

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

- 6:15 PM:** 1-3. President Abercrombie called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, A. Alexander, J. Costa, S. Kaur, B. Pekari, J. Silcox, L. Souza
Staff: B. Stephens, S. Harrison, T. Jalique, C. Goodall, B. Etcheverry
- 7:00 PM** 5. President Abercrombie called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:**
- 6a** Finding of Fact #18-19/#68, #18-19/#69, #18-19/#70, #18-19/#71, #18-19/#73, #18-19/#76, #18-19/#77, #18-19/#78, #18-19/#79, #18-19/#80
Action: **Action:** Kaur, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Abstain-2 (Costa, Souza)
- 6b** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence Requests for Certificated Employees #UC-1159, UC-1160 and UC-1161, Pursuant to Article XX
Action: **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2(Costa, Souza)
- 6c** Report Out of Action Taken on Accept Statement of Charges #UC 1163
Action: **Pulled. Vote:** None.
- 6d** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Paid Leave of Absence Request for Certificated Employee #UC-1162, Pursuant to Article XX
Action: **Denied. Vote:** Yes5-0; No-0; Absent-2(Costa, Souza)
- 6e** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Non-Paid Leave of Absence Request for Classified Employee #UCL- 326, Pursuant to Article XXIII
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2(Costa, Souza)
- President Abercrombie read a statement about Board Member Alexander speaking at a city council meeting. Mr. Alexander had identified himself as a TUSD board member and Mr. Abercrombie felt he should only speak as a resident. The topic was about homeless students and President Abercrombie did not agree with statements that he made. He also clarified the definition of “homeless” as it pertains to a student.
- Minutes:** **Approve Regular Minutes of April 9, 2019**
Action: Pekari, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- Employees Present:** J. Nott, R. Riddle, M. Hill, L. Flores, D. Schneider, A. Flores, J. Quintana, R. Pecot, S. Wichman, Z. Boswell, S. Behnam, R. Moehnke
- Press:** G. Moore, Tracy Press

Visitors Present: J. Dement, G. Coronado, B. Mendez, A. Villela, A. Barba, L. Valadez

Student Rep Reports: **Kimball High:** Gabriel Coronado reported that the end of the year is finally here. Students have been celebrating academics with a Block K ceremony. Tomorrow is senior awards night in the theatre. Seniors are excited to graduate in less than 2 weeks and are looking forward to their grad night trip to Magic Mountain and senior beach day. AP students have been taking AP exams and finals are coming up. After school tutoring is provided for students who need help. Leadership has been busy and the spring sports rally was a blast. Teacher Appreciation Week kept students busy. They created posters and provided a coffee bar for teachers. Next year's planning is looking good. Sports teams are having their banquets. The theatre just closed and performances are done. Next year's place will be "To Kill A Mocking Bird" and "Beauty and the Beast". He thanked the board for listening to his comments this year.

Stein High: Kristhine Frias was unable to attend the meeting.

West High: Briana Mendez and Alexis Villela reported that there are 8 more days of school. On May 3rd the Space and Engineering held the annual star gazing night and it was a big hit. The next morning students took the SAT which lasted 5 hours. Relay for Life was held right after that and it was a great day. West High had a spin the wheel booth. Two boys from West won the pie eating contest. The track team took home several titles and hurdler, Warren Williams, claimed first in the 110-meter high hurdles. The girls' softball team has playoffs this week. Varsity baseball took the win with 2 out of 3. Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. They enjoyed breakfast catered by Black Bear Diner who also catered their senior breakfast. Coming up is grad night at Magic Mountain, Senior Beach Day, graduation practice, graduation and summer break. They have enjoyed being board reps. They wish Alyssa the best of luck at Long Beach.

