

1 BOARD MEETING

2 ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3 5:30 p.m., July 12, 2016

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

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

7 Mr. Celio called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

8 PRESENT: Mr. Clint Celio, Mr. Geoff Ellis, and Mr. Anthony Holdridge

9 ABSENT: Mrs. Jane Starratt and Mrs. Jill Wegenstein

10 STAFF: Dr. Patrick Traynor, Cheri Warrell, Jessica Young, Jenny
11 Goldstein, and Katie Quinlan

12 PUBLIC: There were public present.

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14 A. Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the Agenda
15 with the following correction:

16 10. Information Items B. Educator Excellence Funds changed to
17 Educator Effectiveness Funds

18 Motion carried: 3 ayes, 2 absent (Starratt, Wegenstein)

19 **2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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

22 Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

23 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One Anticipated Litigation
24 based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the
25 local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate
litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9

26 2. Public Employee Employment per Government Code 54957

Title: Certificated employees

Title: Classified employees

27 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation on Prior Year's Goals and
28 Objectives, 2015-2016

Title: District Superintendent

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

The meeting was reconvened at 6:10 into open session. Mr. Celio announced that no action was taken.

3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chuck Brothers, parent, expressed his concerns about the use of the yellow cards for public comment. He requested the Board not require the use of the card and mentioned the Brown Act and First Amendment.

Mrs. Amy Broadhurst, Alpine County Behavioral Health Services representative, informed the Board of a free Youth Mental Health First Aid training being held on August 15 and August 16, four hours per day over two days in Markleeville. She provided a handout to the Board and expressed her hopes that teachers would attend.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Traynor, Superintendent, provided a presentation on Assessment in Education. He reviewed the mandated and non-mandated state assessments, assessments implemented by the District during the 2015-2016 school year, the time investment of assessments, and adjustments for the 2016-2017 school year. He discussed the grade levels required to take the assessments and the types of assessments implemented. He stated that state mandated assessments were given to grades 2, 3 through 8, and 11. He reported that during the 2015-2016 school year, the required summative assessments were administered once, the interim comprehensive assessments were administered twice (fall and winter), and the interim assessment blocks and formative assessments were voluntary with minimal implementation. Dr. Traynor explained that the Curriculum Council would be meeting to review the assessment time investment and usefulness of the results, identify which assessments should be implemented, and determine an assessment schedule. He then opened up the presentation to questions and answers.

Mr. Celio asked how the time investment affected the student week and Dr. Traynor clarified how the assessments were administered throughout the school day and week and explained that the interim results were shared internally to identify students requiring intervention. Mrs. Rachel Radach, parent, inquired why the MAP (Measures of Academic Process) testing and interim assessment blocks for Kindergarten and first grade were not included in the presentation when they were required. Dr. Traynor explained that while the presentation was on the use of state assessments, both mandated and non-mandated, and the state only provides the Interim Assessments for grades 3-8 and 1, the school has kept

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the MAP for primary grades so these teachers have something. He said the MAP for grades 3-8 had been eliminated because the non-mandated SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) Interim assessments were sufficient and the MAP results would be redundant.

Dr. Traynor explained that although the state did not mandate the grade 3-8 and grade 11 Interim Comprehensive Assessment, the District chose this assessment to replace the MAP assessments that the District had been previously mandating. He did say that although this new Interim Assessment is more time intensive, it does provide detailed results used to intervene with students and determine strengths and weaknesses. He said these were administered twice last school year and reiterated that their required use for next year will be determined by the Curriculum Council which will meet on August 15. Mr. Celio and Dr. Traynor discussed the math testing time requirements, testing required for certain grades, and the number of tests administered during the past two school years.

Mrs. Amy Mecak, parent, questioned the testing time requirements, if the District had looked at test administration by other districts, and if a parent could attend the Curriculum Council meeting. She also inquired about test preparation affecting teacher work time and the voluntary assessments.

Mrs. Rachael Brothers, parent, asked if all parents are given the opportunity to have their students opt out of testing and provided the information. Dr. Traynor explained that parents may opt their child out of testing, but opting out of testing was not encouraged by districts due to state and federal required participation rates.

Mr. Celio stated he appreciated Dr. Traynor putting the information together and recognized the necessity for interim assessments for student success. He suggested communicating with parents, stated opting students out of testing would have a dramatic impact on the District, and requested Dr. Traynor report the results of the Curriculum Council meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)

Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Ellis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried: 3 ayes, 2 absent (Starratt, Wegenstein)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The board acknowledged receiving communication as listed on the agenda.

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7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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 the Summer Academy was completed with success. The Academy included building and programming robots, video production, structured recreation, and computer assisted instruction for English Language Arts and Math. He added that programs related to identified standards were used to determine students’ strengths and weaknesses serving as a focus for the students throughout the Academy.

Dr. Traynor reported that the District reached out to the Diamond Valley and Bear Valley communities to develop an LCAP PAC (Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee). He also welcomed three new teachers.

