

# November 6, 2023 TTSD School Board

## Meeting Minutes

Tigard-Tualatin School District, 23J

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### **Board Members Present:**

Tristan Irvin, Chair  
David Jaimes, Vice Chair  
Kristen Miles  
Jill Zurschmeide  
Crystal Weston

### **Administrators Present:**

Dr. Susan Rieke-Smith, Superintendent  
Dr. Lisa McCall, Assistant Superintendent  
Traci Rose, Director, Communications  
Susan Barnard, Director, IT  
Darin Barnard, Director, Bond/Operations  
Todd Robson, Director, Teaching & Learning  
Len Reed, Director, Human Resources  
Jarvis Gomes, Administrator, Operations

### **Others Present:**

Patty Roberts, Executive Assistant  
Thor Kuhn, Teacher & Technology Specialist  
Atticus Beckley, Student Representative, CCHS  
Owen Ahlbrecht, Student Representative, Tigard HS

Jamie Hartmann, Student Representative, Tualatin HS  
Rima Hussein, Student Representative, Tigard HS  
Briana Castellanos Zuniga, Student Representative, THS  
Lily Story, Student Representative, Tualatin HS  
Kelli Schlegelmilch, Program Manager, Comunicare  
Nathan Ruybalid, Student, Tualatin HS  
Sydney Smith, Student, Tualatin HS  
Marsh Tiedemann, Student, CCHS  
Akash Balakumar, Student, Tualatin HS  
Robin Bridgeman, Parent, Hazelbrook MS & Tualatin HS  
Kris Hodapp Baker, Parent, Templeton ES & Tigard HS  
Dale Baker, Parent, Templeton ES & Tigard HS  
Trudy Mills, Tigard Community Member  
Lynda Boatwright, HMS  
Isabel Juarez, Community Member  
Andrea Van Hagen, Sr. Program Coordinator, Comunicare  
Victoria King, Parent, Byrom ES & Hazelbrook MS  
Brad Vest, Parent, Twality MS  
Caroline Westman, Parent, Bridgeport ES  
Anna Murphy, Parent  
Matt Weisker, WCGoP  
*And*  
Members of the Community via the Internet

*(Please access the online video of this meeting, through the TTSD YouTube Channel, for full verbiage in its entirety.)*

## **I. REGULAR SESSION ~ 6:29 P.M.**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Irvin convened this Board meeting of the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board of Directors to order at 6:30 PM at the Tigard-Tualatin Training Center, at 9550 SW Murdock St., Tigard, OR 97224. This Board meeting was streamed live on the [TTSD YouTube Channel](#). Chair Irvin explained the organization and order of our meeting, as some patrons, watching online, have asked for more information about how our TTSD meetings are run.

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA ~ 6:33 PM**

Chair Irvin asked Superintendent Rieke-Smith if there are any changes to the agenda. Superintendent Rieke-Smith shared that there are no changes to the agenda. Director Zurschmeide requested that the Item #3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Board Policies be removed from the consent agenda and moved to VIII. ACTION ITEMS, after REPORTS & DISCUSSION. Chair Irvin asked for a MOTION to approve the agenda and Consent Agenda, as amended. Director Zurschmeide made a MOTION to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda consisting of the Human Resources/Personnel Report, CTE Revitalization Grant Application, Resolution 2324-06: To Support Restricting the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products and Protecting Students from a Lifetime of Nicotine Addiction, and PROCLAMATION: Honoring TTSD Veterans and All Veterans in the TTSD Community, as amended. Director Weston seconded the MOTION. Chair Irvin asked for discussion. There was no discussion. The MOTION carried unanimously, 5-0. The MOTION passed.

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### **III. RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS ~ 6:35 PM**

#### **A. Celebrate Partnership with Communicare Oregon ~ Time: 6:35 PM**

Traci Rose, Community Relations Director, introduced Kelli Schlegelmilch, Project Manager, Comunicare with the Harold and Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation, that provides an opportunity for TTSD students to learn about the needs of their community and how to become leaders through community service and the grantmaking process. The hope is that students will continue to be leaders in the future. She shared information using a PowerPoint Presentation, a link can be found in the agenda. Students who presented information regarding the Comunicare program included: Nathan Ruybalid, Akash Balakumar and Sidney Smith, from Tualatin HS and Atticus Beckley and Marsh Tiedemann, from CCHS.

