

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

6:15 PM: 1-3. President Kaur called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.

Roll Call: 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, A. Alexander, A. Blanco, N. Erskine, S. Kaur,
Z. Hoffert (arrived late to open session)
Absent: L. Souza
Staff: B. Stephens, R. Pecot, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, B. Etcheverry

7:00 PM 5. President Kaur called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session: 6a Action Taken on Finding of Facts: 21/22#29, 21/22#30, 21/22#31,
21/22#32, 21/22#33, 21/22#35, 21/22#36, 21/22#37, 21/22#38
Action: Abercrombie, Erskine. **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2(Hoffert, Souza)
6b Report Out of Action Taken on Early Graduation: TISCS#10344921
Action: **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2(Hoffert, Souza)

Minutes: 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of October 26, 2021**
Action: Abercrombie, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-(2-Hoffert, Souza)

Audience: M. Romo, C. Beaken, R. Mahiddin, R. Riddle, Z. Boswell, M. Baptista, M.
Stagnaro, B. Maslyar, T. Salinas, M. Baumann, N. Link, J. Ramirez, S. Brown, N.
Link, M. Strelka, J. Jimenez, A. Quintana, E. Quintana, C. Munger, K. Felisberto,
M. Petty, R. James, J. Lopez, R. Soto, Z. Boswell, K. Jones, J. Soto, A. Arechiga

**Student Rep
Reports:** 8. None.

**Recognition &
Presentations:** 9.1 Williams Middle School Presentation
Principal, Miguel Romo, Assistant Principal, Tony Quintana, and teachers Chris Beaken and Michelle Baptista presented a power point and spoke about Williams Middle School. They currently have 807 students including 24% of English Learners. Their goal is to build positive relationships between students, teachers, administrators, and caregivers. Teachers are interacting with students every day. They have an amazing counseling team: Michelle Simas, Melanie Ann Abad and Mercedes Morales-Villa. They have class presentations, conflict resolution and guest speakers. They will be focusing on counseling groups and a wellness room. Students and teachers have come back from distance learning with a new vigor. One of the ways to engaged students is through AVID. The three elective teachers coordinate together and are trained and work together. AVID has been an elective at Williams since 2002. They currently have 2 sections per grade level which makes up 109 AVID students and are working on making AVID school wide. It is also a 5-year goal to regain their national demonstration school status.

They have created an AVID binder for each teacher which contains a foundation, common language and best practices and support. In the 6th grade Social Studies class, they are learning and taking a Tour of the Nile River. They showed video clips about the lesson with the teacher narrating and acting as the “tour guide”. They are focused on collaborating by working together on a STEM challenges. They showed pictures of students building a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows.

Trustee Hoffert arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

There are many clubs and activities to keep students engaged such as Girls Who Code, ukulele Club, Spelling Bee, Chess Club and playing sports in the morning. There were also many pictures of students involved in various activities and they invited the board to their school site.

**Information &
Discussion Items:**

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

10.2 Educational Services:

10.2.1 Receive Report on COVID 19 Updates

Director of Curriculum and Accountability, Dr. Zachary Boswell presented a power point that showed 16.4 per 100,000 in San Joaquin County. We are still averaging a little higher than California. Staff testing is now transitioning over to Heal 360 after this week. Student family testing is open to public at the Tracy Charter School and anyone in the community can get testing for free. We will be scheduling another vaccine clinic at the request of public health. Last Friday we held a clinic at North School and vaccinated about 300 students and gave out 150 vaccines or boosters to adults. He thanked Principal, Jose Jimenez, for setting it up and doing a great job in organizing this event. He wanted to be clear that TUSD was not vaccinating students without parent permission. Any student under 18 had to have a parental consent.

