

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

- 5:30 PM:** 1-3. President Abercrombie called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, O. Alexander, R. Fagin, L. Hawkins, Z. Hoffert, J. Silcox
Absent: A. Blanco
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, S. Smith
- 7:03 PM** 5. President Abercrombie called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:**
- 6.a** Action Taken on Finding of Facts: 22/23#43, 22/23#44, 22/23#45,
3.2.1 22/23#46, 22/23#47
Action: Silcox, Hawkins **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 6.b** Report Out on Action Taken on Reinstatements: AR# 22-23/#8, AR#22-
3.2.2 23/#9, AR#22-23/#10, AR#22-23/#11, AR#22-23/#12, AR#22-23/#13, AR#22-23/#14, AR#22-23/#15, AR#22-23/#16, AR#22-23/#17, AR#22-23/#18, AR#22-23/#19, AR#22-23/#20, AR#22-23/#21, AR#22-23/#22
Action: Board Approved all except for AR#22-23/#8. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
Report Out on Action Taken on Reinstatement: AR#22-23/#8
Action: Board Denied. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 6.c** Report Out on Action Taken on Board Waiver: WMS# 10342472
3.2.3
Action: **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 6.d** Report Out on Action Taken on Early Graduation: TISCS#10324243
3.2.4
Action: **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 6.e** Report Out on Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for
3.3.1 Classified Employee #UCL-436
Action: Board Approved **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of December 13, 2022.**
Action: Minutes Approved as Amended.
Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes 6-; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- Audience:** Steven Wichman, Anabelle Lee, Roya Mahidden, Zachary Boswell, Debra Schneider, Jacqui Nott, Gillian Bradley, Marji Bauman, Antonio Quintana, Traci Mitchell, Bob Brownne, Derek Sprecksel, Ashley Fisher, Jessica Cordano, Jennifer Price, Therese Arnaudo, Alejandra Herrera, Marji Baumann, Frank Baumann, Erin Quintana.

**Student Rep
Reports:**

8.1 None.

**Recognition &
Presentations:**

9.1 Poet Christian Elementary School

Principal Steven Wichman of Poet Christian, and Assistant Principal Roya Mahidden, presented the typical day in the classrooms at Poet Christian Elementary School. Images showcased students engaged in building their STEM toys and exploring chemical reactions. The Poet Eagles love the hands-on activities and take great pride in participating, as a member of the group, during stem units. To acknowledge the continuous efforts of their Eagles, they take time as a collective school community to reflect and acknowledge student achievements during their character and honor roll assemblies at the end of each trimester. The students and staff members enjoy participating in disc golf during their breaks and are grateful to have their own course on campus. Mr. Wichman gave special recognition to Jose Gallo, Nacho Rodriguez, and Kyle Anderson for working so hard in the heat this summer installing the course. They are very grateful at Poet for their strong Parent Teacher Student Association and student leadership for organizing fun and interactive activities for their community to engage in, such as their pancake breakfast and disc golf training day. During Red Ribbon week, each class participated in a door decorating contest to spread positive messages. A special thanks was given to Board President Abercrombie for joining them as a guest judge. The school is excited to announce they are embarking in a new partnership this year with the Boys and Girls Club and PIQE, the Parent Institute for Quality Education.

9.2 Recognize the Outstanding Employees of the Winter Term for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Board recognized Karen Evans (9-12), Maralee Thorburn (6-8), and Jessica Cordano (K-5) as Outstanding Certificated Employees; Suzy Clark (9-12,) Marissa Feller (6-8), and Ricky Catalano (K-5) as Outstanding Classified Employees and Ann Herrington as the Outstanding Management Employee for the Winter Term of the 2022-2023 school year. They were presented with certificates.

