

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

- 6:30 PM:** 1-2. President Abercrombie called the meeting to order.
- Student AR#24-25/#06 spoke before the board prior to the closed session vote.
- 6:34 PM:** 3. Adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, O. Alexander, R. Fagin, L. Hawkins, Z. Hoffert, J. Silcox.
Absent: N. Kahlon.
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, Z. Boswell, 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** Action Taken on Finding of Facts: 24/25#03, 24/25#04
3.2.1
Action: Silcox, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6b** Report Out of Action Taken on Reinstatements: AR#24-25/#03, AR#24-25/#04, AR#24-25/#05, AR#24-25/#06, AR#24-25/#07
3.2.2
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6c** Report Out of Action Taken on Early Graduation: WHS#10356526
3.2.3
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6d** Report Out of Action Taken on PE Exemptions: WHS#10356318
3.2.4
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6e** Report Out of Action Taken on Ratify Funding for Mileage
3.2.5 Reimbursement Per Confidential Settlement Agreement
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6f** Report Out of Action Taken on Approve Funding for Reimbursement Per
3.2.6 Confidential Settlement Agreement
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6g** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for
3.3.1 Certificated Employee #UC-1385
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 6h** Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Unpaid Leave of Absence for
3.3.2 Certificated Employee #UC-1386
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of August 13, 2024.**
Action: Alexander, Hoffert. **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon); Abstain-1 (Silcox).

Audience: Traci Mitchell, Jason Noll, Marlene Hepner, Stacy Johnson, Anthony Irizarry, Marji Baumann, Tinoush Shahhosseini, Jake Hallen, Jenna Rodriguez, Janiyah Haymon, Martha Arguello, Deborah Tarnowski, Natalie Cota, Desiree Santana, Faye Harris, Dominique Mason

Student Rep Reports: **8.1 Alternative Education:** Joshua Diaz is a senior at Stein High School. This is his last meeting as he is graduating! The English 4 Career Tech class has been introducing students to cosmetology and Economics students are learning how to make smart investment decisions. At Stein, they have welcomed new staff including a new counselor, secretary and 3 alternative education teachers. In sports, their first volleyball tournament is coming up. Joshua introduced their new student representative, Brooke Gunn.

Tracy High: Dayson Balsano is the new student representative for Tracy High. In fall sports, THS football dominated WHS at all levels and last Friday was an invitational for cross country. They have started a biweekly spotlight on athletics. The first interviews were with the football coaches. Last week was club rush week and many new clubs have been formed. They also held a senior sunrise. Friday is their back-to-school rally; classes have put a lot of work into it. This year they are happy to have the Boys and Girls Club on campus to support the student's needs.

West High: Noah Watkins and Lucia Noor Behnam shared the new school year activities which began with freshman orientation and a mini carnival. The first day of school included a red carpet welcome then they went right into rush week. Friday West held a back-to-school rally where students showed creativity, dressing in their various themes, and ended the night with a dance. Next week is senior sunrise. This year's home coming theme is Nintendo and on September 27th West is hosting their homecoming festival.

Kimball High: Andrew Henano Megia provided a Kimball update. In the first weeks of school, they had guest speakers from many colleges. In athletics, their Athletic Director is implementing an Athlete of the Week program and football has been moved into the TCAL league. The student body has been split up differently this year. They have implemented the house system where each grade level is separated by last name into four houses to encourage a sense of unity throughout the school. They have seen a increase in participation.

Recognition & Presentations: **9.1 Recognize West High School FFA Students who Placed First and Won Awards at the San Joaquin County AgFest Competition**
Angelina Cruz, Nicolle Guadarrama, Peyton DeCoite and Jessie Davis excelled at the AgFest Competition in various categories. They were presented with certificates.

9.2 Recognize Marlene Hepner for Being Awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree
The Honorary American FFA Degree is the highest degree given out by FFA to Agriculture Teachers. The Degree is awarded to individuals who have provided exceptional service on a national level to agricultural education. Ms. Hepner was presented with a certificate. She will be recognized in Indianapolis this October for her achievement.

9.3 Villalovoz Elementary School Principal Marji Baumann presented along with Assistant Principal, Hannah Green, Deborah Tarnowski, Natalie Cota and Martha Arguello. As a staff, their goals are positivity, the multi-tiered system of support STEM, Lesson Studies and Intentionality. Their Parent Café covers a variety of support to parents and offers workshops to provide knowledge and skills. Their before and after school intervention is run by Deborah and Natalie where they incorporate math, reading and confidence building. They alternate grade levels so all the students are able to participate. During the day, in the corrective reading program, they offer instructional support designed to assist individuals to improve their reading. Villalovoz has enrolled 30 students that are new to the country, Martha Arguello gives them the extra support and tools to help them to improve their English language skills. The staff works very hard to ensure all students have the support to be successful.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

Hearing of Delegations

11. Desiree Santana spoke regarding her experience with an intra-district transfer. Her child attends WHS. She was at KHS up until now in the MHSA program and was removed from the program without any communication. Last year an intra was received and the request was revoked over the summer. Her daughter participated in senior preparations for KHS over the summer. There was no consideration taken into their situation. She believes there have been systemic failures to her child and a senior should not be abruptly forced to leave. She worked very hard last year and made-up courses in summer school. Sometimes things are not as blanket as a child's zip code.

