

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

- 6:15 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
Absent: J. Silcox
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, S. Smith
- 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 of Action Taken on Approve School Site Safety Plans for the
3.1.1 2023-24 School Year
Action: **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 6b** Action Taken on Finding of Facts: 22/23#73, 22/23#74, 22/23#75,
3.2.1 22/23#76, 22/23#77, 22/23#78, 22/23#79, 22/23#80, 22/23#81
Action: Hawkins, Fagin **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 6c** Report Out of Action Taken on Reinstatements: AR#22-23/#31
3.2.2
Action: **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 6d** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for
3.3.1 Classified Employee, #UC-443
Action: **Vote:** Yes-4; No-1 (Alexander); Absent-1 (Silcox). Board Denied
- 6e** Report Out of Action Taken on Approve Resolution #22-14 Regarding
3.3.2 the Release and/or Reassignment of Employees #UC-1333 and #UC-1334
Action: No vote, item pulled.
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of February 28, 2023.**
Action: Fagin, Hawkins **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- Audience:** Reed Call, Lori Nelson, Tanya Calderon, Anthony Flores, Jacqui Nott, Zachary Boswell, Pia De Rosa, Bill Maslyar, Jason Noll, Walter Gouveia, Mercedes Silveira, Erika Nunez, Debra Schneider, Yesenia Huerta
- Student Rep Reports:** **8.1 West High FFA:** Nicolle Guadarrama’s career development event this year is Poultry Judging, where you compete against other chapters around California, evaluating poultry products. She is also raising a market lamb for the 2023 AG Fest. Tonight, they are showcasing their pathways in opportunities available to their members. Remus Kubik, past state champion, informs she is also currently raising a market lamb. During this experience she is learning the responsibilities of caring for an animal. She is also one of four people who are caring for a market swine for AG Fest that is taking place at the San Joaquin County Fair Grounds this June. This

is her second year showing a pig at AG Fest and it has been a great experience. They have four people raising goats, one raising a lamb, and three people raising poultry for the same event. Eliana Zepeda is a high placing individual in nursery and landscape. She is speaking on behalf of the Floral Pathway at WHS where she is learning the basics of putting together floral arrangements. As they advance, they are working with live products which they distribute to local customers. There are many ways to be involved in and outside of their chapter. She also participates in the schools Nursery Landscape CDE which builds horticultural skills through competing. February 28th through March 3rd, their chapter president, Joselyn Silveira went to Sacramento's Leadership Experience, a conference that was only open to 75 seniors across California. It allowed students to participate in a mock legislative process. February 1st, they held their annual speaking contest, members from within the section, came to compete.

8.2 Tracy High FFA: Katie Morelos, Tracy High FFA Chapter Treasurer, and Payton Ulloa, Vice President shared what has been happening since they last presented to the board. At the end of October, they had the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 95th Annual FFA Convention. While there, they went to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, visited the Louisville Slugger Museum, attending a session, and so much more. In January, they had three students submit their state FFA degree application, all three students will be receiving their State FFA degree. This degree is the highest honor bestowed by the state. The students will be honored at an awards ceremony in upcoming months. They had a great turnout at their Tracy FFA Foundation Crab Feed and are very grateful for the community that came out and supported their chapter. They were honored during a board of supervisors meeting, in which their own Kathy Morelos started the pledge of allegiance. The proclamation was to honor FFA week. Some upcoming effects include attending the 95th Annual State FFA conference later this week, volunteering at AG Venture in Tracy and volunteering to help at the Tracy Breakfast Lions cioppino feed. On Thursday, their advisors will be taking 13 students to the state conference in Ontario, CA. At the Tracy AG Venture we will give local third graders a chance to see, hear, smell, and touch agriculture; a chance they might not otherwise have.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 Tracy Adult School: Adult School Principal, Sam Strube, presented along with current and past adult school students Leila Alie, Safia Safi, and Erika Nunez. In the city of Tracy, there are 7,155 adults with less than a high school diploma. Also 9,230 adults who speak English less than well (as categorized by the 2020 Census). Adult School is a state funded program and a school of community need. They offer state designed and funded programs which include ESL, Citizenship Preparation, Adult Basic Education, High School Diploma, and High School Equivalency Certification. They also offer a Credit Recovery program where students from high schools in the district are able to make up 'F' grades. Their current enrollment is at 1,600. The ESL students participate in an ESL Café, in which, students have a class where they learn to work with the public, handle money, and sell breakfast snacks. Adult School offers technology for ESL students, teaching them computers, etc. They are partners with Delta College, offering transitions to certificate programs and assistance with job placement. Some students are currently participating in dual enrollment, where they are enrolled at the adult school while taking classes and earning credits at Delta College.

Laila Alie, came into the US one year and eight months ago. She has been taking classes for eight months now and, during this time, has worked in the ESL Café. She loves the classes and teachers and has learned a lot from them. Safia Safi is from Afghanistan and arrived to the US eight months ago. She began learning English online and then switched to in person classes. She is now able to give this speech because of the support received from the teachers and school. Erika Nunez, moved to Tracy a year ago. She originally went to the adult school to enroll her son who was short on credits. Erika did not have a diploma; she was a young teenage mom and didn't finish school. The staff at the adult school strongly encouraged her to enroll in the program and they continued to encourage her every week while she attended classes. Erika was offered a grant that was only available to her if she received a high school diploma. She was able to obtain her diploma, pass her state test, and now is a mental health specialist working with Sow a Seed with an opportunity to become a supervisor. This wouldn't have been possible if the Tracy Adult School did not support and encourage her. The adult school is very special to her.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services:

10.2 Educational Services:

10.2.1 Receive Report on Instructional Materials Adoptions

Dr. Debra Schneider, Director of the Instructional Media Center explained their process for instructional material adoptions. The course of focus is Introduction to Law. There was only one program suitable for this high school course, McGraw Hills Street Law: A Course in Practical Law. Mr. Donovan Pruitt is in his fourth year at KHS, with nineteen years in education. He taught an equivalent of this class at another district, which was part of an academy in criminal law and justice. The book is broken down into 45 chapters, it covers the entire field of law, including criminal, juvenile, family, consumer, and environmental law. It provides a diverse scope of cases and real-world scenarios to engage students in analytical thinking with project-based learning along the way. Materials are available for public viewing in the IMC through March 22.

Hearing of Delegations

11. None.

Public Hearing:

12.1 None.

Consent Items:

13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance is conditioned upon acceptance of appropriate insurance accepted by Tracy Unified.

Action: Fagin, Hawkins **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).

13.2.10 Approved as Amended.

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

13.1.1 Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (January 2023) (Separate Cover)

13.1.2 Approve Payroll Reports (January 2023)

13.1.3 Approve Revolving Cash Fund Reports (January 2023)

13.1.4 Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

13.1.5 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

13.2 Educational Services:

13.2.1 Approve Out of State Travel for GATE Staff to Attend the National Association for Gifted Children Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, November 9-13, 2023

13.2.2 Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SJCOE for K-5 STEM Professional Learning at Jacobson Elementary School

13.2.3 Approve Overnight Travel for Kimball High School HOSA: Future Health Professionals Student Members and Advisors to Participate in the California State Leadership Conference in Sacramento, California, March 22-25, 2023

13.2.4 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Faith in Action Community Education (F.A.C.E.S.) and Duncan Russell Community Day School and North Elementary School for the 2022-2023 School Year

13.2.5 Approve Increase in Funding for Summa Academy NPS for the Remainder of the 2022-2023 School Year

13.2.6 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Freedom Soul Media Education Initiatives and West High School for the 2022-2023 School Year

13.2.7 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Teen Truth, LLC and West High School for the 2022-2023 School Year

13.2.8 Approve Overnight Travel for the Tracy High School Mock Trial Team and Advisors to Attend the Mock Trial State Championship in Los Angeles, CA, on March 16-19, 2023

13.2.9 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between ExploreLearning Reflex and North School for the 2022-2023 School Year

13.2.10 Approve Out of State Travel for Educational Services Staff to attend the Learning Forward Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida on June 25-28, 2023

13.2.11 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services between Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) and North School for 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

13.3.3 Certify that Provisions of Section 5593 Regarding Coaches Have Been Met

Action Items:

14.1 Administrative & Business Services:

14.1.1 Approve 2022-23 and 2023-24 Transportation Plan

Action: Hawkins, Fagin Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).

