

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

- 6:30 PM:** 1-3. President Abercrombie called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, O. Alexander, A. Blanco, R. Fagin, L. Hawkins, Z. Hoffert, J. Silcox
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, B. Etcheverry
- 7:00 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:**
- 6a Report Out on Action Taken on Reinstatements: AR#22-23/#23,
3.2.1 AR#22-23/#24
Action: Vote: Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 6b Report Out on Action Taken on Board Waiver: WHS#10320602
3.2.2
Action: Vote: Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 6c Report Out on Action Taken on PE Exemptions: MVMS#10333024
3.2.3
Action: Vote: Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 6d Report Out on Action Taken on Approve Additional Funding for
3.2.4 Mileage Reimbursement per Confidential Settlement Agreement
Action: Vote: Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of January 10, 2023.**
Action: Silcox, Hawkins. Vote: Yes- 6; No-0; Absent-0; Abstain-1(Blanco)
- Audience:** Z. Boswell, J. Noll, J. Waggle, D. Schneider, E. Quintana, J. Kassel, C. Orsi, S. Hawkins, J. Lopez, , J. Nott, A. Irizarry, M. Maez, C. Salazar, N. Salazar, C. Raya, C. Carlfeldt
- Student Rep Reports:** 8.1 **Kimball High School:** Julian Steffens reported that on Dec. 2 Kimball had a multicultural rally with several cultural clubs that performed. A fashion show demonstrated fashions from around the world. That night the theater opened with *Mary Poppins* and received many great reviews. The spring play will be *Oklahoma*. Tickets will go on sale February 24th. Last week was the annual Swooshbam Spirit week. The theme was Disneyland with various dress up days connecting with an assigned land for each class from Disneyland. Friday was neon and white day for their annual black light rally. The boys' basketball game was played later, and they won against Central Catholic. The Girls' basketball team is doing great with 18 wins and 2 losses. The medical academy is offering scholarships and internships and job shadowing in the medial field. They are currently learning about the nervous system. Drama is working on plays directed and produced by students and will be

performed free of charge on February 24th. Leadership is currently planning the spring sports rally and planning senior activities for the end of the year.

Tracy High School: Emerson Leiske is here tonight in place of Olivia Orcutt. She reported that the seniors of Ag Science finished their senior presentations. Students were able to vote on the most impactful teachers and Ms. Carter and Ms. Shelton were the top vote getters. Club rush will be tomorrow, and clubs are hoping to enhance their membership. Counselors never stop and they are currently working on next year schedules. Students enjoyed their formal "Meet Me in New York". They had a great turnout. Several students have signed with colleges such as Mobile University, U.C. Davis, Northridge and Sac State. The girls' soccer team are playing at West High tonight and tomorrow the boys host West High with senior night starting at 7:00. At events students can check in on the 5-star student involvement app and at the end of each semester, those with the most stars are recognized as the "Top Dogs" on campus. Winners were Emerson Leiske and Caitlin Lewandowski. Hoopla was exciting for all included spirit days, black light rally and 2 home basketball games. Each day was a spirit day with different themes. Students interested in leadership can apply starting on February 1st and close on the 13th. They will then have interviews and then decisions made. Their roaring twenties themed prom will be held in San Francisco on April 1st and tickets are \$190. We hosted Lincoln basketball but did not win. Hoopla week ended with an exciting game against the West High Wolfpack, but we unfortunately lost, but the girls' team won. At halftime, AJ Verduzco and Julia Sawin were announced as Mr. & Mrs. Bulldog

Alternative Education: Cecilia Salazar is taking the place of Olivia Stephenson tonight. She presented a power point. She showed pictures of the Tracy Young Adult Program (TYAP) and their spring garden. They will be participating in a craft fair and farmers market in Stockton on April 28th. The Qtr 2 award assembly was held and they received recognition for various achievements. Students just had a trucking field trip and the company offered to pay half of their tuition for school. Upcoming field trips will be to Delta College and union construction. Football came to an end and placed 2nd in the tournament. Basketball will be starting soon and they have new uniforms. They also are starting their first soccer program. Students start a "Thankful and Gratitude" tree where students wrote what they were thankful for and posted it to the tree. They also enjoyed a chicken and waffles breakfast prior to break. She showed several pictures of recent graduates and sporting events.

