

BOARD MEETING

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 p.m., March 8, 2016

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

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, Philip Marks, Joe Voss, Cheri Warrell and Carole Romanowitz

PUBLIC: There were public present.

A. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the Agenda. 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
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release per GC 54957
4. Conference with Labor Negotiator per GC 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent
Employee Organization: Alpine County Teachers Association
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5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation per GC 54957 and 54957.6

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Title: Certificated Employees

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

The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Amy Broadhurst, parent, expressed her gratitude for the school programs and expressed her desire to keep the programs open. She expressed concern that the LCAP survey results should influence these and inquired about how Board members can be paid for a board meeting but not attend. Ms. Broadhurst was answered by Board President Starratt and Superintendent Traynor during the meeting.

Mr. Joe Voss, Alpine County Teachers Association (ACTA) president and teacher, expressed caution about testing students too much. He expressed concern about negotiations. Mr. Voss expressed interest in keeping and not cutting programs that have been started in the District.

Ms. Courtney Brothers, Douglas High School (DHS) student and former Diamond Valley Elementary School (DVE) student, stated she was pleased with how DHS and the teachers have supported and prepared her and fellow students. She expressed that she felt DHS could be used a model for the District to prepare DVE students earlier on.

Mrs. Amy Mecak, parent, expressed her concern about the number of days spent on student testing.

4. PRESENTATIONS – NOTE ORDER

Ms. Lauren Schimke was unable to provide the Bear Valley (BV) Charter School presentation. Dr. Traynor mentioned a projected opening of the BV Charter School for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year on Ms. Schimke’s behalf per her comments shared with him prior to the meeting. Mrs. Wegenstein stated that Ms. Schimke would be setting up the alpinecharteracademy.com website.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)

Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

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6. COMMUNICATIONS

The board acknowledged receiving communications as listed on the agenda.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Dr. Patrick Traynor, Superintendent, combined the District and County Superintendent's reports in the District Superintendent's report. Dr. Traynor updated the Board on the interim Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) system of assessments. He contrasted the new assessment environment with the old paper and pencil multiple choice items. He described the new practice opportunities that are now available with the SBAC system that were not previously available. Dr. Traynor described how these new innovative item types were specifically designed to engage students and elicit the deeper levels of learning from students when engaged in high quality structured instruction. President Starratt allowed questions from the public and Dr. Traynor responded to each question.

B. Dr. Scott Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services, updated the Board on the start of track and field practice. He thanked the Board for their support of the recent Advanced Learners field trip to the Fleischman Planetarium stating it was a positive experience for all participants.

C. Mrs. Jessica Young, Business Manager, reported to the Board that the second interim financial reports were included in the Board packet for approval and the Aspen Street Architects facilities report for review. She handed out a summary of estimated modernization costs. Mrs. Young recommended asking for stakeholders to join the Facilities Committee and scheduling the first meeting. Dr. Traynor advised that they would like to confer with the architect firm and developer fees study contractor regarding forming the committee and the District will set the date for the first meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Item 1 was not acted on.
2. Item 2 was not acted on.
3. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to approve the Reduced Workload Program
Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

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4. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to approve the District Certification of the 2015-16 Second Interim Financial Reports

Mrs. Young explained that \$43,000 in one time outstanding mandates was received since first interim generating a contribution of approximately \$27,000 to the end balance.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

5. Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Holdridge to approve the School Calendars for Diamond Valley Elementary School and Alpine County Secondary Community Day School. The calendar selected was adapted by the DVE teachers with a student start date of August 22, student end date of June 7, and an additional break for President's Week from February 20 through February 24.

Dr. Traynor explained the community outreach process requesting calendar preference for two calendars: one created by DVE teachers and one adapted from the Douglas County School District. He provided the survey results to the Board and made public copies available.

Polled vote: 5 ayes, unanimous to adopt the Calendar created by DVES teachers.

6. Item 6 was not acted on.

7. Dr. Traynor updated the Board on the Board/Superintendent goals and objectives established by the Board at the April 2015 Board Workshop. He handed out a summary of the Superintendent and Board goals and reviewed the progress made toward meeting the goals.

8. Item 8 was not needed nor acted on.

B. Unfinished Business

1. Dr. Traynor advised the Board that he and Mrs. Wegenstein had reached out to the Bear Valley community and determined that the Bear Valley Parents survey had been distributed to all parents of school age children. No further discussion was required.

9. OTHER REPORTS - None

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10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Board Workshop date was revised to April 13, 2016. The Special Meeting for Budget and LCAP items will be held on June 21, 2016.
- B. The Board Members and Superintendent will be attending the Small School District Annual Conference on March 10, 2016.
- C. The Form 700, Conflict of Interest Statements are due no later than March 31, 2016.
- D. The Preliminary Evaluation Report from Aspen Street Architects, Inc. was included in the Board packets.

11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Evan Mecak, parent, thanked the Board for compiling the Aspen Street Architects report and expressed his interest in working on facilities issues with the Board. He also expressed concerns regarding over testing and it did not help students.

Mrs. Rachael Brothers, parent, stated that her DVE student is not in the testing group therefore her student misses out on instruction during testing.

Mr. Celio stated that the best use of (Board meeting) time is to use the process to bring issues to the Board for discussion and resolution. He requested that, moving forward, items be listed on the agenda with tangible data in order to make better progress.

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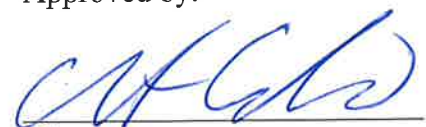
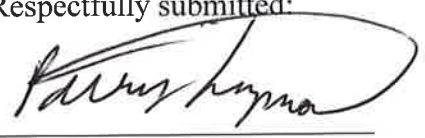
The meeting was reconvened at 7:35 p.m. into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Celio to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried: 5 ayes, unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:



Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Clint Celio
Clerk of the Board