

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

May 11, 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 5:05 p.m.
Public Present:	Ed Gregorio, Robyn Solansky, Rochelle Simmons, Peggy Anderson, Rita Smith, Julie Carr, Karen Williams, Bill Harrington, Sue Russell, Ed White, Rick Meyer.
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:40 p.m.
Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Blake.
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, pulling consent agenda item Board Policy 3514.1, Campus Security and removing agenda items #15 and #16, was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	Sue Russell on Contracts, Item C. Ms. Russell commented that the kids are going to be so excited and because they don't know it is coming it is going to be a huge surprise for them. Ms. Russell also commented on Operations Item A, expressing excitement for the the student council to be able to donate towards the sign. Stacie Schuman reported to the board during public comments. Ms. Schuman shared that the Plumas Open House is on May 18 th with the book fair from 5pm-7pm and classrooms open from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.. Ms. Schuman commented that she is excited for next year as the staff is joining together for parent outreach, leadership and other activities.

Reports to the Board:

Karen Williams, Director of Food Services reported to the Board. Ms. Williams reported that this year compared to last year there was an increase in the number of meals being served with breakfasts up by 4%, lunches up by 2% and suppers up by 42%. The huge increase in suppers is due to providing suppers for additional sites. Ms. Williams shared that some of the challenges the Food Services Program faces include meeting all federal and state guidelines, the rising cost of food, reducing waste and meals that students will like and eat. Ms. Williams reported that in response to parent and staff responses there have been some positive changes which include a reduction in an average of 21 grams of daily sugar intake for breakfasts and an increase in fresh fruit in the breakfast program by cutting back on the use of shelf stable products. Ms. Williams shared that next year will continue to see changes which will provide for a decrease in the use of processed foods. There will be a new menu plan to enhance the lunch program and provide healthier options which will include Themed Garden Bars and home made items. Ms. Williams stated that the School Wellness Policy plays an important role in child nutrition and invited anyone interested to please attend the Wellness Committee Meetings to provide input and help with the program.

Consent Agenda:

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Walker 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 commented on the Food Services Program and asked for Nelson Avenue School to receive the same food programs as the elementary schools do. Ms. Smith asked that the district look into adding more protein to the breakfasts. Ms. Smith commented that we have to show the kids that we care about them by the food that we feed them and hopefully it will duplicate itself in their test results.

(CSEA Union Rep):

Rick Meyer shared that Classified School Employees Week starts on May 20, 2017.

(TTA Union Rep):

Julie Carr shared that the last negotiations for 16-17 was held last Monday and it was Bill Duncan's final negotiations. Mrs. Carr shared that the retirement party for retirees will be held on June 1, 2017 at Gold Country from 4:00 p.m.-6 p.m.

Management:

Ed Gregorio shared that it is busy at Sierra as they

started the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Mr. Gregorio shared that the students are handling it well and the teachers are doing a great job motivating the students. Mr. Gregorio shared that it was Teacher Appreciation Week and he is thankful for the teachers and all they do to make Sierra Avenue a great place to be. Sierra students attended to a field trip to the Feather River Cinemas to watch Animals of China.

Rochelle Simmons shared that a successful 6th grade orientation was held at Nelson. Students are also working to start up the garden at Nelson Avenue. Mrs. Simmons shared that the bell schedule has been finalized and there will be 3 lunches on the schedule for 2017-18. The 8th grade field trip was a huge success and went off seamlessly.

Bill Harrington reported that the art show was a great success as well as the open house and family move night with over 100 in attendance to watch The Lorax. During the recent book fair over \$6,000 worth of books were placed in the hands of students. Mr. Harrington shared that he and Robyn Solansky celebrated their staff this week on campus. Testing at Poplar starts next week. Mr. Harrington shared a new tradition that will start at Poplar this year, there will be a staff versus students game during the last day of school.

Robyn Solansky reported that her site celebrated their staff for all that they do to help to make the program a success. Mrs. Solansky acknowledge and appreciated Karen Williams and her staff for accomodating her students with special diets. Mrs. Solansky reported that a field trip to Kirshners, Wild Life Refuge will be coming up soon and also reported that TLC preschool received a score of 4 out of 5 in a recent rating using the Butte County county wide rating system, this was up form the rating last year.

Connie Cavanaugh provided an update on the improvements being made to facilities districtwide. Tonight the board approved the fencing for Plumas and CDS which will be completed by June 30. District is working on getting a deferred maintenance plan, only had one bid come in but District is reaching out to a few more for quotes. The report from School Services of California shared details of the governor's budget, this is the governors revised budget and it looks a little better than it did in January.

Superintendent:

Mr. Blake reported that a group of administrators attended the North State Conference. There were three

great sessions and the District's admin team was also able to meet and discuss budget, etc. Mr. Blake shared that he has addressed the challenges we are experience with the intersection at Nelson and 6th with Oroville City Mayor's office and the Mayor has referred him to a different office to help address this challenge. Mr. Blake shared that on Thursday, May 18th he will be receiving his master's degree.

New Business:

Resolution 16-17-15

Connie Cavanaugh shared that there needs to be a positive balance in each fund. Currently the cafeteria fund is in a negative balance, this resolution allows the district to borrow from the general fund to bring it back to a positive balance and once the cafeteria fund is funded then the money will be returned to the general fund.

Temporary borrowing between funds

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-15 was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Board Policy 3300 – Discussion/Action

The Board discussed board policy 3300, Expenditures and Purchases. The discussion surrounded the authorized spending limit. The board members proposed a new authorized spending limit amount of \$5,000.

The motion to change the spending limit in Board Policy 3300 from \$20,000 to \$5,000 was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Ielati; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Board Priorities – Discussion Item

Mrs. Cavanaugh handed out updated board priorities with estimated fiscal impact. The board discussed these priorities further. The board gave Ms. Cavanaugh direction to bring a resolution back to increase the District's reserve from 3% to 9%.

Board Discussion:

None.

Board Comments:

Gail Shields commented that she was able to attend a few open houses this Spring and had a great time visiting with staff and seeing the technology in action.

Alicia Walker shared that she got to go on a field trip today and personally thanked Colleen Emswiler for her service in the district and welcomed Rachel Young. Mrs. Walker further shared that she attended Sierra's and Poplar's open houses and thanked the teachers for all they do, she is grateful for the reading intervention program.

Brenda Ielati apologized for not being able to attend the open houses this year due to medical challenges.

Tori Anderson shared she was able to attend the Poplar Art Show and made it to almost all of the open houses. She enjoyed all of the science fair projects at the middle school and thanked the teachers and classified staff for all that they do.

Darlene Fultz shared she was able to attend the Nelson Open House and was so impressed with the science projects. Mrs. Fultz thanked Karen Williams for coming tonight and reporting. Mrs. Fultz also shared that she is very excited to get a district wide parent coordinator as Tammy Duggan put on a great workshop last night but the turn out was minimal, hopefully the parent coordinator will be able to help with outreach. Mrs. Fultz thanked Tammy for her efforts in putting the presentation together.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____
Board President: Darlene Fultz