West High School: Lily Banchemo and Noah Watkins reported that their annual winter ball was great with the theme of "The Princess and the Frog". Winter sports have been at top of their games. Boys' and girls' soccer teams recently tied against Tracy High. Tonight, is the wrestling team senior night and they are doing great. The JROTC had an award ceremony. They are currently preparing for the annual blood drive which will take place February 2nd. On January 16th the BSU Club held the annual MLK Breakfast. The API club has been celebrating the Lunar New Year with traditional red and yellow balloons. They have been engaging students in their culture during lunchtime. Senior nights are bittersweet and many of our teams are celebrating their seniors. Basketball officially started and they stole the win from Tracy last week. Preparations for the Slam Jam festivities are underway. Students will be taking a field trip to Hawkins, Indiana and traveling back in time to the 80s. The rally, dance and game will be held on February 10th. Prom will be held at the

Exploratorium on March 25th. It is filled with beautiful colors and lights. The kaleidoscope theme is fitting. It has been a cold January but they are excited for what is in store for the rest of the year.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 North School

Principal, Susan Hawkins, and Assistant Principal, Juan Lopez presented a power point. Students are our future. They want their students and staff to stay connected. In staff meetings, they review best practices, and is a time to reflect and to work on how to help students succeed. Every morning they greet families and students. Many teachers have special welcomes for their students. Tracy Police Department comes once a year and greets families and pass out pencils and stickers and talk about safety. In the classroom, students are working together, and they showed pictures of projects and experiments. Also, 8th grade science students work with 5th grade to build solar cities. They create together, talk and discuss to find best solutions using the STEM model. They are excited to have intervention. In all classes K-5 they are working on reading and math support. This year they have a full-time counselor who is amazing. They also have Valley Community Counseling, Sow-a-Seed and FACES 5 days a week. The 5th grade has DARE to help them make good choices. All staff members are part of the intervention team. High school counselors come and meet with the 8th graders. Students are also exposed to various high school clubs and activities such as Tracy High drama club, CTE childcare, West High Ag Academy, JROTC and Jaguar Project. After school students can join the Boys and Girls Club every day where they get help with homework, food, sports, intervention and have a safe place to be. Last week they had STEM night and families came together to learn about STEM activities and had an opportunity to look through the telescope and look at planets. Craft night is held once a year. Over 400 people attend and participate in building gingerbread houses, have cocoa, decorator ornaments and cookies. They offer music at North for 4th through 8th graders and students also enjoy the dances. They also have face painting, photo booth, food and conversation. The next dance is February 17th from 5:00-7:00 pm. To keep families informed they have informational meetings such as for 8th grade parent meetings, EL info meetings, PIQE for all and Aeries informational evenings. They invited the board to come to North and see all of the happenings.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services:

10.1.1

10.2 Educational Services:

10.2.1 Receive Report on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Director of Curriculum & Accountability, Dr. Zack Boswell, presented a power point which reviewed the scores over the last few years. He showed several graphs of nearly ELA, Math and Science scores. Many are doing well in science likely due to our STEM grant and work we have done. He also showed comparative charts with the district, county, and state scores. We closely following the state and county levels.

10.2.2 Receive Report on the Tracy Unified School District Induction Program
Director of Professional Learning, Erin Quintana and Program Administrator of Professional Learning, Ms. Jennifer Kassel, presented a

power point. They acknowledged their TOSA team as well. She reviewed their pathway for preliminary credential holders to clear credentials which is a 2-year program. They are offered one-on-one support to work on individualized plan. They attend orientation and quarterly workshops which include RICA and TPA support. There are currently 69 teachers enrolled. They have partnered with UMASS to offer units. There are 44 mentors in support of the program. They have partnered with MiraVia and encourage mentors to attend coaching workshops with candidates. To improve their program, they get feedback from surveys, exit interviews and CTC survey. Then showed a few responses from the survey. They also reviewed the 7-year accreditation cycle. We are currently in year 6 and there will be a site visit this year which will be virtual on March 20th. An induction celebration will be held on May 2nd in the Tracy High cafeteria. All are invited all to come.

10.2.3 Receive Report on Instructional Materials Adoptions

Director of IMC, Dr. Debra Schneider, presented a power point which reviewed the adoption process. A teacher committee is formed who does an analysis of the course and then reviews what materials are available. There is a presentation to curriculum council and then a recommendation. The committee, with representatives from all 3 high schools, comes to an evidence-based consensus. They reviewed 10 publishers and narrowed it down to 2 each. They recommend Vista Higher Learning. They found that this was better aligned to standards and framework. Dr Schneider then reviewed the rationale and next steps. A public review will be from January 18th through February 17th. She will be back on February 14th to approve these materials and if approved, will be in use in 2023.24 school year. She talked about print v. digital. They are proposing that we buy digital and 1 year of workbooks. They will then assess to see if they are using them or not. This is an 8-year adoption.