**Information &
Discussion Items:**

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

10.2 Educational Services: None.

**Hearing of
Delegations**

11. Jennifer Price is the parent of a 6th grader at George Kelly that has been expelled. She was given options and agreed to a suspended expulsion. She feels she was manipulated when she was told to sign and adhere to a list of terms but was not allowed to receive, read, or have a copy of the documents. Her son was no harm to anyone and has no record of violence. She feels his needs were not identified by Kelly School. There was no extra support provided after the return from COVID, he was so far behind, his frustration created behavior challenges. She had to request an evaluation for SPED services which led to his IEP. This school year, her child was pulled from class and asked about a previous incident which led to a suspension. The questioning confused her son, and the interview was tense. This new suspension set the suspended expulsion in motion, resulting in the expulsion in September of this year. Her job and finances have been impacted.

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: All items except for #13.3.2. Silcox, Hawkins.
Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
Action: On #13.3.2. Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 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** Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda
- 13.2 Educational Services:**
- 13.2.1** Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Mind Research Institute and Wanda Hirsch Elementary School for the 2022 – 2023 School Year
- 13.2.2** Approve Agreement for Contract Services with Sow A Seed to Facilitate “Too Good for Drugs” Curriculum to Students in Grades 5-7 During After School Hours as a Voluntary Program During the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.3** 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 20-23, 2023
- 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 Variable Term Waivers for Education Specialist Teacher(s)
- 13.3.4** Approve a Declaration for a Provisional Internship Permit
- 13.3.5** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with School Services of California, Inc.
- Action Items:**
- 14.1 Administrative & Business Services:**
- 14.1.1** Add/Remove Committees and Appoint Representatives if Applicable
Action: Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco)
- 14.2 Educational Services:**
- 14.2.1** Adopt Resolution No. 22-06 Approving the Intent of the Continued Funding Application Authorizing the District to Enter into a Renewal of the Yearly Contract with the State for a Child Development Program for the 2023-2024 School Year and to Authorize Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents (Separate Cover)
Action: Hawkins, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco).
- 14.2.2** Adopt Revisions to Board Policy 5141.21 Administering Medications and Monitoring Health Conditions (Second Reading)
Action: Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Blanco).

14.3 Human Resources: None.

Board Reports:

Trustee Hoffert thanked everyone coming out and congratulated the honored outstanding employees. Congratulations to Principal Wichman and his staff for everything they are doing, he would love to see them in action. Though it may not work for us, he requested the board consider a former request from a member of the community to have a possible 6th period for student athletes.

Trustee Fagin wished everyone a happy new year and a healthy, prosperous 2023. Congratulations to the recipients of the awards, he truly appreciates the extra effort and enthusiasm they put in. He thanked Poet Christian for the presentation. Mr. Wichman has replaced a principal that had been there for a long time and Trustee Fagin hears he is doing a good job and has good staff to support him.

Trustee Alexander thanked all of the outstanding employees and also wanted to wish all of the people that have birthdays in January a happy birthday; she is one of them. The Martin Luther King breakfast is this Monday at West High School. Tickets are on sale now for \$15, they are \$20 at the door. Come out to support our students.

Trustee Hawkins wished Trustee Alexander a happy birthday. Congratulations to all the recipients of the Winter Term. He likes all he is seeing currently going on at the schools.

Trustee Silcox said it is an honor to be called to do this position, he appreciates the good work that is going on and looks forward to continuing this work with the District.

Trustee Abercrombie gave congratulations to all employees for their hard work, not only those recognized tonight. He had an outstanding turnout of staff and students that came out to help Brighter Christmas; 600 families and approximately 1,200 students were blessed because of the community of Tracy. Thank you to Williams Middle School staff for allowing us to use their facility annually. We have a lot of interesting things coming up in the future, he encourages people to pay attention to school board meetings coming up; there are tough decisions to be made. Thank you to Poet for coming out tonight.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot some well deserving, great people, were honored here today. On Monday morning we were very worried about weather, we are blessed in Tracy that we are not dealing with the weather issues of surrounding districts. Our attendance was better on Monday than almost any Monday. Teachers really made an effort to be there for the students. This is refreshing to see and it is a testament to what is going on in Tracy.

Adjourn: 7:50 pm.

Clerk

Date