TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
10/22/2024 - 06:00 PM
Kreps Conference Room
395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California, 94939
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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:55 p.m.
Closed Session 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Link: https://tamdistrict-org.zoom.us/j/99136352847?pwd=EDHTOKAQ0dJ6hA91qpse5k2d8A3T0X.1
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Board of Trustees
Leslie Harlander, President
Emily Uhlhorn, Clerk
Karen Loebbaka
Cynthia Roenisch
Kevin Saavedra

Tara Taupier, Ed. D, Superintendent

1. Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District (District) was called to order in the Kreps Conference Room at 4:56 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

Due to a technical issue, we were unable to record this Board meeting.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

M/S/C (Uhlhorn/Saavedra), unanimously.

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda

There were no public comments on the closed session agenda.

4. Recess to Closed Session in the Superintendent's Office

A. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code §54956.95: Conference with Legal Counsel

B. With Respect to Every Item of Business to be discussed in Closed Session Pursuant to Gov Code §54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and/or Reassignment

C. With Respect to Every Item of Business to be discussed in Closed Session Pursuant to Gov Code §54957, subd. (b)(1): Public Employee - Superintendent

D. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator for TFT & CSEA

E. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Ed Code §35146:

Confidential Student Matter

5. Reconvene Into Open Session

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

M/S/C (Uhlhorn/Saavedra), unanimously. Trustee Loebbaka read the board norms.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

The Board discussed items 14D & 14E further.

M/S/C (Roenisch/Uhlhorn), unanimously.

10. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comments:

3 public comments made against Yondr/cell phone pouches.

3 public comments made in support of offering engineering classes.

3 public comments made in support of Wise Choices for Girls.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Cecilia Ferris, Tamiscal High School Student Trustee, provided the following updates:

- The Youth Truth Survey is out
- On 11/20 there is a college informational seminar.
- 1 on 1 parent meetings are being scheduled.
- There is a Halloween Celebration coming up
    - In advisory, students learned about Day of the Dead

Ruby Ortiz, Tamalpais High School Student Trustee, provided the following updates:

- A memo was sent out to teachers regarding cell phone use/policy
- The Youth Truth Survey out
- The ACTs/SATs/College applications are front and center. The College & Career Center has been very supportive.
- On Thursday Tam High musicians/creative have a talent performance.

Emily Hitchcock, Redwood High School Student Trustee, provided the following updates:

- Celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, which was a great event
- Native American month coming up
- College & Career Center is busy helping students with FAFSA applications.
- Students are thankful for SAT/PSATs being offered by the District.

- Yondr pouches are a hot topic; overall, students feel the money could be spent in better ways and the current policy could work if enforced.

Samantha Winslow, Archie Williams High School Student Trustee, provided the following updates:

- Sports doing well over all with lots of senior nights.
- ASB costume drive for Halloween-give a costume and enter a raffle
- College & Career has been very busy
- Last week there was an orchestra performance.
- Overall, the school spirit is strong.

12. Superintendent's Report

There was no Superintendent's report.

13. Trustee Considerations (Please note that times listed for each item are estimated and actual times will vary)

A. Take Action on 2023-24 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report for Measure M (6:50 p.m.)

Jennifer Ginsburg, Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Chairperson, thanked Karen Loebbaka and Leslie Harlander for their multiple years of leadership. She further provided an overview of the role of this oversight committee and the annual report for 2023-24.

- The committee reviews the budget and expenses to ensure the parcel tax expenditures are consistent with voter-approved Measures.
- The committee reviewed district financial reports, annual independent district audits and met with Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, and confirmed the district allocations were consistent with the voter-approved ballot measure language.

There was no public comment.

M/S/C (Loebbaka/Saavedra/), unanimously.

B. Discuss Annual Wellness Update and Service Data Summary for 2023-24 (6:55 p.m.)

John Shields, PhD, MSW Independent Evaluation Contractor, presented on Wellness Service Data Summary.