Public Hearing:

12.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

Consent Items:

13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance is conditioned upon receipt of appropriate insurance by Tracy Unified. Action: Silcox, Hawkins. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

13.1.1 Approve Out of State Travel for the Director of Food Services and the Coordinator of Food Services to Attend the American Commodities Distribution Association 2025 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 12-16, 2025

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 Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (July 2024) (Separate Cover)

13.1.4 Approve Payroll Reports (July 2024)

13.1.5 Approve Revolving Cash Fund Reports (July 2024)

13.1.6 Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/ Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2024/25 School Year

13.1.7 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 Specialized Grant Funding for the 2024-25 Agriculture Incentive Grant for West High School
- 13.2.2** Approve Agreement for Contract Services Between San Joaquin County Office of Education, STEM Department and TUSD for School Field Trips to the FabLab for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 13.2.3** Approve Agreement for Contract Services Between San Joaquin County Office of Education, STEM Department and TUSD for School Field Trips to the Durham Ferry Outdoor Education Center for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 13.2.4** Approve Agreement for Contract Services with Imagine Learning, Inc. to Provide On-line Curriculum Licenses to the Tracy Independent Study Charter School for Kindergarten – 12th Grade
- 13.2.5** Approve Overnight Travel for the West High School Boys Basketball Team and Advisors to Attend Clovis Elks Tournament at Clovis High School in Clovis, CA on December 26 – December 30, 2024
- 13.2.6** Approve Professional Contract Services for TUSD High School Drama and Theater Departments for 2024-2025 School Year
- 13.2.7** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with San Joaquin County Office of Education for the Artist-in-Residence Program at North School for the 2024 - 2025 School Year
- 13.2.8** Approve Agreement for Contract Services Between Faith in Action Community Education (F.A.C.E.S.) and North Elementary School for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 13.2.9** Approve Quote for Bite-Sized SEL Toolkit, Lifetime Site License with Thriving YOUiversity and Stein High School beginning 2024-2025 School Year
- 13.2.10** Ratify Master Contract with Non-Public Agency (NPA) ACES 2020, LLC for the 2024-2025 School Year (Separate Cover)
- 13.2.11** Approve and/or Ratify Routine Agreements which meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

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 #24-01 Authorizing and Defining Names to Sign Orders on School District Funds
Action: Fagin, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-6 ; No-0 ; Absent-1 (Kahlon).
- 14.1.2** Adopt Resolution No. 24-02 to Award and Approve the Agreement for the Tracy Unified School District TK Buildings Project (Site Work Development at Various Sites) (Separate Cover)
Action: Hawkins, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes- 6; No-0 ; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

14.2 Educational Services:

14.2.1 Adopt Revisions to Board Policy 5141.21 Administering Medications and Monitoring Health Conditions (First Reading)

Action: Alexander, Fagin. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

14.2.2 Ratify Agreement to Purchase and Access Digital Credit Recovery Course Licenses for the Summer 2024-2027 School Year

Action: Silcox, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-6 ; No-0 ; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

14.3 Human Resources:

14.3.1 Approve a Declaration for a Provisional Internship Permit

Action: Approved as amended. Fagin, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

14.3.2 Approve a Variable Term Waiver for Multiple Subject, Single Subject and Education Specialist Teachers

Action Hawkins, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1 (Kahlon).

Board Reports:

Trustee Hoffert thanked everyone for coming out. Trustee Fagin enjoyed the presentations and participation. Trustee Alexander enjoyed the student board reports and hearing about the activities going on. She congratulated the FFA students that were honored tonight, Ms. Hepner, and Stein's student representative, Joshua, on his graduation. Trustee Hawkins knows what it is like this time of year as a former teacher and administrator and believes things are going well. Trustee Silcox is looking forward to the school year and working with the district. People are working hard to try and do the right thing. Trustee Abercrombie thanked Dr. Petty for all her years of service in the school district. She is leaving to be an Assistant Superintendent in Carmel. He has seen a rise in disrespect to teachers and staff this year. The staff does an amazing job in keeping the schools safe with a positive environment. We need to work together to find the best course of action for our students. He asks for parents to please not take frustrations out on our staff.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot acknowledged Marlene Hepner on her great accomplished. He commended Dr. Petty for being a great asset to this school district over the years.

Adjourn: 7:42 PM

Clerk

Date