TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
10/28/2025 - 06:00 PM
Redwood High School Library
395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California, 94939
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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.
Closed Session 5:05 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Link: https://tamdistrict-org.zoom.us/j/91265515331?pwd=22JmUSLtm1BWuJ88Ql9iyqF37sthnG.1
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Board of Trustees
Cynthia Roenisch, President
Kevin Saavedra, Clerk
Emily Uhlhorn
Jenny Holden
Ida Green

Courtney Goode, Ed. D, Superintendent

Attendance

Voting Members
Cynthia Roenisch, Board President
Kevin Saavedra, Board Clerk
Emily Uhlhorn, Board Member
Ida Green, Board Member
Jennifer Holden, Board Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Call to order by Cynthia Roenisch, Board President, at 5 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

Motion made by: Kevin Saavedra
Motion seconded by: Emily Uhlhorn
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda

There was no public comment.

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 §54956.9(a): Existing/Pending Litigation

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 Ed Code §35146: Confidential Student Matter

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 Gov Code §54956.95: Conference with Legal Counsel

5. Reconvene Into Open Session

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no reportable action.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Unity of Purpose

Trustee Uhlhorn reviewed the unity of purpose.

Motion made by: Kevin Saavedra
Motion seconded by: Emily Uhlhorn
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Kevin Saavedra
Motion seconded by: Emily Uhlhorn
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

10. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Each student trustee delivered a brief report on recent and upcoming events at their respective sites.

12. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Courtney Goode announced the completion of PSAT and SAT testing at TUHSD and extended his thanks to administrators, teachers, and staff for their dedicated efforts. He also recognized the College Board AP Scholar Award recipients and shared that Redwood High School's east parking lot is on track to open in the coming weeks.

13. Trustee Considerations

A. Take Action on 2024-2025 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report for Measure M (6:15 pm)

Jennifer Ginsburg, Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Chairperson, and Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, presented the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee's Annual Report for Measure M.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by: Ida Green
Motion seconded by: Emily Uhlhorn
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

B. Board Presentation: Student Achievement 2024-2025 In-Depth Analysis of CAASPP Results (6:20 pm)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Kelly Lara, presented the 2024–25 in-depth analysis of CAASPP results, highlighting areas needing improvement. She also outlined plans to strengthen performance, including targeted professional development, focused staff meetings, and a closer examination of ELA skill development.

Public Comment

- 1 public comment was emailed expressing concern over the continued decline in student performance within our District.
- 1 public comment thanked teachers for their handwork and expressed hope for future improved scores.
- 1 public comment expressed thanks for the detailed presentation and further stated that if students do not have concrete incentives, they cannot be expected to pay much attention to CAASPP testing.

C. Discuss Phone Free Schools (7:17 pm)

Superintendent Dr. Courtney Goode presented data on Phone-Free Schools, including information on feeder-district policies, relevant statistics, and associated costs.

Public Comment:

- 1 public comment was emailed against Yondr cell phone pouches, stating they are expensive, will take up class time to use, and not allow kids to use their phone to pay for lunches or as a wifi hotspot. Additionally, this may create a burden on office staff handling increased calls from parents who are not able to reach their students directly.
- 1 public comment spoke in favor of limiting cell phone use and stated having a cell phone nearby weakens the capacity to learn.
- 1 public comment argued the current cell phone policy is working and helps build trust. They stated that the cost for Yondr pouches is unnecessary.
- 1 public comment referenced the same discussion that took place last year and cited CAASPP scores and mental health data as evidence of a need to further restrict cell phone use at school.

The Board took a 5-minute recess.

D. Update on the Elimination of the Bring Your Own Device Policy (8:14 pm)

Superintendent Dr. Courtney Goode provided an update on the elimination of the Bring Your Own Device policy. He explained that this policy prevents students from mirroring their phones on personal laptops and accessing social media during class, while also reducing the District's exposure to potential cyberattacks. The IT department is currently working to improve Wi-Fi and firewall performance and has repaired or replaced device carts to address accessibility and charging issues.

Public Comment:

- 2 public comments were emailed urging the board to reconsider the elimination of bring your own device and listed concerns about Chromebooks, availability and connection issues.
- 1 public comment argued Chromebooks are not accessible outside of class, peak log-on times are slow and students cannot work on college applications.

E. Take Action on Intradistrict Open Enrollment Capacity for 2026-27 (8:37 pm)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Kelly Lara, presented the Intradistrict Open Enrollment capacity for 2026–27 and recommended maintaining the same threshold as the previous year: 30 net students per comprehensive school.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by: Kevin Saavedra
Motion seconded by: Emily Uhlhorn
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

F. First Read on New Course: AP Pre-Calculus (8:39 pm)

Paula Berry, Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the first reading of the

proposed new course, AP Pre-calculus. The course will return for a second reading at the next Board meeting.

There was no public comment.

G. Take Action on Resolution No. 25-05 Approving the Phase 2, Increment 3 Partial Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Tamalpais HS STEAM Building Replacement Project Lease-Leaseback Agreement with Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. ROLL CALL VOTE (8:44 pm)

Mike Woolard, Senior Director of Facilities Planning, presented Resolution No. 25-06, requesting approval of the steel design drawings and submittals to keep the project moving forward and prevent any planning delays.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by: Emily Uhlhorn
Motion seconded by: Ida Green
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

14. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Personnel Summary for October 28, 2025

B. Approve Contracts Over $40,000 - October 28, 2025

C. Ratify Contracts Under $40,000 - October 28, 2025

D. Approve Purchase Orders Over $40,000 List No. 07

E. Approve Rescheduled High Risk Field Trip - Cal Berkeley Ropes Course- Tamalpais High School

F. Approve Change Order #1 to the Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. Lease-Leaseback Agreement for Phase 1 (Temporary Housing) of the Tamalpais HS STEAM Building Replacement Project

G. Approve Change Order #1 to the Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. Lease-Leaseback Agreement for Phase 2 (Increments 1 & 2) of the Tamalpais HS STEAM Building Replacement Project

H. Approve Change Order #1 to the Wright Contracting, LLC Lease-Leaseback Agreement for Phase 2 (Increments 1 & 2) of the Redwood HS FASCD Building Replacement Project

I. Approve Request for Alterations to School District Property - Tamalpais High School - Tuff

Shed Installation

J. Accept Williams Quarterly Report - No Complaints Filed (Quarter Ending September 30, 2025)

K. Approve Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2025 Special BOT Meeting

L. Approve Draft Minutes of the September 30, 2025 BOT Meeting

M. Approve Draft Minutes of the October 14, 2025 BOT Meeting

15. Trustee Reports

Trustees Green, Uhlhorn and Roenisch provided reports.

16. Conclusion

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.