Tracy High: Alyssa Barba reported that the seniors attended the Ag Sci and IB awards nights. Students are busy taking AP and IB tests for college credit. They have their 2nd annual senior week that includes free tacos, coffee and donuts, beach day, wings and Mountain Mikes. Seniors will be attending grad night at Magic Mountain. Spring Fever Week celebrated spring sports with dress up days and followed by Teacher Appreciation Week. They provided teachers with coffee, breakfast and special notes. Leadership finished commissioner interviews and acceptance letters are out tomorrow. The Lisa Project was held last week and on May 4th students walked Lincoln Park for Relay for Life. Two sports teams made playoffs: baseball and softball. They are hope they will bring home the title. She's enjoyed holding this position and presenting to the board.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 Recognize the West High Boys' Volleyball Team for Winning the TCAL League Title

Dr. Sheila Harrison, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, recognized and congratulating the team for capturing the TCAL League Championship. This was the first season of the sport and none of the players had played on an organized team before. They finished the season 8-1 in the league. The team along with their coaches received certificates.

9.2 West High School Presentation

Principal Dr. Zachary Boswell, reviewed the schoolwide learner outcomes. He brought 2 students in the Space and Engineering Program, who described their projects. One student presented his project, Emergency Alert Relay System (EARS). It is meant to relieve anxiety when you have to prepare for an emergency. School shootings inspired him to do this. He showed his device that you just press a button and it will text and email to teachers and notify them to call 911. It is low maintenance and easy to install. He received input from teachers and staff. He received positive feedback and constructive criticism. He would like to implement it into a school to feel safe. Another student presented his project to create objects connected to the internet. He is a musician and their instruments would be in a security case to protect them during concerts and large events so that no one would take them by mistake or take their reeds and mouthpieces needed to play. He created 156 lines of code and rough draft of a security case. If the case opens without a code, it will ring and send a text that says broken into. If he puts in a code. After 3 attempts, it will text that someone is attempting to break in. There are several projects that stem out of security.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

10.2 Educational Services:

10.2.1 Receive Report on Proposed Instructional Materials for International Baccalaureate History of the Americas Courses

Director of Instructional Media Center, Dr. Debra Schneider, presented a power point. She reviewed the course progression. Mr. Chitwood, a Tracy High teacher who teaches this course also spoke and explained that these texts have updated content, support for student inquiry and multiple perspectives across topics and eras. The next steps will be to request board approval at the May 28th meeting. Once approved IMC will submit a purchase requisition after July 1 and process the materials to check out to teachers in the Fall.

Hearing of Delegations

11. Juana Dement is here to request an investigation on Lori Souza and Steve Abercrombie for violation of Board Bylaws 9200, 9010 and 9012. She read various posts written by them on Facebook She feels that they failed to use standards of communication established by TUSD. She also submitted a request for records.

Renee Riddle commented that a school board member brought up the issue of using city transportation to bus children. She stated that CSEA is concerned as the city bus drivers do not have specific certificates or equipment to do so. She feels we should cut down on using charter bus because it costs less to use TUSD buses.

Public Hearing:

12.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

Consent Items:

13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance is conditioned upon acceptance of appropriate insurance accepted by Tracy Unified.

Action: Approved, except for pulled Items 13.2.8 and 13.2.20.
Kaur, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

- 13.1.1** Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (March and April, 2019)
(Separate Cover Item)
- 13.1.2** Ratify Measure B Related Expenditures and Notice of Completions
Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda
- 13.1.3** Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions
Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda
- 13.1.4** Accept the Generous Donations From the Various Individuals,
Businesses, and School Site Parent Teacher Associations Listed Herein
With Thanks and Appreciation From the Staff and Students of the Tracy
Unified School District
- 13.1.5** Accept and Review the Status of School Connected
Organization/Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2018/19
School Year
- 13.1.6** Approve Payroll Reports (March and April, 2019)
- 13.1.7** Approve Revolving Cash Fund Reports (March and April, 2019)
- 13.1.8** Approve Entertainment, Assembly, Service, Business and Food Vendors

