

September 23, 2024 TTSD School Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tigard-Tualatin School District, 23J

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Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Dr. Iton Udosenata, Superintendent
Dr. Lisa McCall, Assistant Superintendent
Jessica Seay, CFO
Darin Barnard, Director, Operations
Susan Barnard, Director, IT
Laura Kintz, Director, Teaching & Learning
Alex Pulaski, Interim Director, Communications
Carol Kinch, Director, Student Services
Jarvis Gomes, Operations Administrator

Others Present:

Patty Roberts, Executive Assistant
Lisa Burton, Community Relations Manager
Gustavo Garcia, Community Relations Specialist
Ray Grosenbach, District Grant Accountant
Kelly Shelton, Associate Director, Student Services
Evelyn Agosto Jeronimo, Student Rep., Tigard HS
Nathan Tran, Student Rep., Tigard HS
Moss Weigel, Student Rep. Alternate, Tigard HS
Sky Rowe, Student Rep., Tualatin HS
Robin Bridgeman, Parent, Hazelbrook MS & TuHS
Marcia Chapman, Financial Oversight Committee
Julie Hobbs, Teacher, Templeton ES

I. REGULAR SESSION ~ 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER (00:01 Timestamp)

Chair Tristan Irvin convened this Board meeting of the Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) Board of Directors to order on Monday, September 23, 2024 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 \(09/23/2024 Regular Meeting of the TTSD School Board\)](#).

II. AGENDA ~ 6:31 PM (00:20 Timestamp)

Chair Irvin asked Superintendent Dr. Udosenata if there are any changes to the agenda. Superintendent Udosenata stated that there are no changes to the agenda. Chair Irvin asked for a MOTION to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda consisting of the Human Resources/Personnel Report, as presented. Vice Chair Jaimes made a MOTION to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Weston seconded the MOTION. Chair Irvin asked for discussion. There was no discussion. The MOTION carried unanimously, 5-0. The MOTION passed.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Time: 6:32 PM (00:55 Timestamp)

Jamie Hartmann, Student Representative, Tualatin High School, was absent.

Sky Rowe, Student Representative, Tualatin HS, shared:

- This week we have our week of gold, which is a week of fundraising for Childhood Cancer research. All proceeds go towards CCDTI, which is a childhood cancer research center therapy group in Hillsboro, OR. Friday we will have a tailgate, where there will be a dunk tank, food, games and live music. The football game is also dedicated to Gold Out with a dance at the end of evening. We have held other activities including a car wash and raised \$813. Twality MS is also participating in the Gold Out fundraising.

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- Held our Hispanic Heritage Festival lunch last week with music and food and it was really fun. We also held a Bob Ross night where we painted.
- We are also planning for homecoming and ASB sticker sales.
- Sports:
 - Football won;
 - Varsity soccer also won.

Evelyn Agosto-Jeronimo, Student Representative, Tigard HS, shared:

- All home varsity games themes are USA out!
- Auditions for the Night of the Living Dead will be Thursday, after school.
- Leadership has started planning for our Homecoming game, parade and dance
- Freshman tailgate will be held this Friday, and our home game begins at 4:45 PM
- Club Rush happened last Wednesday, and it was very successful for a lot of clubs.

Moss Weigel, Student Representative Alternate, Tigard HS, shared:

- Continuing with sports:
 - Soccer's next game is tomorrow, which is away at Franklin;
 - Varsity Boys Soccer also plays tomorrow vs Forest Grove;
 - Volleyball's next match is at Tualatin
 - Football has a home game this Friday vs Sherwood
 - Unified Soccer has its first game on Wednesday at Tualatin and begins at 4:00.

Nathan Tran, Student Representative, Tigard HS, shared:

- Personal updates include:
 - Suicide prevention month and the "Work To Be Well" organization that advocates for student wellness and wellbeing;
- Sports:
 - Varsity Girls Soccer won both games against Hillsboro and West Salem
 - Varsity Boys Soccer won both of their games against Park Rose and Sprague
 - Volleyball lost both games
 - Football won against Roosevelt
- Last week had our Affinity Group round table where all affinity groups come together and talk about different issues at our school.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS ~ Time: 6:37 PM (07:20 Timestamp)

Dr. Iton Udosenata, Superintendent, shared: ([his comments can be found here](#)):

- We are in the full swing of things and I have visited all of our comprehensive schools; I was impressed with the TWI program at Bridgeport last week and I visited Senora Valdovinos, Senora Rodriguez and Senora Miller classrooms and they have routines in place and are using amazing reading strategies.
- Pulling data related to attendance.
- Each TTSD school has implemented strategies unique to their school community.
- Community Engagement
 - Met with Communities That Care which is an umbrella network for Tigard Turns the Tide and Tualatin Together
 - Alex Pulaski, Interim Communications Director will share information regarding community engagement later this evening, and I will plug these community events.
- Nice Oregonian article, last week, about Artificial Intelligence and how schools are addressing AI. TTSD was one of three Oregon school districts that received praise for working to use AI to leverage learning.