Tania Salinas, Associate Superintendent for Business Services, provided information regarding the Second Interim Report, which includes data as of January 31st, 2023. The Second Interim Report is a snapshot in time which covers November 1 through January 31 each fiscal year. The report must include a certification of whether or not the district is able to meet its financial obligations. The certifications are classified as positive, qualified, or negative. Our three-year projection includes a positive certification. The district has a net deficit spending over the next three years, however, as pointed out, deficit spending up to 3 million is considered a balanced budget. In our third year out, we are projecting a deficit of \$13 million dollars. This report shows us, the district needs to be cautious in what we are spending, looking two years out. TUSD, along with educational partners, prioritize all expenditures to maintain a balanced budget through the LCAP process. We will continue to anticipate changes to maintain fiscal responsibility.

- 14.1.2** Certify 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Second Interim Report (Separate Cover)
Action: Hawkins, Fagin Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 14.1.3** Approve the Purchase of Additional Rational Ovens for the Tracy High Kitchen
Action: Fagin, Hawkins Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 14.1.4** Adopt Resolution 22-13 to Accept the Department of General Services Resolution to Acquire Surplus Property
Action: Fagin, Alexander Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 14.1.5** Approve Revisions to the Board Governance Handbook (Separate Cover)
Action: Hawkins, Alexander Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
- 14.1.6** Approve and Appoint Screening Committee for Kimball High School Theater
Action: Motion to Appoint Student Emma Sawin: Abercrombie, Fagin.
Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Silcox).
Motion to Appoint Trustee Zachary Hoffert: Hoffert, Fagin.
Vote: Yes-5; No-0, Absent-1 (Silcox).
The committee will consist of Principal, Traci Mitchell; Former Administrator, Casey Goodall; Parent/Teacher, Laura Nunes, Secretary, Audrey Harrison; Board Trustee, Zachary Hoffert; Student, Emma Sawin. Administrator, Tania Salinas, will serve as the Chairperson.

14.2 **Educational Services:** None.

14.3 **Human Resources:** None.

Board Reports:

Trustee Hoffert thanked everyone for coming out, he enjoyed the presentations. Trustee Fagin thanked everyone for being a participant in helping our students be successful, this is his main goal. Trustee Alexander thanked everyone for coming out, she enjoyed the presentations. Trustee Hawkins thanked the audience for coming out to see what is going on in the district. He enjoyed learning more about what is happening within our adult school program. Trustee Abercrombie thanked and congratulated Mr. Moehnke from West High School. He invited him to the robotics event this weekend and took the time to explain the scoring system. It was an incredible event, and it was awesome to see the kid's excitement. He also congratulated the KHS Drama Club, they did a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and made

\$1,800! Trustee Abercrombie also wanted to particularly thank Mr. Michael Stagnaro and Ms. April Jacobs who were involved in a hearing with some disrespectful people and they were very respectful and represented Tracy Unified very well. From the Parks and Rec Commission in the City of Tracy, they are moving forward with a rec center that will be at El Pescadero Park. This will be a great asset to that area, students at North will love going there. They also recommended approving a BMX course at Clyde Bland Park near Freiler school.

**Superintendent
Report:**

Dr. Pecot shared that we speak of inclusion and equity all the time in education; but to see it live, with students and adults coming in from different levels, it is refreshing. He is glad the Adult School program is so helpful to the community.

Adjourn: 7:45

Clerk

Date