10.2.2 Receive Information on the Educator Effectiveness Funds Block Grant for the 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 Fiscal Years

Director of Continuous Improvement, State & Federal Programs, Tania Salinas, and Director of Professional Development, Erin Quintana, presented a report on the educator effectiveness funds block grant. This is to support professional development. A requirement is to give this presentation to the board and then at the next meeting have it as an action item. This plan has to meet one of the ten allowable uses, which were reviewed. Another requirement is to prepare an annual report. TUSD will be allocated \$3,034,294 to use over the next 5 years. This will go towards TTIP for newly hired teachers, and to clear teaching credentials. They will also continue to work with ICLE to provide leadership development, instructional strategy training and on site coaching and lesson study opportunities.

10.2.3 Receive Information on the Educator Effectiveness Funds Block Grant for the 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 Fiscal Years for the Tracy

Independent Study Charter School (TISCS)

Director of Curriculum, Dr. Zachary Boswell, presented a slide of information which showed that this grant will allocate \$4,832 to TISCS. There is a big need for training on their platform. This money will be split over the next 4 years. They will likely spend more than the grant, but this will help towards the total spent.

Hearing of Delegations

11. Arturo is here to talk about the vaccine for children. He is against mandated vaccines because of the lack of data for long term effects. He lives in Modesto and his children go to Sylvan Unified. He asked if unvaccinated teachers or students would be allowed to have an exemption and still be able to attend school with the vaccinated staff and students or will they have an alternative work and learning environment. The superintendent of Sylvan Unified School District made it clear that by 2022-23, unvaccinated children will not be allowed to attend school with the vaccinated students regardless of medical and religious exemptions. Those with exemptions must move on to online learning until vaccinated. He believes Sylvan would be segregating students. He also asked if he will be able to teach in person because he does not plan on being vaccinated. He also asked why they haven't mandated the flu shot and ask everyone to check the CDC website for similarities of symptoms.

Teacher, Robert James, commented that many teachers from West High are concerned about student attendance and being tardy with no consequence. He doesn't believe Saturday school is working and that there have been many fights recently which was resolved after police presence. He suggested having 2 lunches to minimize this issue. He also stated that Kimball High is looking at a double lunch and increasing security support including district officials. Classrooms being cleaned at Kimball is a concern, but it is getting better. He thanked Dr. Pecot for taking care of the HVAC issue at Stein.

Jasleen Gdar is a 9th grader at Kimball High and enjoys the new Jakara program where students learn about drug abuse and prevention. She is grateful for this program and hopes to have more clubs like this.

Trustee Blanco left the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Jasmine Dhindsa is an 11th grader at Kimball High and also is in the Jakara program. Anyone can join. They do community service and other things.

Parneet Dhaliwal is a senior from Kimball High also in the Jakara program that is new this year. Ten students are selected, and it is focused on substance use and prevention education and will continue for the next 3 years across state.

Trustee Blanco returned to the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Harleen Kaur is a 10th grader at Kimball High. There is a lack of availability and access of knowledge of severity and mental illness. This program educates students and the community. This program incorporates research, leadership training and advancement.

Gurkaren is a senior at Kimball High and commented on SHSS, State Honors Service Society that promotes and honors service, leadership and academic excellence. The purpose to bring Punjabi community and all communities together. They want to make school a better place. They participated in a highway cleanup with the United Sikhs. They will be celebrating Sikh heritage next week.

Harkiran Chahal is a senior at Kimball. During the Sikh Heritage Week, they will be taking about their heritage, traditions and history. Also, they have a program that helps with college readiness. She has received a lot of information from this. There is a statewide conference in January, and they will learn about various topics. About 200 students from all over the state attend.

Jennifer Soto is a parent of 7th and 3rd grader in TUSD. She attends the PIQUE program. She thanked Dr. Silver for having these meetings at Monte Vista. It has helped her to gain knowledge about getting her kids into college. The moonlight concert was held at West High. They had middle school and high school together to do mini concert. Her daughter enjoyed it. she wanted to remind every to not forget about music in schools. It is a stress reliever, and she wants to keep fun activities. She is involved with Southwest Park parents. She receives several complaints. One is the food quality. There is sometimes expired food and please mention that to the contractors. She thanked teachers and staff for doing a great job this year and we should appreciate them. She also is thankful for having the COVID vaccine clinic. She got her 8-year old vaccinated today.