Board Members shared the following questions and comments:

- Thanks to all the students for all of their work.
- Thank you for this amazing program that teaches our students about leadership and collaboration skills, etc.
- It is nice to see a program that gives back to the community as well as to our students.
- How did the students determine how to allocate this funding?

#### **B. To Honor TTSD Veterans ~ Time: 6:49 PM**

Traci Rose, Community Relations Director, shared that tonight the Board is asked to honor and recognize the following Tigard-Tualatin staff who have served and continue to serve our community and country: Amy West, Tualatin ES, Matt Hamilton, Tualatin HS, Cindy Pellicci, Fowler MS, Roger Dessert, Student Services, Tyler Swepston, Operations, Michael Zienkiewicz, Transportation, Richard Salboro, Hazelbrook MS, Daniel Sanchez, Hazelbrook MS, Nathan Stanley, Tualatin HS, Zach Cooper, Tualatin HS, and Robert O'Dell, Transportation, Michael Elliott, Transportation, Jason Depp, Byrom ES, Kyle Mueller, Tigard HS, Karen Rotunno, Hazelbrook MS, and Mike Clayton, Transportation. Director Rose stated that the Board has approved a Proclamation, found in the Consent Agenda, to honor our TTSD Veterans & All Veterans in the TTSD Community. She shared a PowerPoint Presentation, in honor of National Veteran's Day, a link can be found in the agenda.

Board Members shared the following questions and comments:

- Thank you for your service.
- Service to your country is really a selfless act. I appreciate that we have so many staff members who have served kids and our country.

### **IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ~ Time: 6:42 PM**

**Olivia Trone**, Tualatin HS Student Representative, was absent this evening.

**Atticus Beckley**, Creekside Community HS Student Representative, shared;

- Halloween was fun
- Are having a Day of the Dead celebration and CCHS was very excited about it as well.

**Owen Ahlbrecht**, Tigard HS Student Representative, shared;

- Excited for the long weekend, No School November!
- There was a celebrity sitting last week in Tigard HS, and I was pleased to see Dr. Sue in our halls and going through and seeing how Tigard High is run, going from bus pickup and drop-off, to transition and lunches and how each individual class is going. was pleased to see Dr. Sue in our halls.

**Briana Castellanos-Zuniga**, Tigard HS Student Representative, shared;

- School is running smooth!
- The end of the quarter is this week and students are rushing to get their assignments in before Wednesday.
- The Football team won their 1<sup>st</sup> round of playoffs, and Friday they play against Sherwood.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> was exciting and stressful day for our Seniors because many college applications were due.

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**Jamie Hartmann**, Tualatin HS Student Representative, shared;

- Tualatin Football won over Tigard and Roosevelt, in the past two weeks. And, should both Tualatin and Tigard football teams win again this week, we could see a rematch in the playoffs next week.
- We've had a lot of fire alarms this week, because they are working on the system, to update it.

**Lily Story**, Tualatin HS Student Representative, shared;

- Intercambio has their first mentoring session tomorrow, Tuesday, 11/8/2023. We are really excited to welcome the Twality MS and Hazelbrook MS students to Tualatin HS and the Fowler MS and Twality MS student to Tigard HS.

#### **V. SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD COMMUNICATION ~ Time: 6:53 PM**

Dr. Sue Rieke-Smith, Superintendent shared:

- Met with the TTEA Behavior and Discipline Committee and provided them with a beginning draft of the policy addressing aggression and violence. And we sought their feedback, which was provided for the second draft.
- On 10/31, I judged the annual Tualatin HS staff Halloween costume contest. The costumes were amazing.
- Had the opportunity to spend time with Thor and the technology production students, who produced this week's Two with Dr. Sue segment.
- I have made a commitment to be in schools, for extended periods of time, so I can get into classrooms. I've been into about 1/3 of the Tigard HS classrooms, and I will continue those visits. I've been able to assist in the halls and during lunch duty and have some really great conversations with kids.
- Sit with Sue, this week, will be at Twality MS.
- Nothing would please me more then to have a rematch of the Tigard and Tualatin football playoffs at the Hillsboro stadium.