2023-24 highlights include:

- 1205 students served; 497 were staff/parent/caregiver referrals; 708 were drop-in/crisis/self-referral to Wellness.
    - Students are accessing support related to: stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness, self-harm, substance mis/use, suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, eating disorders, early psychosis, non-consensual sexual activity, abuse.
- 249,410 total minutes of direct service; 35 minutes average direct service duration
- Multi-tier system 1: Universal, 2: Targeted, 3: Intensive
- Tier 1 support: Wellness education, events and outreach for students, staff, parents/caregivers

Jessica Colvin, Wellness Director, thanked the District for their ongoing support and celebrated 10 years of Wellness at TUHSD.

There was no public comment.

C. Take Action on Intradistrict Open Enrollment Capacity for 2024-25 (7:35 p.m.)

*Correction Intradistrict Open Enrollment Capacity for 2025-26

Kelly Lara, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services presented prior years data and asked the Board to maintain the same cap of 30 net intradistrict/Open Enrollment transfers per school.

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra/), unanimously

There was no public comment.

D. Discuss 9th Grade Mathematics Course Placement, Algebra Project Update 2024-25 (7:40 p.m.)

Paula Berry, Senior Director of Curriculum & Instruction presented.

Math Course Placement: Senate Bill 359 aims to eliminate inequities in the math placement process. TUHSD Board Policy outlines protocols used to determine placement for 9th grade students.

TUHSD Math Course Sequence:

- 9th - 12th:
    - 9: Algebra 1-2; 10: Geometry/Geometry A; 11: Honors Adv. Algebra/Advanced Algebra/Inter. Algebra; 12: Honors Pre-Calculus/Pre-Calculus/AP Stat/Stat/Trig/Stat/Advanced Algebra
    - 9: Geometry; 10: Honors Adv. Algebra/Advanced Algebra; 11: Honors Pre-Calculus; Pre Calc/AP Stat; 12: AP Calculus BC/AP Calculus AB/AP Stat/Calculus/Statistics

Math Placement Analysis:

- The majority of students are properly placed (1% are moved to a higher level due to Fall SB259 assessment).
- All TUHSD math pathways provide students with the opportunity to be UC/CSU eligible.

Algebra Project Year 1 Analysis & Highlights 2023-24:

- There was an increase in students receiving A grades and a decrease in students receiving DFIs
- Total DFIs at every site decreased in the 2023-24 school year.
    - The greatest reduction in DFI is the English Language Learner subgroup S1 reduced by 23%; S2 reduced by 31%.
- Benefits of the Algebra Project
    - Collaborative, focused release time for teachers
    - Intentional progress monitoring
    - Peer tutors
    - Smaller class size
- Highlights: decrease DFI in Algegra from 2022-23 to 9.7% to 5.6% in 2023-24

Algebra Project Year 2 Update 2024-25:

- Collaborative work plan includes: planned professional development, MCOE collaboration, release days, team instructional rounds & progress monitoring.
- Across nearly all categories, DFI percentages have decreased.

There was no public comment

E. Discuss First Read of Updated Board Policy 3312: Contracts (8:10 p.m.)

Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, presented First read of updated Board Policy 3312 on Contracts.

There was no public comment.

14. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Draft Minutes of the August 27, 2024 BOT Meeting

B. Approve Personnel Summary for October 22, 2024

C. Approve Purchase Orders over $40,000 List No. 07

D. Approve Contracts Over $40,000- October 22, 2024

E. Ratify Contracts under $40,000 - October 2024

F. Take Action of updated Policies and Administrative Regulations from CSBA September packet

G. Declare as Surplus and Authorize - Practice Field Hockey Goal & Water Polo Bounce Back Wall

H. Declare as Surplus and Authorize - Tamiscal Books

15. Trustee Reports

Trustee Loebbaka

- Attended Redwood High School parent meeting; most parents support cell phone restrictions and feel that it needs to be a collaboration between home and school.

Trustee Saavedra

- Echoed similar sentiments regarding parents in support of cell phone restrictions, but there are disagreements about how that is implemented.

Trustee Uhlhorn

- Attended JLAC meeting
- Attended the Just Dinner Event which had a great turnout, including staff, students, principals and parents.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 9:02 p.m.

16. Conclusion

Karen Loebbaka reflected on the board norms.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.