



Trinity County Office of Education

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MINUTES

Trinity County Board of Education Regular Board Meeting August 21, 2024

WHERE HELD: Trinity County Office of Education
201 Memorial Drive – Granite Room

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Randy Spencer, Area I
Michelle Myers, Area II
Sally Aldinger, Area III
Arina Erwin, Area IV
Steve Canale, Area V

COUNTY OFFICE: Fabio Robles, Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Rebelo, Assistant Superintendent of Special
Education/SELPA Director
Tim Nordstrom, Assistant Superintendent of Educational
Services
Melanie Holmes, Executive Director of HR & Business
Services
Cindy Blanchard, Chief Business Official
Kaila Arnold, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC: Josh Cozine, The Trinity Journal

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order
Sally Aldinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Additions or Changes to Agenda
There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

- 2.0 Public Communication:** Persons wishing to address the Board on any item except personnel are invited to do so at this time. In the interest of time and order, presentations from the public are limited to three minutes per person, 20 minutes per topic, pursuant to Board policy. Please state your name and address before speaking. In accordance with the Brown Act, unless an item has been placed on the agenda there shall be no action taken. The Board may 1) acknowledge receipts of the information; 2) refer to staff for further study; or 3) refer the matter to the next agenda.

There was no public communication.

3.0 Accept Open Session Agenda

Sally asked the board for a motion to accept the Open Session Agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Steve, with a second by Randy, to accept the Open Agenda. Motion passed. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.

- 4.0 Consent Agenda:** The following consent agenda items are considered routine by the County Board and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

- 4.1 Minutes – June 18, 2024, Public Hearing
- 4.2 Minutes – June 19, 2024, Adoption
- 4.3 Warrants – June and July 2024
- 4.4 Payroll – June and July 2024

Sally Aldinger asked the Board if there was a motion to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Sally asked the board for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Arina, with a second by Michelle, to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.

5.0 Information Items

- 5.1 Summary of Complaints Per Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure (April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024 – 4th Quarter)
There were no complaints
- 5.2 2022-23 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcome Data
Back-up was included in the packet for the board members to review. Tim shared information on item 5.2 with the Board.
- 5.3 BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities
- 5.4 BP/E1 1312.3- Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 5.5 BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- 5.6 BP/E1 5145.7 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment
Fabio shared information on items 5.3-5.6 with the Board.

6.0 Action Items

- 6.1 Approve Resolution #24-25-03 Designation of the Official Representative to the Shasta-Trinity Schools Insurance Group (STSIG)
MOTION: A motion was made by Randy, with a second by Michelle. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.
- 6.2 Approve Resolution #24-25-04 Delegate Superintendent or Designee, the Authority to Declare District Furniture, Equipment, and Supplies as Surplus for Salvage, Disposal, or Sale.
MOTION: A motion was made by Arina, with a second by Michelle. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.
- 6.3 Approve Resolution #24-25-05 Update State Allocation Board signatories list for TCOE
MOTION: A motion was made by Steve, with a second by Randy. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.
- 6.4 Per Government Code 53262 Ratify 2024-2025 Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, Contracts for Employment
MOTION: A motion was made by Arina, with a second by Michelle. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.
- 6.5 Approve the Time and Date of the Public Hearing Scheduled for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2024-2025 School Year to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024
MOTION: A motion was made by Steve, with a second by Randy. The motion passed unanimously. Aye-5 (Aldinger, Canale, Erwin, Myers, Spencer), No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 Financial Report and Oversight Update
Cindy Blanchard provided the financial report and oversight update, which was included in the board packet for the members to review.
- 7.1.1 School Facilities Report from Jeff Morris
The school facilities report was included in the packet for the members to review.
- 7.2 Cabinet Report – includes Trinity COE and District LCAP Updates
Tim Nordstrom, Anthony Rebelo, and Melanie Holmes shared their cabinet report with the board.

8.0 Correspondence

9.0 Superintendent's Report

See the attached notes.

10.0 Board Reports/Announcements/Comments

Arina, Michelle, and Randy shared their reports with the Board.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fabio Robles', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fabio Robles, Ex-Officio Secretary
Trinity County Office of Education

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Superintendent's Report 8/21/2024

As we move into the 2024-2025 school year, I'd like to take a moment to update you on our progress and key developments from the summer.

1. Leadership Summit and Professional Development:

This summer, we successfully hosted our first-ever Leadership Summit for school administrators. The event was a great success, bringing together leaders from across the county to collaborate, learn, and prepare for the new school year. Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback, we're already planning for a follow-up next summer.

2. Staffing Updates:

We've had some significant changes in our team over the summer. April Fiermonte, Amy Solometo (School Psych) and Nonny David have moved on from our office, and we are in the process of filling these positions to ensure continuity of service. We've also welcomed several new team members, over the summer, Sabra Carman (Liaison), Heather Senter (Liaison), Meghan Keyes (Wonder HOuse) and Sarah Ganas (SPED Teacher) and including Jason they will play crucial roles in supporting our schools and students.

3. Special Projects and Grants:

We've made great strides in securing additional resources for our schools. Notably, Jade Tyner successfully obtained a \$1 million grant for capacity building of Wellness Coaches through the HCAI grant. Additionally Jade and I worked on a grant through the MHServices office at the state and earned another 1.2million to enhance and sustain our current services. This funding will be instrumental in supporting the mental health and wellness of our students and staff.

4. Helping out at Lewiston. With Mary Thoreson's unexpected resignation I had to step in and support the Lewiston Board over the summer. Together I am supporting the interim Supt Daina Seale. On August 13th I led a back to work meeting for their staff. I am currently mentoring Daina as she finishes her administrative coursework.

5. Broadband Expansion Efforts:

We've continued to advocate for expanded broadband access in our rural communities. I recently wrote a letter of support for Brightscape Networks' Broadband Technical Assistance application, which, if approved, will be a significant step forward in addressing the digital divide in Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

6. Strategic Planning and Goal Setting:

At our back-to-work meeting in August, we focused on setting organizational, departmental, and individual goals that align with our core values, mission, and vision statements. This activity was at the heart of our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring that our work remains focused on serving our students and community effectively. We also did some work around the Happiness Advantage by Shawn Achor. Our theme for the day was around tools for positivity.