Board members shared:

- It's been a busy couple of weeks, with:
  - Sit With Sue's
  - World Language Curriculum Committee
  - Math Curriculum Adoption
  - Long Range Facility Planning
  - Writing/drafting the new policy and up to draft four or five and I am looking forward to the community meeting on Thursday.
- I am looking forward to the OSBA Convention this coming weekend.
  - I am hoping that we can each give a synopsis of what we hear and learn at the convention, at our next meeting.
- Have been participating in the English language development curriculum committee and I have learned a lot.
- I look forward to everyone's comments on Thursday and thank you to everyone's work on the policies pertaining to violence in schools. I look forward to seeing that continue to develop.
- Shared thoughts on the topic of resources
- I appreciate being on the Policy Committee, and we have had one meeting since the last time we were here.
- Also looking forward to the OSBA Convention, where I will be presenting.
- Fun experience to attend Junior Achievement program BizTown with my 5<sup>th</sup> grader.
- We had Art in the Burbs, which was a smashing success.
- We had some new community members attend the Long-Range Facilities Planning meeting.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ~ 7:06 PM**

Chair Irvin shared that the Tigard-Tualatin School Board meetings are public meetings where the business of the Board is conducted in an open meeting for the public to observe as required by law, however regular public comment at board meetings is a policy choice of the Board and is not a legal requirement. As the Board values the input from our students, parents and district community members that we serve. The Board provides these

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opportunities for community members to provide input on important topics. In addition to public comment, community members may submit written comments to the Board secretary, Patty Roberts, at each meeting or email comments directly to the Board. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes for each comment and should be brief and concise. Speakers may offer objective criticism of school operations and programs. The Board will not hear complaints concerning specific personnel.

- Kris Hodapp Baker, 97223: Topic: “Regarding policy changes that can be made regarding the violence in the schools – stated in a positive way.”

## **VII. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS ~ 7:11 PM**

### **A. First Reading: Board Policies** – Presenter: Len Reed

Len Reed, Director of Human Resources, reviewed the proposed updates to the following Board Policies for first reading, including:

GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Medical Leave (Version 1)

GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Medical Leave

GCBDF/GDBDC – Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance

These policies will be brought back before the Board on November 20, 2023 for second reading & approval.

Board members provided the following questions & comments:

- I really appreciate having this policy.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS ~ Time: 7:15 PM.**

*(This agenda item was added to the ACTION ITEMS and was removed from the Consent Agenda by Director Zurschmeide, for further discussion)*

### **A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Board Policies** – Presenter: Len Reed ~ Time: 7:15 PM

Director Jill Zurschmeide explained her concerns regarding board Policy BD/BDA: Board Meetings, and she pointed out that on page 3, of the policy, section 2: Communications outside of a board meeting may contain. . . She stated that the language that bothers her is the signature language, it is not legally binding. She said it simply isn't best practice. This language is not state law, and we are not required by law to include this language. She suggested that the Board amend this policy to either delete this paragraph entirely or change to be permissive language, for example: we encourage board members to do this, or it is recommended that. . . Director Zurschmeide also suggested that the Board change the words “other board members” to “fellow board members”.

Board members shared:

- I like that Director Zurschmeide brought up these points for discussion, and I support changing the language to “are encouraged to” instead of shall.
- I appreciate your fix of suggesting it. I agree that policy should be broad, however, some policies have specifics in them. I would support changing it to encouraging “other board members” to our “fellow board members”.
- I appreciate and support your compromise of leaving the language in with some caveats.
- I want to thank Director Zurschmeide for the points that she brought up, and I think that they are very insightful. I think that leaving it in with some permissive language is a great compromise.

The Board agreed to approve, see MOTION below, the policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading with an amendment to Policy BD/BDA: Board Meetings, found on Page 3, after Section 2a, after #4: as follows:

It is recommended that e-mails sent to ~~other~~ fellow Board members ~~will~~ have the following notice:

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Director Zurschmeide made a MOTION to approve Board Policies BD/BDA – Board Meetings and BDC – Executive Sessions, as amended for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Director Weston seconded the MOTION. Chair Irvin asked for discussion. There was no further discussion. The MOTION carried unanimously, 5-0. The MOTION passed.

**IX. BOARD MEMBER REFLECTION TIME ~ Time: 7:28 PM**

Chair Irvin noted that this agenda item is provided for the Board to provide reflection at the end of their meeting to have an opportunity to discuss, or talk about items to have on a future agenda or if there is something that the Board would like to talk through. This agenda item is available on an as needed basis. *There was no board member reflection this evening.*

**X. ADJOURN ~ 7:28 PM**

Board Chair Irvin adjourned the Board meeting of the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board of Directors at 7:28 PM.

APPROVED BOARD MEETING


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CHAIRMAN:

CLERK:



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