Board Members shared:

- Happy Hispanic Heritage Month, and there are a lot of celebrations going on.
- I will be attending the COSA Equities Summit and I am a member of the Executive Board.
- I attended Ben Bowman's Town Hall last weekend, where he discussed:
 - What the state budget for Education might look like;
 - I was encouraged by the number of community members in attendance, who were supportive of education and of increased funding for education.
 - budgeting. Was encouraged by the attendance and discussion.
 - I spoke with Representative Bowman about the possibility of a state law regarding cell phone use in schools, and discussed how that could be very problematic, and that school district could address this issue with board policies.
- I have been helping at Bridgeport ES with Kinders and I have seen PBIS in action.
- I attended Back to School Night at Tualatin HS, and was glad to see the start of school with so much positive energy.
- A lot of challenging classes and connections being made and I appreciate the work on attendance and it seems we have tightened up our systems regarding our cell phone policy. I am happy to hear about upcoming events, Sporting events, homecoming and thanks for the ongoing advocacy around school funding, and we are doing great work and there is so much more that we could be doing.
- I attended Back to School night at Twality MS. It was fun to see parent's kind of nervous. Exciting stuff happening in the classrooms, including a sixth-grade teacher got a grant for the science project and the teacher worked with an institute and her students will be building ocean rovers or submersibles this Spring.
- Last weekend OSBA Board Retreat, and we discussed a couple of things there and we talked about building student's educational experience and learning opportunities. It was a productive meeting and other things that were discussed include: the Board voted to create the Oregon School Board Members Pride Caucus; Dues and bylaws changes were also discussed. All of these will be coming to the Board to be voted on along with some nominations. It was a very productive weekend.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ~ Time: 6:53 (23:06 Timestamp)

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 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. ***There were no public comments this evening.***

VI. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ~ Time: 6:53 PM

A. PBIS Systems – 2023-24 Review – Presenter: Carol Kinch ~ Time: 6:53 PM (23:13 Timestamp)

Student Services Director Carol Kinch and Associate Director Kelly Shelton shared information with a PBIS - Climate & Culture Year in Review, PowerPoint presentation, a link is found in the agenda, and they discussed:

- Objective
- What is PBIS?
- Why PBIS?
- PBIS In Practice
- Primary Data Sources
- Question #1: Are we consistently following the programs we've put in place?
 - Tier 1 and Tier 2
- Question #2: What do students and teachers think about school climate?
 - Upbeat staff survey

- PBIS Student Perception Survey (scale 1-4)
- Question #3: What does the data tell us about culture and climate.
 - Cumulative Major Referrals Per 100 students
 - Cumulative Physical Aggression Referrals Per 100 students
 - Suspensions / Expulsions Per 100 Students
 - Top Three Referrals
- Question #4: What do the staff think about the data?
 - District PBIS Meetings
 - Interpretations & Implications Elementary
 - Secondary interpretation & Implications
- Question #5: How do we teach students social emotional skills?
- PAX Good Behavior Game
- Tier 1 Elementary Program: PAX
- SPLEEM (Student Off Task Behavior) fall 23-spring 24
- Celebrations and Areas of Improvement

Board members shared the following comments and questions:

- There is a lot of data that there are more disabilities in some of our student populations and if we need more interventions for Tier 3, would it make sense to have a goal of 1 to 5% on Tier 3?
- I am processing what you said that there is an expected increase in the number of referrals, at the Middle School level and I wonder if suspensions and expulsions are still higher at the middle school level and I wonder if that is expected as well?
- Thank you for letting us know the results of this survey. Follow-up question regarding the kids who are not showing up for their interventions, i.e.: the Latina & Pacific Islander at the middle school? How do teachers feel about the new disciplinary matrix? Have you had any feedback from teachers?
- I appreciate the data that shows that we have work to do and we still have work to do around unhealthy systems, and I appreciate the transparency around that and seeing where we need to go.
- Some wonderings include: Are teachers sharing their results with others? And how do we keep this going. Also, I noticed a lot of bias and a lot of dis-proportionality looking at overall referrals.
- Could we look at suspensions and referrals by type, with a more disaggregated data.
- Also, could we look at what is behind referrals?
- There was a question about the number of referrals issued?
- Regarding referrals in general, is there a regulation on how teachers give referrals? In my opinion it seems that sometimes a referral is not the way to handle a situation, especially with younger students.
- How do you make sure that students and teachers are engaged in this process.

