

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, February 10, 2025**

- 6:20 PM** 1-3. President Silcox called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: O. Alexander, D. Cheeseman, R. Fagin, L. Hawkins, S. Secker, J. Silcox, D. Traina
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, Z. Boswell, S. Smith
- 7:03 PM** 5. President Silcox 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: 25/26#14, 25/26#15, 25/26#18,
3.2.1 25/26#23, 25/26#25
Action: Hawkins, Cheeseman. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6b Report Out of Action Taken on Reinstatements: AR#25-26/#21, AR#25-
3.2.2 26/#22
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6c Report Out of Action Taken on Early Graduation: TISCS #10330440,
3.2.3 TISCS #10333818, TISCS #10330375, TISCS #10330371, TISCS
#10362147
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6d Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence Requests for
3.3.1 Certificated Employees: #UC-1429, #UC-1430, #UC-1431, #UC-1433
Pursuant to Article XX
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6e Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Paid/Unpaid Leave of Absence
3.3.2 for Classified Employee #UCL-559
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6f Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Non-Paid Leave of Absence for
3.3.3 Classified Employee #UCL-553, Pursuant to Article XXIII
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 6g Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Revised Non-Paid Leave of
3.3.4 Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-554, Pursuant to Article XXIII
Action: **Approved. Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of January 27, 2026.**
Action: Cheeseman, Traina. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- Audience:** Julie Anaya, Susan Hawkins, Mike Stagnaro, Catey Nasello, Maureen Riley, Monica Hawkins-Peralta, Kaleigh Felisberto, Faye Harris, Eloy Vento, Bob Brownne, Angela Contreras, Martha Romero, Armando Contreras, Jaquelin Romero, Maryury Molasco, David Garcia, Pade Garcia, Leticia Jauregui, Rochelle Moore, Rishaan Lal, Shakiba Moshfeq, Alvin Ablaza, Okaliah Stafford, Robert James, Shyam Nath, Gloria Spikes

Student Rep Reports:

8.1 Kimball High: Sarem Girmai informed February 6th was National Bubblegum Day. They gave free gum to everyone at school hoping to help make others feel better about what is going on in the country. Students also went on a bowling trip to connect with each other outside of school. They celebrated Counselor Appreciation Week by making posters and took pictures with the Counselors to post on Instagram. Athletics have been recognized during the many senior nights that have taken place. He also highlighted the Decision Medicine Program, a summer opportunity designed to encourage high achieving, underprivileged students to choose a career in medicine. For those interested in engineering or manufacturing, the Tesla Manufacturing Development Program is an incredible opportunity. Students get paid to attend community college, earn a degree and are guaranteed a job at the Tesla Fremont facility.

Alternative Education: The representatives were unavailable to attend.

Tracy High: Junior class treasurer, Noor Tatari filled in as the student representative for THS this evening. The GSA is selling Valentines Grams, and the halls are filled with hearts with students' names showing each Bulldog how much they love them at THS. Students have been taking part in various spirit days, ending with a neon party, including a performance by the THS band and the Asian Pacific Islander Club. The campus celebrated winter sports with senior dog pounds and senior nights to close out the season. This year the theme of the prom is Midnight on the Bay to be held at the UC Berkeley Memorial Stadium.

West High: Lucia Noor Behnam along with Nayeli Zamora announced this year's prom theme will be Casino Night. They have their Prom Closet open for students to find their special fit. Winter sports have come to an end and both girls' and boys' soccer teams have made it to playoffs. This week is Slam Jam week ending with a rally. February 19th and 20th WHS is hosting their annual lip sync contest. This past weekend, the Milk and Dairy Quality CTE and the Veterinary Science Quality CTE Teams from FFA traveled to Arbuckle to take part in the Arbuckle Field Day.

8.2 North School: Semaj Graham, Danett Contreras, Gennesis Garcia, Rishaan Lal, Luna Becerra, and Anessa Suarez were the student representatives for North School, a place where students, staff and the community come together. Every Tuesday is team Tuesday and on Wednesdays they dress in career and college wear. They regularly celebrate teamwork and support each other to prepare for future success. They work together to set goals and take part in many activities and clubs. North is an AVID wide campus where they talk about being college and career readiness and even go on college tours. This year they are visiting Stanislaus State. North is a busy campus with 750 students from TK-8th grade. The students are community helpers and stand strong in their beliefs.

Freiler School: ASB students Yalda Moshfeq, Lilly Dickinson, Keira Chance, and Gracie Rowe shared that this year was Art Freiler's 25th anniversary, Leadership assisted with the program. During the anniversary celebration, past and present principals came to speak. They opened a time capsule that was made in 2001. Inside

there were photos, artwork, and notecards about 9/11. They held a tribute run on February 3rd. There are four ASB committees: Activities, Spirit, Communications and Fundraising. They plan events, make announcements, and make posters to promote fundraisers. They hold two Back-to-School dances for the different grade levels, movie nights and holiday celebrations. The Communications Committee sends PowerPoints to the teachers each Friday. Character Counts and Honor Roll assemblies are held to showcase the incredible students at Art Freiler.

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 Hirsch Elementary School As a returning Principal to Hirsch Elementary after four years, Catey Nasello began the year by surveying the staff to see how she could best support them and to gather ideas for kicking off the school year. Goals included boosting student and staff morale and building relationships with the community and consistent communication. They are off to a great start with a very successful Fun Run and spirit days. Students start the morning with music in the quad followed by the flag salute. Patriot tickets are given to students who are caught exhibiting good character. On Fridays, those tickets are pulled to be a VIP and to choose a friend to sit with at the special table. The two classes with the most spirit get to host a spirit bear in their classroom. A system was developed to ensure students meet expectations in the lunchroom such as cleanliness and behavior. As a staff they know academic scores are also a serious area to improve. They've been working hard on regular collaboration and are strengthening their teams, working with data and their multi-tiered systems of support.

