

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

- 6:30 PM:** 1-3. Vice-President Hoffert called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, A. Blanco, L. Hawkins, Z. Hoffert, S. Kaur, L. Souza
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, J. Stocking, S. Smith
Absent: A. Alexander
- 7:04 PM** 5. Vice-President Hoffert 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 Approve Funding for Reimbursement per Confidential Settlement Agreement
3.2.1
Action: Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2 (Alexander, Souza)
 - 6b** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for Certificated Management Employee #UC-1311
3.3.1
Action: Vote: Approved. Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2 (Alexander, Souza)
 - 6c** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-423, Pursuant to Article XXIII
3.3.2
Action: Vote: Approved. Yes-4; No-1 (Hawkins); Absent-2 (Alexander, Souza)
 - 6d** Report Out on Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-424, Pursuant to Article XXIII
3.3.3
Action: Vote: Approved. Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2 (Alexander, Souza)
 - 6e** Report Out on Action Taken Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-425, Pursuant to Article XXIII
3.3.4
Action: Vote: Approved. Yes-5; No-0; Absent-2 (Alexander, Souza)
- Minutes:**
- 7.1 Approve Regular Minutes of September 13, 2022.**
Action: Abercrombie, Sousa; **Vote:** Yes-4; No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander); Abstain-2 (Hawkins, Kaur)
 - 7.2 Approve Regular Minutes of September 20, 2022.**
Action: Abercrombie, Kaur; **Vote:** Yes-5 No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander); Abstain-1 (Hawkins)
- Audience:** Bobbie Etcheverry, Debra Schneider, Dean Reese, Chris Munger, Bill Masyalar, Erin Quintana, Susan Hawkins, Mary Petty, Jacqui Nott, Zack Boswell, Jaspreet Kaur, Udayraj Singh, Harnoor Singh, Jasmine Kaur, Eklavya Singh, Harleen Kaur, Gurshan Singh, Gurkirat Singh, Jasleen Kaur, Mahetaab Singh.
- Student Rep Reports:** 8. **Tracy High:** Olivia Orcutt is excited to share this month's updates. A highlight was the AVID program welcome back event. The mission of AVID is to close the opportunity gaps and to provide support to get into college. PSAT testing will take place in October. The Tracy High football team has been on a hot streak. The THS

volleyball team is now 17th in the region. The water polo team, girl's golf and the cross-country teams have all been doing very well. The girl's tennis team is seated in 2nd place. Home coming is next week, and Tracy Plus is the theme. We will have spirit days throughout the week. Everyone is welcome to attend these events, including powder puff game, the night rally, and the home coming parade. Students have been engaged in voting for the club sweethearts, class prince and princesses, and the royal court. Thank you to the board and district for making leadership development day happen. Tracy, West, and Kimball High all got together to collaborate, we learned a lot and are excited to put new ideas into action.

Kimball High: The Kimball High School representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

West High: Lily Banchemo and Owen Jackson inform WHS kicked off September with the annual senior sunrise. It was a success, including donuts, friends, and live music. It was an unforgettable morning. The Varsity girls volleyball team has been playing great, they can't wait to see how they do throughout the rest of the year. WHS, THS, and KHS all came together for the leadership workshop at THS. Owen believes the juniors will take the win against the seniors this homecoming season. This year's parade will be great, WHS's theme is music albums, a theme that everyone in the community loves. On September 13th Leadership received a visit from alumni, Dan Arriolla, it was an amazing reminder of the bright futures of the west students. The Wolf Pack community came together this month to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Mecha Club. There have been spirit days, lunch time events, and performances.

Alternative Ed Campus: Olivia Stephenson is a senior at Stein High School. Stein officially has sports as of this year. They started doing basketball last year. Now they have added volleyball, flag football, softball and have soccer in the works. They have had their first 3-vs-3, teachers vs student, basketball tournament. The teachers won but the students played very well. It was fun to watch and be a part of. Recently in out Physics and Biology science classes have been doing experiments. One example is using a prism contraption used to refract light to turn them into rainbows. TYAP is the busiest program on campus, they have a Halloween door decorating contest and party coming up, they just had a car wash fundraiser and sold popcorn; both fundraisers were very successful. A Christmas craft fair is being planned, where they will have homemade ornaments, cookies, and decorative clay pots for sale.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 South West Park Elementary School Presentation

Trustee Hoffert left the meeting at 7:21 pm

Trustee Hoffert returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm

South West Park Principal, Ramona Soto-Barajas and Assistant Principal, Amanda Bowman, presented a PowerPoint focusing on AdvanceSTEM. It is a pleasure to give all of our students access to STEM and to see the impact on the students and we are looking forward to seeing the results. The Mission Statement of South West Park is to educate, motivate, and support all students to be successful lifelong learners and productive citizens. SWP is the largest elementary school within

TUSD, with a very diverse group of students, three different programs: bilingual, gate, and conventional.

