

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

January 12, 2017

Convene Regular Meeting at the District Office:	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
Members Present:	Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Ielati, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Blake
Member Absent:	
Public Comment Prior to Closed Session:	None.
Closed Session:	The Board convened to closed session at 5:02 p.m.
Public Present:	
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:35 p.m.
Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by students from TLC Preschool.
Student Reports to the Board:	The students reported to the board on their favorite activities to participate in at the preschool which included playing with blocks, baby dolls and reading books.
Change Order of Agenda Upon President's Discretion:	There were no requests to change the order.
Adoption of the Agenda:	The motion to adopt the Board Agenda was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Walker; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	<p>Julie Carr commented on Resignations/Retirements item a, the retirement of Sue Bowman. Mrs. Bowman will be missed, she is a phenomenal teacher and being able to work with her was a great experience.</p> <p>Robin Harbour commented on Personnel item a, the hiring of Alma Weiss. Ms. Harbour stated that Alma Weiss has been a great addition and progress has already been seen with her work at Nelson Avenue School.</p>

Informational Reports/Presentation

Mr. Blake reviewed the 2nd Quarter of 2016-2017 Williams Act Complaints Report. There were no complaints reported.

Reports to the Board:

Robyn Solansky, Child Development Coordinator at TLC reported that TLC is a busy place with two full day classes and one part day class. Mrs. Solansky shared the mission statement of TLC preschool and reported that the staff at TLC base their activities on this mission statement. Mrs. Solansky shared the goals for the students at TLC and the results they hope to see in the spring of 2017. Mrs. Solansky reported TLC preschool is focusing on building and maintaining strong parent communication and interactions.

Consent Agenda:

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Shields.

Mrs. Fultz called for a vote which was five ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda:

Rita Smith, a teacher at Nelson Avenue School stated that with 2017 starting she wanted the opportunity to address the board and encourage everyone in the district to make this year a positive 'can do' year. Ms. Smith stated that when we work on something for the kids we should not take no for an answer.

(CSEA Union Rep):

None.

(TTA Union Rep):

Julie Carr reported that the teachers came back refreshed, ready and excited for the new year of 2017.

Management:

Ed Gregorio reported things are going well at Sierra Avenue School. There are now afterschool interventions in place. Mr. Gregorio invited the board to attend the breakfast next Thursday from 7:30am – 8:30am.

Bill Harrington introduced Mosagna Mays, a new campus supervisor at Poplar Avenue School. The recent construction has helped ease the traditional flooding issues at Poplar. Mr. Harrington reported that he has planned out of office days which are allowing him to do presentations and stations in the classrooms to promote collaboration with the teachers. He shared that Joyce Dennison and the M&O staff have been great in helping with challenges as a result of the recent rains. Mr. Harrington invited the board to Read Across America on March 3rd.

Rochelle Simmons reported that the recent reading family night attendance was not great but it was fun

and interactive activity. Mrs. Simmons thanked the board members for attending the family night and winter concert. She reported that the 7th graders will be doing the ROPES course in Richardson Springs in March and Heart and Soul (girls on the run program for middle school) is starting up at Nelson. Mrs. Simmons reported that Math intervention is going strong at Nelson and Robin Harbour has a full class of 21 students and the iLit program is showing grade level improvements already.

Lisa Cruikshank reported that Nelson Avenue is piloting Study Sync for ELA/ELD. Currently 23 teachers in grades TK-5 and 4 teachers in grades 6-8 are piloting curriculum with a decision to be made at the end of March.

Connie Cavanaugh reported on the following:
Enrollment update shows we have gained a few kids back but not a great influx yet.

Cameras are almost at 100% installation but weather has intervened with installation.

Thanked the board for approving the conference to attend the CDE Child Development Fiscal training for herself and Robyn Solansky.

It was great to attend the holiday programs, they were all well done.

Escape, the new financial system, is set to go live next January.

Karen Williams and food services had an audit of the snack program which revealed no findings. There are lots of regulations to follow so kudos to Karen for running a great program.

Superintendent:

Mr. Blake shared with the board the dates for the Butte County Board Governance Workshop on January 30, 2017 and the BCAA Classified Employee Recognition on January 31, 2017. Mr. Blake reported that he is currently working on getting the In Focus magazine going again. He shared he was able to attend the holiday programs and the Nelson Avenue reading group which might have been small but it was mighty. He reported that the safety committee met this week and a small group is evaluating the District Safety Plan which will be brought to the board for approval on February 16th. The district will be meeting with IES next week to talk about the plan for using our Prop 39 money from the state. The CSBA Institute for the

board is on January 27-28, 2017.

Kudos to Robyn Solansky for her work with TLC Preschool and Chico USD as they have started up their preschool program this year. Mr. Blake shared that he agrees with Robin Smith on saying yes we can when it comes to our children.

New Business:

Approval of the 2015-16 Audit Report

Connie Cavanaugh reviewed the audit report. Ms. Cavanaugh reported that the district is fiscally sound and there were no findings.

The motion to approve the 2015-16 Audit Report was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Walker; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Subscription Agreement For CAL-Card Purchase Program

Mr. Blake and Ms. Cavanaugh stated that the use of a district credit card is not going to circumvent any of the practices currently in place, example PO's and receipts. The credit card will help facilitate an easier process for conference travel and other purchases. There will also be an opportunity for the district to earn cash rebates when using the card.

Mrs. Walker inquired if the credit card statement will be included in the commercial warrants since the check on the warrant will just be to US Bank.

Ms. Cavanaugh stated that the district will put a process in place so that the board is full informed of all the charges that are made with the credit card.

The motion to approve the resolution was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Board Discussion:

None.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Shields stated she was pleased that cameras are up and is also in agreement with Rita Smith that we need to strive for excellence and go one step further. We want to not just meet the norms but should strive to exceed the norm.

Mrs. Walker was able to attend all the holiday programs and they were all fun to watch. She was able to attend the assembly at Plumas last Friday and thought it was great assembly.

Mrs. Ielati apologized for not being able to make all of the holiday programs due to a medical challenge but was able to attend Nelson's winter concert.

Mrs. Anderson stated that it was great to attend all of the winter programs and see the uniqueness of the different schools. Nelson's family night was great, the speaker was great and the role reversal activity was good. She is excited for the security cameras to go live.

Mrs. Fultz thanked Rita Smith for being a positive role model and coming to the meeting and having the courage to say what she is feeling. She thanked Mr. Blake for agreeing with Ms. Smith's comment.

Board reconvened to closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:50 p.m. None.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz