

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

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).

- 6:45 PM:** **1-3. Vice-President Abercrombie** called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** **4. Board:** S. Abercrombie, A. Alexander, A. Blanco, N. Erskine, Z. Hoffert, L. Souza
Absent: S. Kaur
Staff: B. Stephens, R. Pecot, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, B. Etcheverry
- 7:00 PM** **5. Vice-President Abercrombie** called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:** No action taken.
- Minutes:** **7. Approve Regular Minutes of May 11, 2021.**
Action: Erskine Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)
- Visitors:** None. Meeting was live streamed via Microsoft Teams.
- Student Rep Reports:** **8. Video Presentations by Tracy High:** Sophia Alejandre commented that after being the board rep for the past 2 years, today is her last update as she will be graduating. The month of May has been dedicated to seniors. There have been many senior events including a drive-in movie of High School Musical III, Future Friday and Senior Week, which was the best yet. They enjoyed donuts at sunrise, tailgate lunch and games, a belly-flopping contest and a senior sunset parade. These events have been special. It's been a different year, but everyone has made it memorable. She thanked the teachers for putting students first, the board members and the class of 2021. Go Bulldogs!
- West High: Kaitlyn Durant and Gianna Uribe reported that it has been a busy month. Teachers have been putting in a lot of work so in appreciation, students held a small carnival for teachers to enjoy with games, photos, and tacos. They did not get a prom this year, but they planned an Alice in Wonderland themed Senior Formal Dinner with decorations, food, and games. They have to say goodbye to their senior athletes at the end of the season. There were several sports going on at the same time and had a fun time making posters. There were several

awards ceremonies, such as FFA, AVID, Drama, Music, SEA and the Bridge program. They also celebrated the biliteracy program and EL re-designation celebration. Finals will be this week. Seniors will have senior beach day on Friday. Students are looking forward to graduation.

Kimball High: Julian Steffens reported that students nominated quarantine royalty and held a rock hunt. During May they observed teacher appreciation week and decorated their doors. A virtual talent show was shown online. Senior sunrise didn't happen this year. He reviewed the past year and events that students enjoyed.

Trustee Hoffert left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Trustee Hoffert returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Alternative Ed Campus: Aime Valencia Munoz reported that she is graduating this year. On May 26th they will have 2 graduation ceremonies to allow for social distancing. Students enjoyed a drive-thru event to get their caps, gowns, yard signs and burritos. They are excited for graduation. Staff is working to share vaccination updates to students and well as graduation news. The horticulture class built a greenhouse with grant funds and rebuilt old planter boxes. Students interested in transferring to the Alternative Education Campus must meet with their home school counselor to start the referral process. Duncan Russell started a mild to moderate special ed class and the Tracy Young Adult Program will have a drive-thru graduation on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Venture Academy in Stockton.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 North School Presentation

Jose Jimenez, principal of North School and Susan Hawkins, assistant principal, presented a video on the 2020-2021 school year. Student presenters were Nathan Perez, Yalianni Horta and Alexa Barron from the AVID elective class. They talked about the demolition of buildings in preparation for their new campus. North administration made family home visits to over 100 families. Dr. Seuss stories were read to students and virtual competitions were held with students from other schools. One student, Lily A. Hill Lewis read over 1 million words. The modernization project is under way and they showed pictures of the progress. Teachers never had a year like this before while they learned to teach using Microsoft Teams, and students learned to login to class and submit work online all while their school was being rebuilt. Student were busy with STEM activities such as watching chemical reactions, feeling rocks and sand from Hawaii, learning about fault lines and earthquakes, animals and habitats and a meteorologist from KCRA presented weather patterns. North is AVID strong where they stress the importance of college and career. Every Thursday, students wear college gear and discuss their college and career plans. Students were excited to return to campus. Some learn in person and others learn from home. Students present information and teach to their peers. Students are provided with free food daily. They enjoy playing music and work with Officer Abs of the DARE program. The North School Parent Club held a fundraiser to purchase library books. Students became engineers and launched rockets on campus. Ezekiel Nava received the *Every Student Succeeds* award for overcoming many challenges this year. The new building is almost complete. Students are happy to have the building ready for the 2021-22 school year and having all classes on one campus together again.

Everyone is welcome to visit their new school in August.

9.2 West High AVID Program

A video was presented that showed the students of the West High AVID program holding signs saying where they will be going to college and the successes they have had this year. They thanked Ms. Williams for her guidance this year.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

10.2 Educational Services:

10.2.1 Receive Report on San Joaquin County COVID19
Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Ms. Julianna Stocking, presented a power point showing an update on COVID 19 in San Joaquin County. We are doing well progressing towards the orange tier. On June 15th we anticipate an announcement from the governor that we will be moving away from the tier system. It is good news that San Joaquin County is working together.

Hearing of Delegations

11. The following comments were submitted online and read loud during the board meeting. They were copied in these minutes as submitted.

1. Ashley Fisher Library Tech MES; Diana Parrales Library Tech FES; Zoyla Patino Library Tech JES; Renee Riddle Library Tech KES; Corinne Vieira Library Tech PCES; Patti Foster Retired Library Tech TUSD; Jessica Anastasio 1st grade MES; Melissa Anguiano 5th grade PCES; Talitha Backman School Psychologist MES; Cecilia Bangayan 2/3 grade MES; Lisa Carmen 2nd grade MES; Emily DiGiulio 1st grade MES; Danille Faasisilia kinder MES; Leslie Garcia TK MES; Dina Graves 3rd grade MES; Nichelle James Para Educator MES; Allie Landon SLP MES; MaySue Lee 2nd grade MES; Ana McMath RSP Para MES; Gretta Mendez Para Educator MES; Shadee Morgan 2nd grade MES; Barbar Moser EL Para MES; Alicia Moya kinder MES; Miriam Navarro Attendance Clerk FES; Mary Pereria Attendance Clerk MES; Sandra Prestia 1st grade MES; Raney Shimizono 4/5 grade BES; Aine Silva 5th grade MES; Sam Tep 4th grade MES; Amy Valloton RSP MES; Tara Wilcox 4th grade MES; Angela Worden K/1 MES; Lupita Ventura-Rios School Secretary MES;

Good evening members of the Board:

We are writing you tonight to request that you give students and staff in TUSD full time access to their school Libraries, including time before and after school. As you know, the Libraries are currently closed on Mondays and only open 20 hours a week. This means that K-8 students might only be able to visit their school Library once or twice a month. In his recent press conference, Governor Newsom stated that California public schools will have more funding than they have had in the last 30 years. While adding Teacher Librarians to staff at school sites will be a great addition, the most cost-effective way to keep Libraries open is increasing Library Tech hours from 20 to 40 at K-8 and middle schools and to 35 at K-5 sites. Library Techs are fully capable of running safe, rich and engaging Library programs if they are given the time. Thank you for doing what is right for staff and students in TUSD.

2. Brandon Orman

Dear Board of Trustees. I am writing you on behalf of the concerned citizens of Tracy. I am disappointed with the lack of professionalism and respect being displayed at the T.U.S.D. Board meetings.

Two meetings ago some students made a presentation to the Board. It was obvious that they lacked the knowledge on how to approach a governing board. They were adversarial and controversial in their approach. Some of the Trustees took offense to this approach and let their frustrations show. I do not agree with the actions of either party.

However, this lacks in comparison with the actions demonstrated by Mr. Hoffert and Ms. Blanco at the last meeting. Their total disregard for professionalism, respect, and morals was on full display. Ms. Blanco's snarky comments show her true lack of character. Mr. Hoffert's attitude shown towards Dr. Pecot, Dr. Stephens, and other Trustees was appalling.

On numerous occasions we have heard Ms. Blanco and Mr. Hoffert speaking of transparency. Yet, Mr. Hoffert continually votes no without any logic or explanation. Ms. Blanco tries to play the part of being open and transparent but fails to explain why she voted no on Dr. Pecot.

Both of these Trustees did a disservice to the students, staff, and citizens of Tracy by voting no. We should be honored to have a person of integrity and character willing to lead our district.

I am hopeful that all of the Trustees will reflect on how they treat presenters, staff, and each other. It is time to start acting like leaders.

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: Items #13.1.1, 13.1.4, 13.1.5, 13.2.4, 13.2.5, 13.3.4, 13.3.5. Alexander, Erskine. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.1.2. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.1.3. Alexander, Erskine.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.1.6 Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.2.1. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.2.2 As amended. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-5; No-1(Hoffert); Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.2.3. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.3.1. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-5; No-1(Hoffert); Absent-1(Kaur)

Action: Item 13.3.2. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2(Blanco, Kaur)

Trustee Blanco left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.
Trustee Blanco returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Action: Item 13.3.3. Erskine, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-4; No-1(Hoffert); Absent-2(Blanco, Kaur)

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

13.1.1 Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (April, 2021)
(Separate Cover Item)

13.1.2 Approve Entertainment, Assembly, Service, Business and Food Vendors

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, Business,
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 Approve Payroll Reports (April, 2021)

13.1.6 Approve Revolving Cash Fund Report (April, 2021)

13.2 Educational Services:

13.2.1 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between MobyMax
Education, LLC and Monte Vista Middle School to Provide License
Renewal for the MobyMax Virtual Intervention Program for the 2021-
2022 School Year

13.2.2 Approve Agreement for Contract Services Between Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt and Monte Vista Middle School for the 2021-2022 School
Year

13.2.3 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Nearpod, Inc. and
Monte Vista Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year

13.2.4 Approve School Readiness Preschool Program Parent Handbook for
2021-2022 School Year (Separate Cover Item)

13.2.5 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, Art
Freiler School and Williams Middle School for the 2021-2022 School
Year

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 a Variable Term Waiver for Administrative Services

13.3.4 Approve Paid Intern Education Administration Agreement with
Brandman University

13.3.5 Approve Student Teacher and Speech-Language Pathologist Fieldwork
Agreement with San Jose State University

Action Items:

14.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

14.2 Educational Services:

- 14.2.1** Approve Agreement to Purchase and Access Digital Credit Recovery Course Licenses for the Summer 2021-2024 School Year
Action: Erskine, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)
- 14.2.2** Approve TUSD ESSER and Expanded Learning and Opportunities Grants Plan (Separate Cover Item)
Action: As amended. Erskine, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

Board Reports:

Trustee Hoffert congratulated seniors who will be graduating. He wants to remind seniors and those heading off to college that it's important for seniors to remember that they have heard of others' experiences, based on their choices. not yours. He thinks they should remember what the former Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. said that when out partying or fooling around, there is someone getting smarter and stronger. Trustee Blanco watched the video from the April 27th meeting. She commented on California Penal Codes associated with sexual violence. She stated that Evidence Code Sec. 1034.5 addresses privileged communication and the criteria to be a sexual assault counselor. She also spoke of another code that requires that law enforcement must ask the victim if they would like a sexual assault counselor or advocate before being interviewed. We have county wide response process and she would appreciate if students knew their rights and they were abided by. On July 15th the Tracy Police Department will be giving a presentation on what training SROs receive in regard to these Penal Codes. She invited all to attend. She congratulated seniors and she's excited to see their graduation and next steps. She thanked everyone for surviving this year as it has been traumatic for everyone. Trustee Erskine congratulated our graduates. This is a beginning of a milestone to new phase in life. We have been impacted by COVID 19 and now will impact the world. She believes the students will be successful in all endeavors. She recommended for them to go to the 99 Cent Store and buy 3 cards:1 for their teacher, 1 for a classified worker, and 1 for an administrator. It would be nice to also get a thank you card for your parents. She would like them to remember to honor themselves and others. Honor is a high virtue and will cause you to be rewarded. She hopes everyone enjoys their summer. Trustee Alexander congratulated the seniors of 2021 and the parents. He wishes them well in their endeavors and that they use education to become leaders and a voice for change. Trustee Souza congratulated the seniors. It has been a tough year and they should enjoy walking across that stage. She appreciates Ana speaking out the 40-hour class. She has taken it as well. Her words have been twisted and wanted to state that she was never not in favor of mental health support or counselors. Prior to meeting, the group spoke with some board members and were promised that mental health would be on the list. They kept talking about SROs when they should have been talking about mental health and sexual assault. She wanted to make that clear. She reached out to the group and they didn't want to talk to her. She is always willing to have a meeting. She was also glad to have a unanimous vote for the ESSER funding especially since June 1st is the deadline. Trustee Abercrombie congratulated everyone for getting through this school year. He hopes to be back to normal August 9th and be mask free and students are able to meet teachers face-to-face.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Stephens commented that the Class of 2021 experienced something that no one in this room or grandparents or parents experienced. They may be the most prepared class that this district has sent out into this world. They are to be

honored. He thanked Dr. Pecot, Ms. Stocking, cabinet, TEA and CSEA for putting together the learning loss plan. It took a lot of work and communication. It doesn't happen overnight, and it took weeks to put it together and he appreciates that. The county will be giving vaccines tomorrow at 2:00 at West High for those 12 years and older. Last time we had about 504 get it which was the largest event in the past several weeks and we hope we can do even better.

Adjourn: 8:50

Clerk

Date