Information & Discussion Items:

10.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

Hearing of Delegations

11. None.

Public Hearing:

12.1 Administrative & Business Services: None.

Consent Items:

13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance or fingerprint clearance is conditioned upon receipt of appropriate documentation by Tracy Unified.

Action: Cheeseman, Hawkins. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

13.1.1 Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

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 Approval of Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law as Legal Counsel for Facilities/Business Services

13.1.4 Approve Entertainment, Assembly, Service, Business, and Food Vendors

13.2 Educational Services:

- 13.2.1** Approve Agreement for Consulting Services MOU with California Association for Bilingual Education CABE for the Planning and Implementation of DLI Dual Language Immersion Program
- 13.2.2** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with San Joaquin County Office of Education – California Preschool Instruction Network (CPIN) and the TUSD School Readiness Preschool Program During the 2025-2026 School Year
- 13.2.3** Approve Agreement with the University of the Pacific for a Five-Week Summer Academy (Reach for the Stars STEM Academy)
- 13.2.4** Approve the Purchase of a Kiln from Clay Planet for Tracy High School using LEA’s 23/24 Prop. 28 (The Arts and Music in Schools) (AMS) Waiver Funding
- 13.2.5** Approve the Purchase of Wenger Student Chairs from Main Street Music for Tracy High School using LEA’s 23/24 Prop. 28 (The Arts and Music in Schools) (AMS) Waiver Funding

Shyam Nath spoke regarding dual enrollment. He has a student at West High and another that graduated from Kimball High with an associate’s degree. His son is part of the Early College Start. Classes are online and they are saved a seat at Delta College while they are attending high school. He is in favor of dual enrollment; the students get a great boost when they apply for UC’s. This program can help students with college placement and in their careers.

Dr. Darlene Willis serves as the executive director for the College Bound Academy Programs. One of the number one topics they face are questions regarding dual enrollment. Other districts offer this and they see a big difference. Having access to these opportunities is so important, it is just as important as AP courses. Students shouldn’t have to choose and it provides access. This is something that is talked about in the College Bound Academy Programs with parents and students.

- 13.2.6** Approve Dual Enrollment and College Early Start Courses to Begin During 2026-2027 School Year
- 13.2.7** Approve Agreement for Contract Services between the City of Tracy and Tracy Unified for DARE Supplies
- 13.2.8** Approve Overnight Travel for Merrill F. West High School Track and Field Team and Advisors to Attend the CIF State Championships at Buchanan High School, in Clovis, CA on May 28-30, 2026
- 13.2.9** Approve Overnight Travel for the West High Track Team and Coaches to Attend the Track Invitational in Pasadena, Ca. April 9-12, 2026

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** Cast Ballot for CSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly Election

Action: Selections were made per the amended ballot provided by CSBA. Motions were made to cast a ballot for Pete Carlson, David Pombo, and Victoria Lenderman. Fagin, Secker. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.2 Educational Services:**14.2.1** Adopt Revised/New Board Policies and Acknowledge Administrative Regulations Impacted by AB 495 (First Reading) (Separate Cover)

Action: Traina, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.2.2 Acknowledge Revised Administrative Regulation 1312 Uniform Complaint Procedures (First Reading)

Action: Alexander, Cheeseman. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.2.3 Approve Agreement for Contract Services between the City of Tracy and Tracy Unified for School Resources Officers

Action: Secker, Hawkins. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.3 Human Resources:**14.3.1** Acknowledge Revised Board Policies 4119.1 and 4219.1 and Adopt New Board Policy 4319.1 Civil and Legal Rights (First Reading)

Action: Alexander, Secker. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

14.3.2 Adopt New Board Policy 4113.5 Working Remotely (Second Reading)

Action: Fagin, Cheeseman. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

Board Reports:

Trustee Traina said the students did a great job and she thanked Hirsch Elementary for showing the positivity in all that is happening on campus. Trustee Secker also said it was great to hear from Hirsch and the students at North and Freiler. He attended the anniversary celebration at Freiler, it was nice to see the history of the school. Last week, Associate Superintendent, Tania Salinas, and Facilities Director, Eloy Vento, gave a presentation to the Breakfast Lions, sharing big changes that are happening at TUSD. Trustee Cheeseman loves it when the students are here speaking, it is a great experience for them, and they all did a wonderful job. She appreciates the feedback received regarding dual enrollment and the personal account of the students' progress. It is encouraging to hear these things. Trustee Hawkins was happy to see so many people stay for the duration of the meeting. Trustee Alexander is happy that TUSD will now offer dual enrollment. Trustee Fagin enjoyed the presentations; they all did a great job. Dr. Willis, with College Bound, brought up a great point, that some are geared towards advanced placement classes and some better suited for dual enrollment. Trustee Silcox passed on comment.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot welcomed Ms. Nasello back and commended Freiler and North for their great presentations. We have a great relationship with the Tracy Police Department, and work closely with the SRO's. He is appreciative of the renewed agreement to continue keeping our campuses safe. Ms. Faye Harris was in attendance, Dr. Pecot pointed out that she dresses up every day as a historical character for Black History Month. Dr. Pecot enjoys attending the college bound meetings. For years Mr. Nath has asked when the district would offer dual enrollment. He is happy to now be able

to inform him and others that we are moving ahead. Dr. Boswell and Julie Anaya have done a lot of work with this. They have also been working with TEA and President Irizarry and will continue to for dual enrollment.

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

Clerk

Date