

**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
For Tracy Unified School District  
Held on Tuesday, August 25, 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. (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 (Arrived late to closed) J. Costa, S. Kaur, B. Pekari, J. Silcox, L. Souza  
Staff: B. Stephens, R. Pecot, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, B. Etcheverry
- 7:03 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 Non-Paid Leave of Absence for Certificated Employee #UC-1220, Pursuant to Article XX  
**Action: Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Alexander)  
6b Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Non-Paid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-354, Pursuant to Article XXIII  
**Action: Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Alexander)  
Trustee Alexander arrived late to closed session.  
6c Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-355, Pursuant to Article XXIII  
**Action: Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.  
6d Report Out of Action Taken on Release Probationary Classified Employee #UCL-356-Para Educator I  
**Action: Vote:** Yes-7; No-0.\_\_\_\_
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of August 11, 2020.**  
**Action:** Costa, Abercrombie **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.

**Hearing of Delegations**

11. No comments were received.

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

13.1 **Administrative & Business Services:**

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

13.1.2 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

13.1.3 Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2020/21 School Year

13.2 **Educational Services:**

13.2.1 Approve Master Contract (MC) for Nonpublic Agency, Nonsectarian School Services with Behavioral & Educational Strategies & Training (B.E.S.T) (Separate Cover Item)

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:** None.

14.2 **Educational Services:** None.

14.3 **Human Resources:**

14.3.1 Adopt the District's Initial Bargaining Proposal for the California School Employees Association for the 2020-2021 School Year

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

14.3.2 Adopt Resolution 20-04, Authorizing the Elimination of Certain Classified Positions Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds

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

**Board Reports:**

Trustee Abercrombie thanked the staff for all they have done towards Distance Learning. He knows there are challenges but appreciates all administration, teachers, and classified during this time. He also welcomed his new grandson to the world, Henry Liam Abercrombie. Trustee Alexander passed. Trustee Costa was fortunate to videotape a short welcome to Kelly's Back to School Night. She appreciated the invitation. She thanked all of the firefighters for all of their work. Trustee Kaur passed. Trustee Silcox has five children and is reporting as a parent

that the teachers have done a great job and the work has been well received by his children. There are some hiccups, but he is very pleased with what's going on. He thanked everyone involved. Trustee Souza also thanked all staff, teachers, paras, and classified for all of their work. The computers are starting to come in, hot spots are in, and paras are online. We will keep moving forward. Trustee Pekari commented that TUSD lost Don Nicholson, who passed away earlier this month. Kimball High's Stadium is named after him. We send our sympathies to his family and appreciate everything he has contributed to our schools and our community. We also approved donations and he acknowledged various groups who contributed to schools with backpacks and supplies. Tania Salinas and Julie Stocking have done great jobs in the past and are now working on our 2020-2021 LCP. There will be a stakeholder's meeting on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**Superintendent  
Report:**

Dr. Stephens commented that this is the 2-week mark for the new school year. He can't be more pleased with how smooth it has gone. He extended thanks to our classified, teachers and administration who have worked with staff getting everyone ready for the year. We want to see kids physically in class, but we cannot do that at this time. He is pleased and proud of everyone's efforts.

**Adjourn: 7:14 pm**

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Clerk

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Date