At SWP, Tk – 5th grade students have been engaged and are having a great time doing the different STEM activities. The ILT teachers are a strong group, ready to support the needs of our teachers. The ILT team has created charts to come up with their STEM goal as a school: To create opportunities for students to collaboratively explore, ask questions, solve problems, and make connections to their world. For teacher support, they have grade level collaboration; grade levels meet one day of week to work together and get on the same page throughout their grade level. Professional development is provided by the ILT teams, with workshops before and after school to learn how to integrate with the STEM program. Our staff works hard every day and them want to do the very best for their students.

We wanted to get feedback from our students and asked three different classrooms two questions; “Why do you like STEM?” and “Why is STEM important?”. Answers received included; I like to do stem because it is so fun and we learn at the same time; STEM is important because we can discover, learn, and create things that help us survive and make our lives more easy; I like that, when I do STEM, I learn new things and do activities that have to be about what we are learning; and, STEM shows me that we can learn and study everything and still have more questions and answers. STEM is having an impact across our school and our district. We thank you for your support.

**Information &
Discussion Items:**

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

10.2 Educational Services: None.

**Hearing of
Delegations**

11. Jaspreet Kaur is staff member with the Jakara Movement. Today I want to spotlight some of our amazing khs students. They are on a mission regarding the dangers of fentanyl. Our students have been speaking with administrators since last school year. Thank you to Superintendent Pecot and the KHS administration. We had a great meeting last week, KHS are sharing what they have seen and their experiences with you.

Harleen Kaur is an 11th grader at KHS. She is in leadership, is a junior class officer, and youth advisor commissioner. Narcan is a nasal spray that can save students on campus due to an opioid overdose. We need your support. Narcan on campus can only save lives. Kids as young as 13 can get ahold of fentanyl laced drugs that look like candy. You can overdose by touching this drug. KHS has not yet had an overdose but this does not mean it cannot happen. This is a growing issue, once it effects the school district, the issue becomes bigger to all of us.

Eklavya Singh is a senior at KHS. CARE is the Jakara Movement Substance Prevention and Education Program that promotes health and wellness. I’ve seen drug use take place across the campus. My peers and I can become a resource for those who are struggling. CARE has taught us about the opioid crisis across the state and the significance of being Narcan certified. We want to ensure our campus is a safe drug-free environment.

Gurshan Singh is a senior at KHS. He has personally witnessed students using vape and other substances almost every day on campus. Narcan is needed on all campuses and there is no excuse not to have it. Recently a student attending an LA high school passed away on campus due to a fentanyl laced pill. Drug dealers are easily able to contact people on social media.

Gurneerat Singh is junior at KHS. Through CARE we have learned about substance such as fentanyl. Due to marketing, it is now hard to distinguish between prescription drugs. There should be more safety mechanisms available. Even if you are not smoking, the smoke in the air can cause overdose. Rainbow fentanyl looks like smarties and is being spread around. We should do whatever it takes to keep students safe.

Jasleen Kaur is a sophomore at KHS. Last year, my peers and I brought this substance abuse to your attention. On September 7th of this year KHS had a fire alarm go off due to someone smoking in the library bathroom. Before one of my peers suffers an opioid overdose, we need Narcan on our campus. Without side effects, Narcan is an opioid agonist which means it blocks the opioid receptors and reverses the symptoms of an opioid overdose. We have support from the San Joaquin County Public Health Department. Narcan should be made available on our campus.

Trustee Kaur left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Trustee Kaur return to the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Mahetaab Singh is a senior KHS. Some think Narcan will cost a lot of money. It is free and easily obtainable. Narcan should be on campus for safety purposes. Like it or not, the drugs are a major concern. Another misconception among people is that having it can be a liability for administrating Narcan, however the good Samaritan law protects you against any charges. We do not want to lose a fellow classmate due to a mistake.

Udayraj Singh is a senior at KHS. Other members of CARE have spoken about the risks. I see students doing drugs in the classrooms, bathrooms, and parking lot. Drugs can be laced with fentanyl and a small amount is dangerous. We cannot wait for a student to die. We need to take precautions in case of an emergency.