Hearing of Delegations

11. Connie Raya is here tonight to speak as a concerned citizen and parent. She saw an article in the Tracy Press about the arrest of Trustee Blanco. She was disappointed that an elected leader had a felony charge against her and that the district could not do anything about it. Board members should be leaders, role models, law abiding, responsible adults. If this happened to a staff member there would be consequences for their actions. She believes Trustee Blanco should step down and keep the integrity of this board and community intact.

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 13.2.4 and amending 13.2.6.

Silcox, Hawkins. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

Action: On Item 13.2.4.

Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

13.1 **Administrative & Business Services:**

- 13.1.1 Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/
Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2022/23 School Year
- 13.1.2 Authorize Associate Superintendent of Business Services to Enter into
Agreement to Dispose of Damaged, Obsolete and Surplus Furniture,
Computers, and Equipment through Disposal Service
- 13.1.3 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
- 13.1.4 Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (October, November and
December 2022) (Separate Cover)
- 13.1.5 Approve Payroll Reports (October, November and December 2022)
(Separate Cover)
- 13.1.6 Approve Revolving Cash Fund Reports (October, November and
December 2022)

- 13.2 **Educational Services:**
- 13.2.1 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Solution Tree and
Tracy Unified School District for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.2 Approve Tracy Independent Study Charter School (SARC) School
Accountability Report Card for the 2021-2022 School Year (Separate
Cover)
- 13.2.3 Approve all Tracy Unified School District School Accountability Report
Cards (SARCs) for the 2021-2022 School Year (Separate Cover)
- 13.2.4 Approve Revised School Site Plan and Budget for the Remainder of the
2022 - 2023 School Year (Separate Cover)
- 13.2.5 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Parent Institute for
Quality Education (PIQE) and George Kelly School for the 2022-2023
School Year
- 13.2.6 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services Rachel's Challenge
Assemblies at George Kelly School for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.7 Receive Update on Quarterly Williams Complaint Report for the
Quarter Ending January 15, 2023
- 13.2.8 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between #ICanHelp and Tracy
High School for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.9 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with iTutor.Com and
Tracy High School to Provide Tutoring Services for Tracy High Students
for the Remainder of the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.10 Approve Agreement for Contract Services with The Fisher Agency–
Monti Washington for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 13.2.11 Approve Overnight Travel for the Tracy High School Varsity Softball
Team to Participate in the Monterey Peninsula Softball Tournament in
Monterey, CA on March 10- 11, 2023
- 13.2.12 Approve Service Agreement between PAPER Education Company Inc.
and West High School for the Remainder of the 2022-2023 School Year
through February 2024 (Separate Cover)
- 13.2.13 Approve Service Agreement between PAPER Education Company, Inc.
and Williams Middle School for the Remainder of the 2022-2023 School
Year through February 2024 (Separate Cover)

13.2.14 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between LCS-Training and the TUSD Special Education Dept. for Training, Consultation, Analysis, and Support for the remainder of the 2022-2023 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 Adopt Resolution 22-07 Resolution of Intention to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large Elections to By-Trustee Area Elections

Attorney William Tunic with DWK explained Items 14.1.1 and 14.1.2 regarding trustee area elections.

Action: Blanco, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.1.2 Direct Staff to Retain Demographer for Election Transition (Separate Cover)

Action: Directed superintendent to negotiate with Cooperative Strategies and/or National Demographics for best Hawkins, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

Board Reports:

Trustee Blanco thanked everyone for coming. She enjoyed hearing from North School and about the Alternative Ed programs. It's great to see our students and teachers are given great opportunities. Trustee Hoffert thanked everyone for coming tonight. He enjoyed the high school reports. This upcoming week is Holocaust remembrance. It shows what hate will do and why we need to remember. Trustee Fagin thanked all for coming out and taking interest in our kids. He enjoyed all of the reports and realizes the effort and time that goes into making these reports. Trustee Alexander thanked everyone for the student reports and other schools. She also thanked the audience for coming. Trustee Hawkins thanked everyone for coming and all of the presenters. It's nice to hear what's going on. He enjoys going to sites to see what's going on and encourages others to do so too. Trustee Silcox passed. Trustee Abercrombie congratulated West High School and the organizers of the MLK Breakfast. It was a great turnout. He thanked all speakers. He feels we need to take a pause in light of what's happening nationally as well as in our district. We need to look at how to best service our students and staff and provide resources.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot thanked all who attended the MLK Breakfast. He also thanked Ms. Browne for allowing him to be a part of the Ag Science senior projects at Tracy High. It was a great experience. Lastly, he thanked our counselors. They do a great job and in the last few months have been busy working on class schedules and tally sheets to help plan for the next school year.

Adjourn: 8:35 pm



Clerk

2-14-23

Date