

# THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue  
Oroville, California

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

April 5, 2017

Convene Regular Meeting at the District Office:	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
Members Present:	Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Ielati, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shields, Mr. Blake
Public Comment Prior to Closed Session:	None.
Closed Session:	The Board convened to closed session at 5:02 p.m.
Public Present:	Karen Konig, Susan Russell, Robyn Solansky Robin Harbour, Rick Meyer, Rochelle Simmons, Bill Harrington, Stacie Schuman, Amanda Crawford, Ed Gregorio
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:36 p.m.
Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by Jacob Thaute of Sierra Avenue Elementary School.
Student Reports to the Board:	
Students Report to the Board	<p>Students Kaia and Tasha reported to the board on their genius hour activities in their classroom at Sierra. They shared that genius hour helps students to gain confidence in their ability to present and allows students to step out of their comfort zones and be challenged.</p> <p>Jacob Thaute and Jayden Webb shared with the board their classrooms effort to help malnourished people in different parts of the world get access to food by using Unicef kid power bands. As the students accumulate steps on their bands it unlocks packets of food for people in countries suffering with malnourishment.</p> <p>Students from the Strings in Schools Program shared with the board their violin playing skills that they are acquiring with participation in the program.</p>
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. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	Robin Harbour commented on policy updates Karen Konig commented on Personnel Item A and asked the board to consider amending the required education/credentials for the position in question.
Informational Reports/Presentation	Mr. Blake reviewed the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016-2017 Williams Act Complaints Report. There were no complaints reported.
Reports to the Board:	Mr. Gregorio shared with the board data on student attendance, student discipline as well as data on academic achievements. Mr. Gregorio also shared Sierra Avenue's Professional Learning Community journey with a vision which includes having collective responsibility for the growth and development of all students and celebrating growth and achievement.
Consent Agenda:	<p>The motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of personnel item A was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Shields.</p> <p>Mrs. Fultz called for a vote which was five ayes. Motion passed.</p> <p>The Board discussed the Personnel item A, it will be put on the agenda for a future board meeting.</p>
Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda:	Tammy Duggan commented on a workshop she is developing in conjunction with Superintendent Blake to offer the community in Thermalito an emergency preparedness workshop. Robin Harbour commented that notice did not get out very well to the Hmong families on the last community meeting hosted by the Butte County Sheriff's Department and asked that an effort be made to make sure the Hmong families are involved.
(CSEA Union Rep):	Rick Meyer stated he had nothing to report but was happy to be at the meeting to watch the kids play the violin.
(TTA Union Rep):	None.
Management:	Mrs. Simmons thanked those who came to the show case classroom tour and reported that it was a nice event at Nelson but will focus on focus on inviting the younger 5 <sup>th</sup> grade group sooner next year. Nelson Avenue School is gearing up to finish the school year with both orientation and open house in early May. Teachers have been trained on the state assessments and testing will begin the week of May 8 <sup>th</sup> . Mrs. Simmons extended an invitation for all to come by and see the technology upgrades at Nelson. She reported

that there have been some changes to student protocol for electronics and has already noticed that the softer approach to technology monitoring is reducing physical altercations.

Stacie Schuman reported that the Plumas Avenue book club is reading Hillbilly Elegy, which has a lot of similarities to our population. Ten parents are involved in the book club and something that has emerged from this reading and discussion is the desire for more parent outreach, making it more comfortable for parents to come in. Mrs. Schuman also reported that Jeff and Sonya Smith attended the CUE conference and brought back a lot of ideas for hands on STEM activities including activities using legos. Mrs. Schuman reported further that Plumas Avenue is working on grade level field trips and lots of teacher and staff support is allowing for many activities to get done at Plumas.

Bill Harrington reported that March was caring month at Poplar and the students raised \$1700 for kids with blood cancer. This is a tradition at Poplar and this is the most that was raised. Mr. Harrington shared that tomorrow night is the Poplar Avenue Art Gallery show focusing on giving the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders a fundamental experience of an actual art gallery and all are invited and encouraged to attend. Poplar Avenue also has a PTO family movie night coming up with the movie The Lorax being shown.