Harnoor Singh is a senior at KHS. I want to emphasis the importance of Narcan on campus. I do not understand why it is difficult to have on campus. It is free and training takes less than an hour. We have passed out flyers over campus. Thank you Principal Masylar and Vice Principal Doyle for being receptive to us and agreeing to arrange a meeting with us to discuss this on-going issue and helping us to take preventative measures so our campus can become a safer learning environment. Thank you Superintendent Pecot and Director of Student Services Noll for offering to speak with us.

Jasmine Kaur is a senior at KHS. Our goal is to put Narcan on campus. We want a safe environment on campus and especially in classrooms. As we see more overdoses across the state, we feel that it is a necessity to have Narcan at all high schools and a kit in every classroom. We need this for emergency purposes when needed.

Public Hearing:

12.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

12.2 Educational Services

12.2.1 Conduct a Public Hearing to Determine Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the Students of Tracy Unified School District

Opened public hearing at 7:43

There were no comments.

Closed public hearing at 7:44

12.3 Human Resources: None.

- Consent Items:**
- 13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance is conditioned upon acceptance of appropriate insurance accepted by Tracy Unified.**
Action: Abercrombie, Kaur. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander)
- 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 2022/23 School Year
- 13.2 Educational Services:**
- 13.2.1** Approve Costs Associated with the BookNook Learning Platform, Training and Integration
- 13.2.2** Approve Special Contract Services Agreement with Educational Professionals of Central California, LLC for Independent Education Evaluations (IEE's).
- 13.2.3** Approve Master Contract (MC) for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services with Spectrum Center – Antioch Campus for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.4** Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Sow-A-Seed Community Foundation and Duncan Russell Community Day School/Alternative Education Campus for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.5** Approve Overnight Travel for the Tracy High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team to Participate in the Wine Valley Tournament in Napa, CA, December 15-17, 2022
- 13.2.6** Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Faith In Action Community Education Services and West High School for the 2022-23 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
- Action Items:**
- 14.1 Administrative & Business Services:**
- 14.1.1** Consider Claim 609589
Action: Abercrombie, Souza - Motion to Reject. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander)
- 14.2 Educational Services:**
- 14.2.1** Adopt Resolution # 22.03: A Declaration That There Are Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the Students of Tracy Unified School District
Action: Abercrombie, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander)

14.3 Human Resources:

14.3.1 Approve Temporary Modification to Calculation of Certificated Substitute Rates of Pay for the 2022-2023 School Year

Action: Abercrombie, Souza. Vote: Yes_6_; No_0_; Absent-1 (Alexander)

14.3.2 Approve Revised Job Description for Facilities Planner

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

14.3.3 Adopt Resolution No. 22-04 Authorizing Teachers to Teach Outside Their Credential Authorizations

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

Board Office

15. To replace Clerk vacancy due to resignation of board member.

15.1 Elect Clerk

Action: Souza, Blanco - Motion to Nominate Abercrombie. Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Alexander)

Board Reports:

Trustee Hawkins enjoyed listening to the kids about what they are trying to accomplish at their schools. He also likes the direction we are going with STEM.

Trustee Souza gave a welcome to Trustee Hawkins. She is happy to have him here with us. The students are passionate, and she appreciates that. She looks forward to having them work with the district more. The high school kids did a great job tonight, as well as South West Park. She is looking forward to homecomings.

Trustee Kaur gave congratulations to Trustee Hawkins. We cannot comment on the issue but thank you very much to the students for coming. We appreciate you bringing your concerns our way. Thank you for the high school representative presentations, they were a lot of fun.

Trustee Blanco welcomed Trustee Hawkins. She is glad to have him here. She cannot wait to go to Stein to see some sports there, it sounds awesome.

Trustee Abercrombie is excited to hear that Stein is getting involved with the extracurricular activities. He looks forward to stopping by to see this. October 8th will be the next cleanup day. He'll be tackling downtown Tracy. They plan to meet at the Transit Station at 9:00 am.

Trustee Hoffert thinks the students brought up some good points regarding their concerns.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot welcomes Trustee Hawkins to the school board. Seeing the amount of energy at the gym at Stein, he would like to give a shout out to the teachers for putting in the energy and time to make this happen. He looks forward to meeting with the Jakara club. They said some things we should all really think about. He is looking forward to working with Mr. Masylar and seeing what we can do. Our first home coming is this week at Kimball High School who is playing Manteca Friday night. Kimball does things differently, they have a carnival for home coming. Come out to enjoy the fun, you may get an opportunity to hit Mr. Masylar with water balloons.

Adjourn: 7:52

Clerk

Date