

**TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Located At:

Twain Harte School
22974 Twain Harte Drive
Twain Harte, CA 95383
Upper Campus Study Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The Public Session began at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Roll Call

Members Present:	Member Eli Wingo Member Lisa Brady Member Ronda Bailey Member Tim Hoffman-Brady
Members Absent:	Member Nathan Nutting
Administration Present:	Mr. Rick Hennes, Superintendent Mr. Dan Mayers, Principal Mrs. Tonya Midget, CBO Mrs. Daisy Kepner, Administrative Specialist

President Wingo addressed the public and stated that item # 6.2. would be removed from the agenda unless Member Nutting arrived in time to vote. This agenda item requires the full Board present to vote.

1.3. Agenda Review & Adoption

Recommendation: For Approval

Motion to Approve: Lisa Brady

Second: Tim Hoffman-Brady

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Brady, Bailey, Hoffman-Brady, and Wingo all voted Aye. There were none opposed.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(The public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to the district that is not on the agenda.)
Mrs. Lynn Groff addressed the Board on the issue of Board Member attendance. Mrs. Groff noted that recently our school newsletter discussed chronic absenteeism and our efforts to improve it this year. She wanted to call the Board's attention to personally upholding this standard as well.

3. REPORTS

3.1. Superintendent Report

- Presentation & Tour of Proposed New Projects – Aspen Street Architects, Andy Flies

At the start of the meeting Superintendent Hennes explained that we would tour the areas of discussion as a group while Mr. Flies gave information and answered any questions the public had. There was a lengthy tour and discussion of all projects.

Superintendent Hennes expressed that he would like to bring the project list back in December to get approval on specific items so that the projects would start moving forward.

Mr. Flies wanted clarification that the Board was approving the re-working of the bathroom gym floor. The Board directed Mr. Flies to move ahead with the gym project by redrawing the plans for the bathroom and submitting them to DSA.

Member Hoffman-Brady wanted to confirm that someone would speak directly with the fire marshal about whether we could close off the storage back door in the mall area.

The Board also confirmed that the outside gym storage project would be cancelled as a result.

- Update/Discussion on Modernization Projects, Superintendent Hennes

Superintendent Hennes presented a thank you desk clock to Member Brady, in honor of Member Nutting, in gratitude for his service as a Board Member for the students of Twain Harte School District.

He introduced Rose Wingo as the new Board Member and explained she would be seated in December.

He reviewed the bid deadline date of November 20th for Pinecrest School. He explained that any bids that came in would be reviewed and then brought to the next Board Meeting in Closed Session for the Board's consideration and possible approval.

He thanked PATHS for putting on a great Halloween Carnival. He explained that all students had the opportunity to attend this year during the day and without being charged admission.

He commended Mrs. Rose for pursuing Donors Choose in order to purchase additional books for her classroom library which was lacking.

3.2. Board Member Reports

- Character Counts Kids for October 2016 – Emily Corgiat, James Cropper & Brianna Fowler
- Student of the Month for October 2016 – Rachel Thomas
- Challenge Day – Nathan Nutting, Board Member

Member Nutting was not in attendance to present his report on Challenge Day.

President Wingo questioned whether it was feasible to attempt Challenge Day so late in the year.

Mrs. Groff thought it would be better to pursue in the Fall. She agreed that it would be best to postpone.

President Wingo brainstormed that the school could still consider another type of outreach that was not so controversial. His hesitation is that children will learn and use the information against others students as we have experienced in the past.

Mrs. Angie Vermillion stated that her children had been through Challenge Day and even they has expressed concerns that more safeguards should be put in place. They were aware of children doing harm with the information shared.

President Wingo asked Principal Mayers what his thoughts were on the issue.

Principal Mayers agreed that Fall would be better for several reasons. He shared that he was unaware of any harmful situations with the students until he heard them expressed at the Board meetings.

President Wingo stated that he would not be comfortable moving forward until an alternative activity was scheduled for the students that did not want to attend. He also stated that the permission slip would need to be re-vamped to become more transparent on what actually occurs at the event.

Ms. Brunolli stated that she believes only teachers, counselors and students should be in attendance. She does not believe that parents should be involved. She feels this is just another way for personal information to be shared inappropriately after the fact.

Principal Mayers explained that mandated reporter guidelines are discuss with all chaperones and students ahead of time so everyone is aware that what they say can be shared later. After the event, the staff regroups and talks about which kids they feel need additional support. These situations are ranked according to urgency.

President Wingo agreed that it would be tabled for this year but he would like to continue to pursue the discussion in the future.

Principal Mayers confirmed that all Summerville High feeder schools participate in a Challenge Day. At the Board's request he will look into whether any school is still scheduled to do a Challenge Day this year that the Board could attend.

There was a large group discussion about moving away from the "personal therapy" nature of Challenge Day to something more leadership focused like LAIR. Member Brady spoke in favor of this explaining that she has attended several LAIR trips and one of the key points is that the answers are always anonymous. This allows the group to share the same emotions and situations as Challenge Day but it is not personal to any individual. She feels this removes the pressure and ability for it to be used negatively in the future. Many audience members were in favor of this suggestion.

Principal Mayers shared that he could see the benefit in a leadership focused program but he is not in a position to create a program from scratch.

President Wingo stated that he appreciated the feedback and the Board would revisit the issue before the end of year.

Member Hoffman-Brady commended Gage and Hunter Andersen on winning the local tennis tournament.