13.2 Educational Services:

- 13.2.1** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with San Joaquin
County Office of Education for the Artist-in-Residence Program at
Central School, Art Freiler School, Villalovoz School, Hirsch School
and Jacobson School for the 2019 -2020 School Year
- 13.2.2** Renew the Annual Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
Agreement between TUSD and the AVID Center for Kimball High
School, Tracy High School, West High School, George Kelly School,
Monte Vista Middle School, North School, Poet-Christian School, and
Williams Middle School for the 2019-20 School Year
- 13.2.3** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with California State
University, Stanislaus to Provide Professional Development Literacy
Workshops through the Greater Valley Writing Project with an
Emphasis on English Learners for Bohn Elementary for the 2019-2020
School Year
- 13.2.4** Approve Out of State Travel for Educational Services Staff to Present
At and Attend the Model Schools Conference by the International
Center for Leadership in Education in Washington, D.C., June 23-26,
2019
- 13.2.5** Approve Overnight Travel for Kimball High Senior Class to Attend
Grad Night at Magic Mountain on May 16-17, 2019
- 13.2.6** Approve Overnight Travel for Kimball High School (KHS) HOSA:
Future Health Professionals Student Members and Advisor to Participate
in the International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Orlando, Florida on
June 19-22, 2019
- 13.2.7** Approve Overnight Travel for the Kimball High School (KHS)
Yearbook Design Students to Attend the Bay Area Yearbook Seminar at
UC Santa Cruz, CA June 25-27, 2019
- 13.2.8** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Community
Medical Centers, Inc. to provide Mental Health Services to

Kimball High School, Tracy High School, Williams Middle School Bohn Elementary School, South/West Park Elementary School and Freiler Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year

- 13.2.9** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Joni Dickson Garcia, LMFT to Provide Mental Health Services to TUSD Pre-Schools during the 2019-20 School Year
- 13.2.10** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Women's Center Youth and Family Services to Provide Parenting Classes at TUSD Schools during the 2019-2020 School Year
- 13.2.11** Three Teachers to Attend the Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 2-6, 2019
- 13.2.12** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Curriculum Associates LLC for Training on IED and CIBBS Assessments for Special Education Teachers
- 13.2.13** Ratify Contract for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services with North Valley School – Santa Rosa Division of VTC
(Separate Cover Item)
- 13.2.14** Ratify Agreement for Special Contract Services with Dr. Kara Lemke for Independent Educational Evaluation/Psycho-Educational Assessment
- 13.2.15** Approve Teacher Residency Grant
- 13.2.16** Approve Light Grant Funding for the 2019-20 George & Evelyn Stein Continuation High School – Practical Skills to Develop Creative Interdisciplinary Literacy (Separate Cover Item)
- 13.2.17** Approve Overnight Travel for the Tracy High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team to Attend the Hard Driven Volleyball Challenge Tournament in Clovis, CA on September 20-21, 2019
- 13.2.18** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to Provide Parent Engagement Training at West High during the 2019-2020 School Year
- 13.2.19** Approve Overnight Travel for West High School Track Team and Three Coaches to Attend CIF State Championships on May 24–May 26, 2019
- 13.2.20** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Valley Community Counseling Services (VCCS) to Provide Mental Health Services to West High School for the 2019-2020 school year
- 13.2.21** Approve Overnight Travel for West High School Varsity Volleyball Team for the 2019– 2020 Season
- 13.2.22** Approve Overnight Travel for 2019-2020 West High School Yearbook Staff to Attend Yearbook Camp at University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. July 16-19, 2019
- 13.2.23** Receive Update on Quarterly Williams Uniform Complaint Report for the Quarter Ending April 15, 2019

13.3 Human Resources:

- 13.3.1** Accept the Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence for Certificated, Classified and/or Management Employees
- 13.3.2** Approve Classified, Certificated and/or Management Employment

Action Items:

