 2016. The resolution submitted in the Board packet will be corrected to show the window end date of June 30, 2016.

Polled vote: 5 ayes, unanimous

- 4. Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to approve a Cash Retirement/Resignation Incentive for certificated employees equivalent to the CalSTRS early retirement two years service credit incentive. Certificated employees must meet eligibility requirements and the submission date of the retirement/resignation letter was revised to no later than March 5, 2016 indicating a resignation date of on or before June 30, 2016, and the offer must be formalized to show a savings to the District.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

- 5. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Mr. Holdridge to approve Resolution No. D 15-16-09: Resolution Establishing Procedures Utilized in the Seniority Tie Breaking Situations

Polled vote: 5 ayes, unanimous

- 6. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Mr. Holdridge to Approve the Alpine County Unified School District Comprehensive School Safety Plan Updates

Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

- 7. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Holdridge to approve the Diamond Valley Elementary School Safety Plan

Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

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8. Item 8 was not needed nor acted on.

B. Unfinished Business

9. OTHER REPORTS

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Form 700 Conflict of Interest Statement was included in the board packet and is to be returned to the District office no later than March 31, 2016.
- B. The CSBA Professional Governance Standards for School Board Self-Evaluation was included in the board packet for the upcoming workshop.
- C. The SSDA's 33rd Annual Spring Conference will be held March 9-11, 2016 at the McClellan Conference Center in McClellan, CA.

11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Amy Mecak, parent, thanked the Board for supporting the Vail grant providing DVE students skiing at Kirkwood Ski Resort, the Parents Club has sent out 16 scholarship applications and the submission deadline is March 25, 2016. She also inquired about the AgendaOnline software and public access to board packets online.

Ms. Kathy Rakow, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, advised that the Small Community Grants Award/Scholarship Award will be on the February agenda, the Alpine Child Abuse Prevention Council is recruiting for parents, and requested to refer any interested parents to the (Alpine County) clerk.

Mr. Celio expressed his appreciation to Dr. Traynor and District staff for implementing Board directions such as AgendaOnline, video conferencing, and the facilities committee information.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. into closed session.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:10 into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Celio to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:



Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Clint Celio
Clerk of the Board