3.3. Principal Report

Principal Mayers issued a list of recent and upcoming school events.

Principal Mayers gave a recap on the new fire alarm system. He explained that there is only one pull station in the school front office now and everything else is automated. He discussed that we need to look into whether we can separate out the alarm triggers for each building. He knows it does have the capability but we need confirmation from the fire marshal if this would be allowed.

The Board requested Ron Wurz confirm this information by the next board meeting.

Principal Mayers explained that teachers are moving to the reports cards generated by Schoolwise. This will be much more professional looking and easier for teachers to enter. Teachers will be able to quickly and easily access the information when they need it as well.

Principal Mayers shared that all the new band instruments have been ordered and received. He was also very excited that both Chase Varvayanas and Kaila Lurendez (8th graders) had auditioned for the Honor Band and made it in!

3.4. Staff Reports

Mrs. Hartwig shared that the staff participated in the first fire drill with the new system. The only complaint was that the teachers felt the alarm was not loud enough.

Principal Mayers explained that the problem was already being addressed. Additional units are being added to the hallways over Thanksgiving break which will change the noise level.

Teachers are working on the ELA integration. Mrs. Hartwig appreciates the extra training they have received and it has been of great help. She explained that the new curriculum calls for about two hours a day of teaching so it is a large task they are learning to manage.

Mrs. DeMars was able to get the State Park Passes for 4th graders again. This allows the students to get into any state park for free for a year.

Ms. Bannwarth, Ms. Gnipp and Mrs. Olsen appreciated the opportunity to attend the Linda-Mood Belle Conference. It was a fantastic conference and they came back with many tools to implement.

3.5. Enrollment Report – 255, Please see breakdown by grade.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(The Board will consider all of the following items by a single vote unless any member of the Board or the public asks that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately.)

4.1. Minutes from October 17, 2016

4.2. Warrants up to November 3, 2016

4.3. Consideration of Appointment of Boys Basketball Coaches, \$1,230 Stipend per Team:

Boys Basketball 6th Grade – Larry Gold

Boys Basketball 7th Grade – Griff Low

Boys Basketball 8th Grade – Noel Rathmel

4.4. Consideration of Approval of Classified Contract – Robert Lunde – Custodian/Maintenance

4.5. CBEDS Certification Report as of October 27, 2016

4.6. MOU w/ Mandate Resource Services to Provide Mandated Cost Claim Services

Motion to Approve: Lisa Brady

Second: Ronda Bailey

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Brady, Bailey, Hoffman-Brady, and Wingo all voted Aye. There were none opposed.

5. EDUCATION

5.1. Board Policy Update: Consideration of BP/AR 1240 Volunteer Assistance
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board

5.2. Board Policy Update: Consideration of AR/E 4112.5 Criminal Record Check
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board

- 5.3. Board Policy Update: Consideration of BP 5030 Student Wellness
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.4. Board Policy Update: Consideration of BP 5111.1 District Residency
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.5. Board Policy Update: Consideration of BP/AR 5141.52 Suicide Prevention
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.6. Board Policy Update: Consideration of AR 6183 Home & Hospital Instruction
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.7. Board Bylaw Update: Consideration of BB 9110 Terms of Office
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.8. Board Bylaw Update: Consideration of BB 9220 Governing Board Elections
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.9. Board Bylaw Update: Consideration of BB 9222 Resignation
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.10. Board Bylaw Update: Consideration of BB 9223 Filling Vacancies
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board
- 5.11. Board Bylaw Update: Consideration of BB 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement & Other Benefits
Recommendation: First Reading before the Board

President Wingo explained he had asked for strike-out copies at the last board meeting in order to discuss in detail at this meeting. President Wingo asked Superintendent Hennes to explain BB 9250 further.

Superintendent Hennes explained that he had our lawyer, Byron Smith, look over the Board Bylaw. The major point would be that if a Board Member misses a meeting because of an unexcused absence they will not be paid the monthly stipend.

Member Hoffman-Brady questioned if we are participating in Home & Hospital this year.

Superintendent Hennes explained that he is currently tutoring a student at the school. Mrs. Carlson had also been working with a student that recently returned to school. The school offers support of up to 5 hours a week with a Dr.'s note.

President Wingo chose to waive the second reading and call for a motion of approval on all of the above listed Board Policies and Board Bylaws.

Motion to Approve: Ronda Bailey

Second: Tim Hoffman-Brady

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Brady, Bailey, Hoffman-Brady, and Wingo all voted Aye. There were none opposed.

6. FISCAL SERVICES

- 6.1. MOU w/ Olsen Excavation & Grading to Provide Services for Piping Down Spouts

Motion to Approve: Tim Hoffman-Brady

Second: Lisa Brady

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Brady, Bailey, Hoffman-Brady, and Wingo all voted Aye. There were none opposed.

- 6.2. Twain Harte-Long Barn USD Financing Corporation Dissolution

Recommendation: For Approval, The full Board must be in attendance and vote.

This item was pulled from the agenda at the start of the meeting because the full Board was not in attendance to vote.

7. PERSONNEL

- 7.1. Presentation of the Sunshine between the District & CSEA – Mutual Proposals

Recommendation: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Sunshine Letter

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Session was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Tim Hoffman-Brady

Second: Lisa Brady

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Brady, Bailey, Hoffman-Brady, and Wingo all voted Aye. There were none opposed.

Eli Wingo, President

Rick Hennes, Superintendent

Date

**Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Upper Campus Study Hall, Twain Harte School**

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