Mrs. Jessica Young, Business Manager, reported to the Board that she had contacted Rob Corley of the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding developing a (facilities) plan and project financing. Mr. Corley will be attending the July 18th Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, he has assisted several districts in developing a facilities plan, and the CDE provides this service for free. Mr. Celio thanked Mrs. Knapp for referring Mr. Corley.

Mrs. Young reported that a vendor has been selected to install the access control system and she anticipates the system to be installed by the second week of August.

Mr. Celio asked when the AgendaOnline would be implemented and Mrs. Jenny Goldstein, Human Resources and Administrative Services Coordinator, responded for August.

Mr. Chuck Brothers thanked Mrs. Young for filing the small community grant extension.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. First reading and discussion of CSBA recommended policies. It was the consensus of the Board that these policies should be held for the next meeting’s approval:

- BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP/AR 3553 Free and Reduced Priced Meals
- AR 4161.1/4361.1 Personal Injury/Illness Leave
- AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 Personal Leaves
- AR 4261.1 Personal Injury/Illness Leave

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- BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
- BP/AR 6412.7 Physical Education and Activity
- BP 6152 Class Assignment
- AR 6162.51 State Academic Achievement Tests
- BP 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services
- E 0420.41 Charter School Oversight
- BP/AR 1230 School Connected Organization
- BP 3541.2 Transportation for Students with Disabilities
- AR 3541.2 Transportation for Students with Disabilities (for deletion)
- BP 3580 District Records
- BP/AR/E(1)/E(2) 4112.24 Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act (for deletion)
- AR 4217.11 Preretirement Part-Time Employment
- E 5145.6 Parental Notifications
- BP/AR 6200 Adult Education
- BP 9222 Resignation
- BB/E 9270 Conflict of Interest
- AR 3314 Payment for Goods and Services
- AR 3515.5 Sex Offender Notification
- BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment
- AR 4112 Appointment and Conditions of Employment
- BP 4112.21 Interns
- AR 4112.23 Special Education Staff
- E 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 Early Retirement Options
- AR 5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention Reporting
- AR 6158 Independent Study
- AR 6171 Title I Programs
- E(1) 9323.2 Actions by the Board

2. Item 2 was not needed nor acted upon.

B. Unfinished Business - None

9. OTHER REPORTS

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Bear Valley Charter School

Dr. Traynor stated he and part of the leadership team had been meeting with Ms. Lauren Schimke, President of the Bear Valley Charter School group and thanked Ms. Schimke for coming in person to the Board meeting to provide an update.

1 Ms. Schimke, Bear Valley resident, described possibilities of reopening
2 the Bear Valley School site as a magnet school and described the exodus
3 of Bear Valley residents since 1990. She stated there is a strong desire to
4 open the school back up as a K-2 school as there are many pre-
5 kindergarten students in Bear Valley and their parents are expressing a
6 desire to not have to travel to Vallecito Schools. She added some
7 obstacles for getting a Charter school started and said that a magnet
8 school should be considered.

9 B. Educator Effectiveness Funds

10 Dr. Traynor provided a power point presentation on Educator
11 Effectiveness Funds discussing how the funds will be spent. He
12 reviewed the conditions on recipients, amount, allowable uses,
13 explanations of plan components, and the next steps. He stated that the
14 plan must be explained at a public meeting and adopted at a subsequent
15 meeting. He reported the District will receive approximately \$22,000
16 and the County will receive \$2,000 from the California Department of
17 Education. He said the funds must be spent by July 1, 2018 and include
18 a report on how the funds were utilized. He described the funds may be
19 used for new teacher and administrator support, professional
20 development for teachers identified as being in need, professional
21 development aligned to content standards in all six subjects, and
22 promoting educator effectiveness in teaching and learning. He said that
23 during the August Curriculum Council meeting, the District will finalize
24 the plan with the following considerations:

- 25 • Essential, supplementary, and frequency of professional
26 development
- 27 • How much Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
28 (PBIS) professional development to provide
- Continue Common Core State Standards professional
development modules, how much release will be provided to
teachers to complete additional optional modules
- Determine how to use faculty meeting and collaboration time for
professional development
- Determine how certificated coaching can be provided to teachers

11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Stephanie Bowen, former teacher, addressed the Board about her experience
working at Diamond Valley Elementary School. She asked the Board to look out
for and keep the teachers that are currently working for the District.

Mr. Celio reiterated that there is a formal process to be used so action can be
taken when issues are brought before the Board and recognized the challenges in

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the process. Mrs. Nani Ellis, parent, requested the Board members present, as a quorum, to make a public statement on record that teachers could file a complaint without retaliation. Mr. Holdridge, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Celio agreed that if a teacher follows the complaint process, the Board will listen to the complaint. Mr. Celio confirmed that any process following Board policy will be considered by the Board.

12. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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Title: District Superintendent

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. into closed session.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:56 p.m. into open session. Mr. Celio announced that no action was taken.

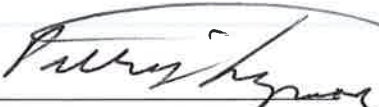
13. ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Mr. Holdridge, second by Mr. Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 2 absent (Starratt, Wegenstein)

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:


Patrick Traynor, Ph.D.
Superintendent


Jane Starratt
President of the Board