

**TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Special Board Meeting Called by the Board President
Government Code section 54956**

Board Meeting Room Located At:
18995 Twain Harte Drive
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Board President, Ronda Bailey opened the public session at 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Flag Salute

1.2. Roll Call Members Present:

Ronda Bailey

Eli Wingo

Lisa Brady

Nathan Nutting

Tim Hoffman-Brady

Administrators Present: Jeff Winfield, Superintendent

Dan Mayers, Principal

Employees Present: Tonya Midget, CBO

1.3. Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion to Approve: Eli Wingo

Second: Lisa Brady

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is limited by law to only the items on the special agenda.

There was no public comment.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Update on paving project.

Andy Flies of Aspen Street Architects provided a one page contract summary on the paving project. The summary included the original contract amount and three change orders which potentially add \$83,450 to the project cost. Andy explained that the final number for change order #3 would be less than the \$57,800 listed, due to material costs and labor included in the original bid being replaced with the work listed within the change order. He said the change orders are necessary due to accessibility and drainage issues that were not anticipated as part of the original scope of the project. Andy shared that truncated warning domes will be installed for safety purposes and last longer in a cement bed rather than a pavement bed. The installation of paving

is held up by the unanticipated installation of new concrete in front of the gym and in the former storage container location alongside the band room, to provide the statutorily required American's with disabilities (ADA) access percent grade. The paving surrounding the gym is scheduled to take place August 21st through the 24th. School will start August 19th with the project in full swing, but Andy stated the contractor would bring in temporary rigid fencing to allow kids access to the gym and band room, but prevent them from accessing the construction area.

Andy explained that the lower campus fog sealing has been completed and striping will take place ten days after, which will allow for striping in advance of school starting.

Jeff pointed out portions of the campus being unavailable for back to school night and the need to come up with a modified plan from our standard plan. He and Dan talked about staggering the times that different grade levels show up, or leave it open ended for family's to show up during a several hour timeframe. Dan said he would send out a phone announcement to parents.

3.2. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal

Victoria Fernandez presented her appeal to the board and read a prepared speech. She said the Treehouse program and Joan Amaro's interaction with her daughter are the key factors in her decision to appeal the inter district denial. She said her school of residence does not have a program like Treehouse to offer her daughter.

Eli asked if she intended to keep her daughter enrolled in Twain Harte beyond this school year. Victoria said she was considering changing at 5th grade, but after several board members questioned her for clarification, she ultimately told the board that her overall goal would be to keep her daughter enrolled here through the 8th grade.

After much discussion by various board members, Mr. Mayers and audience comments regarding Victoria's daughter's welfare and unique circumstances, class sizes and other alternatives, it was moved by Eli and seconded by Nathan to approve the appeal.

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

4. EDUCATION

4.1. Student Parent Handbook 2015-2016

Jeff presented the modified pages of the student handbook for board review. Eli emphasized the effort that went into the changes by the discipline committee who communicated multiple times. He asked that Larry Gold, who was in attendance, communicate to the teachers that the board would like them to go over the handbook with the students to familiarize them with the rules at the beginning of the year, and once again at the trimester. Dan said that he will go over the big points at his first Thursday or first Friday student assembly.

The district is moving to a point system for all students. Each student is awarded 10 points and cannot drop below 7 points to remain eligible to participate in co-curricular activities. Eligibility is determined on a combination of academics, citizenship and school wide behavior. If a student becomes ineligible due to a low grade, they are in that position and have the opportunity to bring it back up at the next grading period. Attendance the day of a co-curricular activity is also critical but exceptions can be granted by the principal in advance of the absence. Dan suggested that we implement an automated call to parents the day that a student loses a point. This would alert the parent to look for paperwork that must be signed and returned to the school.

Jeff said that there is still a need to work out the details of earning back eligibility points. The board verbally agreed to begin using this version of the handbook rather than using the old handbook at the upcoming back to school night. Revisions will be made as unfinished business is wrapped up but it was noted that the handbook is a living document that needs to be updated to fit current needs from time to time.

Dan provided the board with a response to intervention three-tier model of interventions, and provided a brief explanation of how this will be a useful tool in identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 5:13 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Hoffman-Brady

Second: Eli Wingo

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Ronda Bailey, President

Jeff Winfield, Superintendent

Date