

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

August 24, 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 5:33 p.m.
Public Present:	Rochelle Simmons, Bill Harrington, Rick Meyer, Stacie Schuman, Julie Carr, Ed Gregorio, Robyn Solansky
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 Shawnte George.
Student Reports to the Board:	Shawnte George, a student, from TLC Preschool shared with the board that he is in the Fireflies class and likes to play tag with his friends. He also likes to play in the house area inside the classroom.
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 with the removal of items 16 and 17 was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	Rick Meyer commentin Personnel item F asked why the district was approving substitutes. Stacie Schuman commented on Personnel items A and B. Mrs. Schuman thanked the board for hiring both those employees who are already having a positive impact in their positions. Mr. Hull is very engaging and positive with the students and Jeff Ballard is capable with both technology and the students.

Reports to the Board:

Robyn Solansky, coordinator of TLC Preschool shared that the state has adjusted the income guidelines for the preschool program which has allowed for more families to enroll and lowering of fees for other families. Mrs. Solansky also reviewed the Quality Rating And Improvement System (QRIS). She shared that parent surveys were recently conducted and 52 of 83 parents responded with all respondents sharing their satisfaction with the program. Mrs. Solansky shared that TLC enrollment currently at 98 compared to the 76 of last year. The staff at TLC is always working on Professional Development and this year West Ed was able to come in and conduct two trainings. Looking forward goals include building the program and building relationships with kindergarten teachers to bridge the gap between preschool and kindergarten.

Consent Agenda:

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Anderson 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:

None.

(CSEA Union Rep):

Rick Meyer shared that the Sierra Avenue school marquee is up and running.

(TTA Union Rep):

Julie Carr thanked the board for attending the back to school nights and she appreciates the nice working relationship with administration. TTA is watching student enrollment/ratio numbers as kindergarten enrollment increases.

Management:

Rochelle Simmons shared that enrollment at Nelson Avenue is up from 415-420 last year to currently 460. Mrs. Simmons invited the Board to back to school night, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Kuhn shared that they are off to a great start at Nelson and the students are calm right now. Currently Nelson administration is working on a discipline and detention plan and a ropes course field trip for 7th graders. Mr. Kuhn stated that overall it's been a great start to the school year and gave kudos to Ginger Paul for going above her duties and helping out a family in our district with great needs.

Stacie Schuman reported that Plumas Avenue's back to school night was early and parent participation was not optimum but the staff liked the opportunity to engage with parents early in the year so with that in mind Plumas will plan to have an early back to school night

next year with greater publicity and promotion.
Enrollment numbers are up to 320 from 290 last year.

Ed Gregorio shared Sierra Avenue is off to a great start to the school year. Everyone is doing a good job doing their job. Monday's solar eclipse was a great experience and teachers did a great job of preparing students for the experience. Back to school night is next Thursday. Mr. Gregorio thanked Rick and Andrew for taking care of the Marquee.

Bill Harrington echoed the other principals stated Poplar Avenue School is off to a great start. Currently Poplar students and staff are working with kids on school wide expectations. Mr. Harrington invited the board to the annual Jubilee tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m., the Monday morning assembly at 8:30 a.m. in front of the school for the Pledge of Allegiance and to honor students for perfect attendance the prior week and the Wednesday, August 30th back to school night.

Jeff Kuhn shared that CDS is off to a great start and he is working well together with Julie. They are currently working on putting some new processes in place for in and out.

Robyn Solansky invited the board to TLC's back to school night 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm on August 30, 2017.

Connie Cavanaugh shared that the current enrollment rate is showing an increase from last year. Ms. Cavanaugh shared that she is currently working on a contract to work on parking lots issues for inflow and outflow traffic at school campuses, with Poplar being the first. Ms. Cavanaugh shared that TTA Negotiations went well and reported the District has a great relationship with both groups.

Superintendent:

Mr. Blake shared with the Board that the Assistant Mechanic/Bus Driver interviews were held and the position has been offered and accepted. The incoming candidate has great skills. Mr. Blake also informed the board that upon recent review of the Board Bylaws it was found that some of these need to be addressed and updated to reflect what we are actually doing. He echoed what other administrators stated sharing that Thermalito is off to a great start this year and is excited about what we are doing with teachers for collaboration and professional development. He is looking forward to what happens this year.

New Business:

2017-2018 CSEA Sunshine Proposal

Mr. Blake shared that this was a discussion item, each year the district and CSEA should sunshine the items that they would like to bring before the negotiations committee.

2017-2018 TTA Sunshine Proposal

Same concept as the one for CSEA.

Tentative Agreement 17-18-01 with TTA

Mr. Blake stated that the District and TTA agreed on the language and compensation change on this article.

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields. Motion passed with five ayes.

Board Discussion:

None.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Shields apologized for not making the back to school night events and is happy the fencing looks so great.

Mrs. Walker enjoyed the solar eclipse with the students at Sierra Avenue. She shared she was able to sit in on Mr. Hull's class and was very impressed with his work with the students.

Mrs. Ielati shared that her grandbaby was born and is beautiful and healthy.

Mrs. Anderson was able to attend the open house at CDS and met the new teacher. She is going to make a great effort to be at parent Jubilee and is very excited that the walk of fame is coming back to Poplar. She also shared that the stop sign at Nelson is working out well.

Mrs. Fultz thanked Robyn Solansky for her presentation and is excited we are able to lower the fees for our families. She was able to attend the back to school night at Plumas and shared it was great to see Tim Hull as she remembers him from his last time here. She also attended the CDS back to school night and was able to view the solar eclipse.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz