

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

As per Executive Order N-29-20 from Governor Newsom, the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education meetings moved to a virtual/teleconferencing environment using Microsoft Teams. The Governor's executive order on March 12, 2020, waived the requirement for a majority of board members to physically participate in a public board meeting at the same location. The intent is not to limit public participation, but rather to protect public health by following the Governor's Stay at Home executive order. (Public Comments were available by online submission).

- 6:30 PM:** 1-3. President Pekari 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 Pekari called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:** 6a Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence Requests for Certificated UC#1191, UC#1203, UC-1214; Pursuant to Article XX
Action: Abercrombie, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of March 24, 2020.**
Action: Abercrombie, Kaur **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0
- Visitors:** None. Meeting was live streamed via Microsoft Teams.
- Student Rep Reports:** 8. None.
- Recognition & Presentations:** 9. None.
- Information & Discussion Items:** 10.1 **Administrative & Business Services:** None.
- 10.2 **Educational Services:**
10.2.1 Receive Report on Proposed Instructional Materials Adoption for 11th Grade Expository Reading and Writing Course
- Dr. Debra Schneider, Director of IMC, presented a power point which reviewed the requirements for this adoption. This course will reduce the number of students taking remedial language arts. This will only be taught at West High and she anticipates that Tracy and Kimball will want to add this course as well. The comment choose:

- 4 Modules
 - Speech in America: Rhetoric of Foundational Public Speeches
 - What's Next? Thinking About Life After High School
 - Human Impact on Climate
 - Daily Challenge: Mental Illness in Our Lives
- 3 Mini Modules
 - Introducing Ethos, Pathos, Logos
 - Introducing the Rhetorical Situation
 - Introducing Genre as Rhetoric
- Novel: *The Distance Between Us*
- Play: *Zoot Suit*

The request to approve this adoption will be submitted for the May 12th board meeting and will be used at West High in the 2020-2021 school year.

Hearing of Delegations

11. Comments were submitted online prior to the start of the board meeting:

Cari Edwards applauds the work of administration in midst of this crisis. She wants to explore equity issues and wants a report on the following groups: black, disabilities, foster. She also would like a clear plan on how educational services will be considered and monitored moving forward.

Jacqui Nott is the President of TEA a proud member of the TUSD community. She shared some messages from various teachers:

- Please pass on my love and appreciation for all of the extra behind the scenes work that everyone is doing, Jacqui included. I'm also appreciative of the communication from the district and the vulnerability to say that they don't have all the answers but that they keep seeking them.
- To the members of Cabinet, the School Board, and Jacqui- I am so appreciative of the time and effort that you are all putting in for our staff and students. While I cannot begin to imagine the additional workload this has placed on each of you, I am thankful to work in a district that cares and is thoughtful in their actions. No one could have ever planned for this, but everyone is showing up to do the best we can. Thank you for everything you continue to do our staff, students, and community. It is greatly appreciated.
- Every time I see or hear what is happening in so many other school districts, I think how thankful I am for TUSD. Thank you.
- I appreciate that Dr. Stephens tells us like it is and provides an impressive level of consistency that lets you know you're taken care of.
- Thank you for the Wednesday communication emails and for the balance of hard facts and inspiration.

- I don't see anything but best intentions and efforts from all parties. Thank you for especially keeping our students front and center of all decision making. Thank you for all you do!
- We appreciate all of you and couldn't imagine a finer group of people to work with.

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: Souza, Abercrombie. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

13.1 **Administrative & Business Services:**

13.1.1 Ratify Measure B Related Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

13.1.2 Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

13.1.3 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

13.1.4 Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2019/20 School Year

13.1.5 Approve Report on Actuarial Study of Post Employment Benefits In Support of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 75 (Separate Cover Item)

13.2 **Educational Services:**

13.2.1 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with AIMHI Educational Programs, LLC for Professional Development for Teachers to Support Inclusion of Special Education Students in a General Education Setting

13.2.2 Approve Overnight Travel for West High Teachers and Administrators to Attend AVID Summer Institute in Seattle, Washington, July 19 – 22, 2020

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

13.3.3 Approve the Classified and Certificated Calendar Listings for the 2020-21 School Year

Action Items: 14.1 **Administrative & Business Services:**

14.1.1 Approve Resolution #19-25 Authorizing Agents to Provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for All Matters Pertaining to Such State Disaster Assistance the Assurances and Agreements Required

Action: Abercrombie, Kaur. **Vote:** Yes-7; No.

14.1.2 Adopt Resolution No. 19-26 Making Findings on Energy Savings and Determining other Matters in Connection with Energy Service Agreements

Action: Abercrombie, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

14.1.3 Adopt Resolution No. 19-27 Supporting Intent to Award and Contract of Lease-Leaseback Agreement for the North Modernization Project

Action: Abercrombie, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

14.2 Educational Services: None.

14.3 Human Resources:

14.3.1 Approve Fieldwork Agreement with Western Governors University

Action: Abercrombie, Kaur. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.

Board Reports:

Trustee Silcox has a few comments to make. He feels that now is time to support and work with our leaders. Leadership is doing the best they can with the information available in this ever-changing situation. He acknowledged TEA's leadership and how well the staff has worked with district. He also recognized CSEA for their work in this challenge time. He urges CSEA leadership to work with the district. Their tactics and strategies are not helping members, it's hurting them. Now is the time to ask yourself how do we add value to the district, not a time to ask how do I get more out of the district. Thank goodness the district has been prudent with the budget. Just 3 months ago we were getting pressure about reserves. We have already been impacted financially. There will be a greater need to make cuts than we have recently experienced. He does not look forward to that, but it is our new reality. Being sound financially provides piece of mind to employees. Trustee Souza thanked Trustee Silcox for his powerful statement and appreciates his thoughtfulness. She thanked everyone as she knows everyone has been working hard. Trustee Kaur thanked everyone for all working hard and hopes this ends soon. Trustee Alexander passed. Trustee Costa passed. Trustee Abercrombie hope everyone stays safe and this ends soon. Trustee Pekari thanked everyone in this team effort. He thanked staff, teachers and administration. He thanked Bobbie for doing a great job with our website and encourages everyone to go to the COVID page for the latest information, including mental health resources and information for our seniors.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Stephens appreciates everyone working hard. He is blessed to work with the quality of people he works with every day.

Adjourn: 7:21 pm

Clerk

Date