14.1 Administrative & Business Services:

- 14.1.1** Approve 0.25 Cent Increase to Meal Prices for the 2019-2020 School Year to be Compliant with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
Action: Silcox, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.1.2** Adopt Resolution No. 18-19 Authorizing Temporary Loans between Funds for the 2019/20 School Year
Action: Souza, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.1.3** Adopt Resolution # 18-21, Authorizing and Defining Names to Sign Orders on School District Funds
Action: Pekari, Kaur. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.1.4** Adopt Board Bylaws to Be Compliant with CSBA Guidelines (Second Reading)
Action: Souza, Pekari. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.2 Educational Services:** None.
- 14.3 Human Resources:**
- 14.3.1** Adopt Board Policies to Be Compliant with Education Code Credentialing Requirements (First Reading)
Action: Costa, Pekari. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.3.2** Acknowledge Receipt of California School Employees Association's (CSEA) Sunshine Proposal for the 2019-2020 School Year.
Action: Alexander, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- 14.3.3** Approve Declaration for a Provisional Internship Permit
Action: Pekari, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0. ____
- 14.3.4** Authorize the Declaration of Need for the 2019-2020 School Year
Action: Pekari, Kaur. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0. ____
- 14.3.5** Receive the District's Initial Bargaining Proposal for the California School Employees Association for the 2019-2020 School Year
Action: Silcox, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

Board Reports:

Trustee Silcox attended the Tracy High Special Ed Luau. They invited special ed students countywide. Ms. Carter and leadership plan the annual event. He also enjoyed the JROTC year-end awards banquet. He thinks that is one of the best programs in the district. Trustee Souza attended The Lisa Project at Tracy High. This is very important to her. She read a statement regarding the April 16th City Council meeting where Trustee Alexander spoke on behalf of TUSD. She did not agree with his statements. Trustee Kaur agrees with Trustee Souza regarding the city council meeting. She thanked teachers, students and staff members that work with organizations that helps provide meals. She commended Southwest Park Teacher, Sara Empie, for the First Impressions Program. Students got to go to the courthouse and learn. She congratulated the district for the Central School Ribbon Cutting. It's a beautiful school. Trustee Alexander commented that he spoke at the council meeting as an individual, not as a school board member. He was given information when he became a trustees. He has a duty to stand up for children in our community. It is a shame that we have students that are homeless. We send teachers to conferences but can't do more for our students. He did not speak for the board, he spoke for himself, and will continue to speak for himself. Trustee Costa was invited to the West High student panel. There were several students from each grade level, teachers and administration. They had prepared questions.

West High has a positive culture where you feel like you belong. She also attended the Central School Ribbon Cutting. She thanked the community for passing the bond. It's a beautiful school. She also attended the West High senior awards which is why she missed closed session tonight. One of the highest honors of being a board member was giving her granddaughter her diploma. This year they asked her to help present scholarships. One to an FFA student and one to a leadership student. It nice to give back to students going on to college. Trustee Pekari commented that it is a busy and rewarding time of year with a lot of great activities going on. West High's awards are tonight and Tracy High was last night. There was over \$350,000 given away in scholarships and grants. Tomorrow is Kimball's event in their theatre. He had the opportunity to attend The Lisa Project. He attended several years ago when it was at the mall. It impacted his daughter and friend. He thanked Leprino Foods and the Child Abuse Prevention Council for the support they bring to our schools. He attended the African American Education Association to see 8th grade kids celebrating and going on to high school. PAL is in partnership with TUSD and sponsors and supports our kids. Last Monday we recognized staff and administration for their service and retirees. Trustee Abercrombie passed.

**Superintendent
Report:**

Dr. Stephens commented on the Hire Me First Program through the Trach Chamber. It helps students get skills to get jobs. They had luncheons at all 3 high schools. Last week, we held the volunteer luncheon where each site selected a volunteer to honor. It was a very impressive group of volunteers and all they have done for our district. The Central School Ribbon Cutting event was great. When you pass 3 school bonds in 10 years it shows the support of the community. This has been an exceptional school year. We are tired but very pleased to be part of TUSD. Staff has done a great job.

Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Clerk

Date