

BOARD MEETING

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 p.m., May 10, 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, Mrs. Jane Starratt and Mrs. Jill Wegenstein

ABSENT: Mr. Anthony Holdridge

STAFF: Dr. Patrick Traynor, Dr. Scott Smith, Jessica Young, Jenny Goldstein, Jackie Blaha, Joe Voss, AnnaMaria Coletti, Cheri Warrell, and Kim Galvez

PUBLIC: There were public present.

A. Motion by Mr. Ellis, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to approve the Agenda with discussion of the Vision Statement added under Other Reports.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)

**2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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

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 Performance Evaluations  
*Title: Certificated Employees*
3. Public Employee Employment per Government Code 54957  
*Title: Certificated Employees*
4. Discussion of Student Matters per Education Code 35146

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

The meeting was reconvened at 6:05 into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

**3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Maureen Easton, parent, stated she was happy with the new programs this year and hopes they continue and expressed concern regarding the loss of teachers, staff, and administration over the past few years. She also stated that she and other parents feel blessed for the teachers and staff at Diamond Valley Elementary School and asked the Board if they (the Board) and administration could do more to express their appreciation and respect for the teachers and staff and promote a positive workplace.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

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

Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Celio to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)

**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 during the District Superintendent's report. He reported to the Board that preparations for the Summer Academy were in process, he thanked the Board for their continued support of the Academy, and stated that half of the student body attended at least part of last year's Academy. Dr. Traynor further reported that the Academy will include computer assisted instruction in English/Language Arts and math, video production, computer coding, and physical fitness. Dr. Traynor also stated information review will be modified to determine if summer learning loss has been prevented. He thanked the Board for their support of the bell program, reported that 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in the wind instrument and Orff bell program, and the students are learning keyboard fundamentals. Mrs. Wegenstein asked if there was enough space in the Academy for all students applying. Dr. Traynor responded that staffing levels would be based on the number of students enrolled and will be adjusted as needed.

Dr. Scott Smith, Principal/Director of Student Services, reported to the Board that two meets were left in the track and field season, the third through sixth grade students competed at the Carson Middle School sixth grade meet, and the sixth through eighth graders would be competing at the South Tahoe Middle School meet. He further reported that the Spring Showcase, eighth grade promotion, and Bike-a-thon would be coming up in May. Dr. Smith advised the Board that the state mandated assessments were in process and the results should be available in the fall, bonus English/Language Arts materials were received from Houghton Mifflin and had been distributed to the staff for review, and the full set of materials should arrive shortly for implementation before the end of the school year.

Mrs. Jessica Young, Business Manager, reported to the Board that the Developer Fee Study had been received, she felt the generated rate reflected the reality of Alpine county, and the budgets were on track to be presented at the June Board meeting. She further reported that a request for an extension for the Community Small Grants program, to fund the perimeter access system, would be presented to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors; she is working on getting a timeline from the contractor for the access system work; and the grant is for \$27,000. Mrs. Young stated that there were four applicants for the Facilities Advisory Committee, the applicants will be notified, and she and Dr. Traynor would like to speak with the committee members. Dr. Traynor stated the first meeting would be scheduled based on availability and Mr. Celio suggested having the first meeting before the end of the month for budget considerations.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. New Business**

1. Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mrs. Wegenstein to waive the second reading and approve AR Complaints Concerning Discrimination In Employment  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)
2. Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Celio to approve transferring various County classified positions to the District commencing at the start of the 2016-2017 school year:
  - Walk On Coach – Temporary  
Add to District Classified Salary Schedule Range 39
  - Specialist, VAPA – Temporary  
Add to District Classified Salary Schedule Range 39

Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)

3. Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Celio to set the Public Hearing Date for the 2016-2017 Alpine County Unified School District Budgets for June 14, 2016  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)
4. Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Celio to set the Public Hearing Date for the 2016-2017 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for June 14, 2016  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)
5. Motion by Mrs. Wegenstein, second by Mr. Celio to approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Dr. Traynor explained that the council met and wanted to structure the plan to defund one instructional aide position to use the funds to support more professional development and parent education, in addition to other revisions. Mrs. Wegenstein requested more information on the individual student plans (ISP) and differentiated instruction, and asked if there would be a formal process. Mrs. Rachael Brothers explained the goal to have an ISP for all students, focusing on students not testing as proficient, and creating the ISP on a page with focused student goals. She further stated the ISP plan was important for student success and supports were written into the SPSA for teachers. Dr. Smith explained that the ISP report would be a simple, one page document and could be used as a tool during parent teacher conferences. Mrs. Starratt requested more time to study the plan and Mrs. Wegenstein supported approving the plan but requested additional information.

Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)

6. Item 6 was not needed nor acted on.

B. Unfinished Business - None

## **9. OTHER REPORTS**

Mr. Celio provided handouts to the Board and public in attendance. He proposed simplifying the goals by using the District governance goals, tying the goals to LCAP and budget items, and using the goals to provide clear direction for the Board. He suggested putting a goal action item on the next agenda and discussing changes and comments at the next meeting.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. The Special Meeting for the Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan items will be held on June 21, 2016.
- B. The May Revision Workshops will be held May 18 – May 20, 2016.
- C. The Facilities Advisory Committee member selection will be made by May 13, 2016.
- D. The Developer Fee Study had been discussed during the Business Manager's report.
- E. 2016-2017 School Calendars

Mrs. Maureen Easton, parent, expressed concern over calendar the Board adopted the previous meeting. She stated her concern that the way the surveys were distributed might not have gotten to all parents who wanted to vote. Mr. Chuck Brothers also stated his disappointment in the 2016-2017 school calendar due to its offset to the Douglas County Schools bus schedule.

Dr. Traynor responded that the vote results were shared previously in graph form and provided the number of responses. He shared the outcomes showing the increased number of parent votes over the previous year.

Mr. Voss and Ms. Blaha also stated their concerns over the calendar as well as other parents.

Board President Starrat stated she would review the item with the Superintendent and it will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

## **11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Teacher, Mr. Joe Voss, expressed various concerns about administration.

Teacher, Ms. Jackie Blaha expressed concerns about teachers needing to feel like they want their students to feel.

Several parents expressed disappointment over a teacher leaving involuntarily stating the school needs consistency the teacher leaving was not needed. They also expressed concerns about staff moral. Mr. Chuck Brothers stated his concern about an article regarding High School Choice in the Seasonal Bulletin Board.

Ms. Galvez stated that she was pleased with the sports program and that her child in particular has greatly benefited from it.

**12. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. into closed session.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 into open session. Mrs. Starratt announced that no action was taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Celio, second by Mrs. Starratt to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.  
Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Holdridge)

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

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Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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Clint Celio  
Clerk of the Board