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: On all items except 13.2.1, 13.2.3 and 13.3.2.

Abercrombie, Blanco. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Souza)

Action: On Item 13.2.1. Abercrombie, Alexander.

Vote: Yes-6; No-1; Absent-1(Souza)

Action: On Item 13.2.3. Abercrombie, Erskine.

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

Action: On Item 13.3.2. Abercrombie, Erskine.

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

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

13.1.1 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

13.1.2 Approve the Purchase of a Hunter Wheel Alignment Machine from CAL State Automotive Equipment

13.2 Educational Services:

13.2.1 Approve TUSD Title I Schools' Parent and Family Engagement Policies for the 2021-2022 School Year (Separate Cover Item)

13.2.2 Approve Overnight Travel for the Advanced Drama Students to Attend Disney: Behind the Scenes and Leadership Disney at the Disneyland®

Resort in Anaheim, CA on April 7-10, 2022

- 13.2.3 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Cognitive Foundations for an Individual Educational Evaluation (IEE)
- 13.2.4 Approve Overnight Travel for the Tracy High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team to Participate in the Wine Valley Tournament in Napa, CA on December 16-18, 2021
- 13.2.5 Approve Overnight Travel for 2 Advisors and 12 Students of West High FFA to Attend the Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy on January 7-8, 2022 in Sacramento, CA
- 13.2.6 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Edgenuity Inc, and North School to Provide License Edgenuity Inc. MyPath Reading and Math site license for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 13.2.7 Approval of list of Stakeholder names for Stakeholder Engagement/ Perkins V Grant: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

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 Multiple Subject Teacher

Action Items:

14.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

14.2 Educational Services: None.

14.3 Human Resources:

14.3.1 Approve Tentative Agreement with CSEA for Reclassification of Night Security

Action: Abercrombie, Erskine. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Souza)

14.3.2 Approve Tentative Agreements with the California School Employees Association

Action This item was pulled because it was voted on during previous special meeting.

Board Reports:

Trustee Hoffert thanked all who came out and who presented. It helps him understand what's going on in the schools. Trustee Erskine thanked all of the presenters and also wants to put an emphasis on helping teachers collaborate and be coherent so no teachers feel isolated or and alone. Looking forward to no longer recovery from COVID but making improvements in literacy writing and comprehension. She thanked Williams Middle School and hopes to see a more universal approach to teaching. Trustee Alexander passed. Trustee Blanco thanked all the service men and women for keeping us safe and putting their lives on the line and thanked those who presented tonight. Trustee Abercrombie thanked Mr. Maslyar, Poet Christian and Dr. Stephens for having the first in house DARE Graduation after 18 months. It was fantastic to see a great turnout. He thanked Trustees Erskine and Souza for helping with Brighter Christmas applications. He sees a lot of principals in the audience tonight. If you know of anyone in need, please contact him. He also gave a shout out to Kimball High who will be in the playoffs and hopes for a victory. Happy Veterans Day to all and to his two sons

who are Army vets. Trustee Kaur appreciates the turnout and thanked Williams Middle School for the presentation. She also wanted to recognize the students that came out and spoke. She loves hearing from students. November is California Sikh Awareness Month. The Sikhs of Tracy will be hosting a senior breakfast on Nov. 22nd in collaboration with the city. All are invited to attend. Happy Veterans Day to all. This is the last meeting for November and she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Superintendent
Report:**

Dr. Stephens thanked all people who make the district important and successful including classified, certificated, school administrators and district administrators. He recognizes their efforts. He also wishes everyone a great Thanksgiving. He sees a lot of school administrators in the audience tonight. He knows they work long hours and appreciates seeing their presence tonight.

Adjourn: 8:12

Clerk

Date