Robyn Solansky reported that TLC is a busy and fun place to be. Ron's Reptiles will be here on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and TLC recently hosted a Mommy and Me tea party with hats and all. It was a great experience for the preschool students to get dressed up and have a party with their moms.

Ed Gregorio reported on Sierra Avenue's family lego science night and shared that the student council has asked for art and science lessons.

Connie Cavanaugh reported that the M&O Department is working on the water drinking stations and hope to have at least one at each site soon. Ms. Cavanaugh shared that a deferred maintenance plan is being developed and it will be a 5 year plan. The district will be sending out an RFP for a facilities master plan soon. Ms. Cavanaugh reported that she was able to attend the Rainforest show at Plumas show, which was delightful and enjoyed visiting the classrooms during Nelson's classroom showcase. Ms. Cavanaugh was also able to attend the BCAA teacher recognition event and

extended congratulations to all the honorees from the district. Ms. Cavanaugh recognized her staff, specifically, Tricia Azevedo, for processing the retro in time for March payroll, especially with having having to work within a short time frame to get it done.

Superintendent:

Mr. Blake reported that it was a treat to attend the Nelson showcase and see all of the teachers in their classrooms. He was also able to attend the Plumas Rainforest presentation and the BCAA dinner. Mr. Blake acknowledged Stacie and Lisa for the work they do with the BCAA organization. Mr. Blake and Mr. Gregorio was able to have a conversation with OUHSD regarding an upcoming summer PLC opportunity for our staff. Mr. Blake and Mrs. Simmons met with Butte College about a grant program for awareness on college education to benefit our middle school students. Mr. Blake shared that Tammy Duggan is spearheading the planning and presentation of a community meeting on emergency preparedness for our Thermalito community, he thanked Mrs. Duggan for taking the initiative to plan and implement this beneficial community meeting. Mr. Blake also shared that our district is currently researching 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, he was able to speak at CSU regarding this topic and has communicated with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and now have a conceptual idea.

New Business:

Board Priorities List - Discussion

The board discussed the Board Priorities list that was created at the board workshop meeting. Board members will follow up with a list of their individual top 10 priorities in the order of rank of importance.

Resolution 16-17-13

Ms. Cavanaugh shared that this resolution will enable to TLC to be funded for the days the preschool was closed during the February dam emergency.

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-13 was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution 16-17-14

Ms. Cavanaugh stated that TLC will continue the same classroom structure next year as they are this year, two full day classrooms and two part day classrooms. As the part day classrooms follow the traditional school year, the paraeducators that support these classrooms do not need to work the year round schedule.

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-14 was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Ielati; votes

were five ayes. Motion passed.

Board Discussion:

Mrs. Fultz reported on the results of the recent Board Self Evaluation conducted by the Board of Trustees.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Ielati shared that she is really excited about Tammy Duggan's idea to support our community in the safety and emergency preparedness and is looking forward to the Poplar Art show.

Mrs. Anderson shared that she attended the recent community meeting hosted by the Sheriff's Department and it was a real eye opening and grounding experience. She stated that the Nelson tour was great and it was great to see all the teachers and kids and to see how much the middle school kids are utilizing the chromebooks. Mrs. Anderson continued that she likes Sierra's classroom attendance competition and is excited for changes coming to the lunch program. She is going to try to attend the county spelling bee on Friday.

Alicia Walker thanked Ms. Dimon for advocating and putting in her time for the Strings in Schools program and thanks Stacie Schuman for the Plumas Avenue movie night. Mrs. Walker acknowledged Rochelle Simmons for embracing the parent's ideas for classroom tours.

Mrs. Shields commented on the Nelson showcase and stated she recognized the kids were so engaged they were not distracted by the additional community members in the classroom. Mrs. Shields encouraged a repeat of the Nelson showcase for next year. She also shared that she loved the violins and is so glad we have that program at our school sites. Mrs. Shields shared that the Butte County History competition was held at Durham High School this year.

Mrs. Fultz apologized for not being able to attend the Poplar Art Show and stated her interest in the book club at Plumas Avenue. She wished Mr. Blake well on his upcoming vacation.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____  _____ Board President: Darlene Fultz
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