B. Community Engagement Meetings – Presenter: Alex Pulaski ~ *Time: 7:44 PM*
(1:14:20 Timestamp)

Alex Pulaski, Interim Director of Communications shared that the TTSD communications team has been preparing for the last two weeks for the first of four “Community Conversations” to be held tomorrow, September 24, 2024 at Bridgeport ES. We have already had signups from more than 80 parents for the first gathering. Other meetings will follow at Twality MS on October 1, on October 23rd at Tualatin HS and on October 30th at Tigard HS. We are requesting that principals or their designee attend the session at their school and its feeder schools.

These conversations will allow Dr. Udosenata to introduce himself to our constituents and discuss what makes TTSD unique, the upcoming local option levy, the May 2025 bond election, our strategic plan and current budget challenges. We will ask, those in attendance for input on setting District priorities as well as their views on what we are doing well, and how we can improve. Cabinet members and principals will serve as facilitators. We will share the findings with you at a later date. Board members shared that they are looking forward to being there.

VII. ACTION ITEMS ~ Time: 7:51 PM (1:21:08 Timestamp)

A. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Grant – Presenter: Dr. Iton Udosenata ~ Time:7:51 PM
Dr. Iton Udosenata, Superintendent, explained that TTSD, in collaboration with the University of Oregon, is submitting a proposal for the Oregon Department of Education’s 2024-2028 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI) Student Success Grant Program. This project, titled *New Currents: Empowering Pacific Islander Literacy*, is designed to improve literacy, attendance, and family-school partnerships for Pacific Islander (PI) students in the district.

The project aims to serve approximately 106 PI elementary students and their families through culturally responsive practices that enhance literacy skills, strengthen family engagement, and equip educators with the tools to create inclusive and supportive learning environments. This initiative will address key challenges, including high rates of chronic absenteeism (32.47% among PI students in the district) and low literacy proficiency (14% of PI third graders meet state reading benchmarks).

Through focus groups, professional development for educators, and literacy-enhancing activities both at home and in school, the project will provide targeted support to PI students and their families. It builds on the district's ongoing partnership with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and integrates culturally relevant approaches to create lasting improvements in student success.

Vice Chair Jaimes made a MOTION that the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board of Directors approve the grant application request for ODE 2024-2028 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Grant. The total grant proposed by the University of Oregon is \$84,326. for Year 1, as presented. Directors Weston & Zurschmeide seconded the MOTION. Chair Irvin asked for discussion. There was no discussion. The MOTION carried unanimously, 5-0. The MOTION passed.

B. Rippey Family Foundation – Presenter: Jessica Seay ~ Time: 7:53 PM (1:23:10 Timestamp)
Jessica Seay, CFO, and Laura Kintz, Director of PreK-5 and Teaching & Learning, shared information regarding the Rippey Family Foundation, for the Tigard High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) department grant, as presented. She shared that this grant is for \$150,000 for up to two years for their CTE Program. This grant will support the on-going staffing costs for Department’s instructional assistant and provide a utility trailer for the program. This is a short-term funding solution to expand the program, and in the future with increased enrollment it would open the way for CTE pathway funding to continue funding this program.

Board Members shared:

- Just to clarify, this is a one-time grant and it is no renewable?

Director Zurschmeide made a MOTION that the Tigard-Tualatin school District Board of Directors approve TTSD’s applications to the James and Shirley Rippey Foundation, as presented. Director Miles seconded the MOTION. Chair Irvin asked for discussion. There was no discussion. The MOTION carried unanimously, 5-0. The MOTION passed.

VIII. ADJOURN ~7:55 PM (1:25:40 Timestamp)

Board Chair Irvin adjourned the Board meeting of the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board of Directors at 7:55 PM.

APPROVED BOARD MEETING

This Board Meeting was streamed on the [TTSD YouTube Channel](#).

DATE: 10/14/2024

CHAIRMAN: 

CLERK: 

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