

**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, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 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 – Arrived at 4:05 p.m.  
Member Ronda Bailey  
Member Tim Hoffman-Brady  
Member Rose Wingo  
Mr. Rick Hennes, Superintendent  
Mr. Dan Mayers, Principal  
Mrs. Tonya Midget, CBO  
Mrs. Daisi Kepner, Administrative Specialist

Administration Present:

President Wingo explained that a Special Meeting was added to run concurrently. The Winter Consolidated Application (ConAp) was added as item 1.4. In addition, item 6.2. was pulled from the agenda but will return next month. Pinecrest Permittees Association needed more time to review and approve it.

1.3. Agenda Review & Adoption

Motion to Approve: Ronda Bailey  
Second: Rose Wingo  
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

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

1.4 Winter Consolidated Application (ConAp)

Motion to Approve: Ronda Bailey  
Second: Tim Hoffman-Brady  
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Members Wingo, 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.)*

Member Brady arrived to the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Mrs. Cablayan stated that she had returned to the board meeting to report on whether the lunch issue had improved as Member Hoffman-Brady has asked her to. She feels that things have actually gotten worse since she attended the last board meeting. She has been present on campus during lunch, and although it varies, there are times when she has seen students wait 31 minutes to be served. This leaves only 9 minutes to eat and play before class begins again. She also feels the noise level in the cafeteria has become an issue. However, she disagrees with the children being told that they need to be quiet at all times. Mrs. Cablayan requested to know if improvement efforts had been made and what the consultant that was brought in had suggested to us.

Superintendent Hennes asked Ms. Brunolli to address the issue. Ms. Brunolli explained that the children being pushed up against the time line are spending the first 20 minutes in the Focus Room as discipline. Mrs. Cablayan questioned whether or not finishing your homework and ending up in the Focus Room is appropriate discipline, especially if it cuts into the students' right to a lunch break.

Ms. Brunolli explained that the consultant did come and he suggested we always have a salad bar option to help speed things up. However, she feels this is a problem because it requires an attendant to be present to serve. Serving does require time because the cafeteria staff need to verify that at least 3 components are chosen by each child.

Mr. Hennes explained that we did purchase another table because of the comments regarding overcrowding. He feels the weather is a factor contributing to the noise and the delays in the last couple of weeks. Mr. Hennes spoke to Ms. Brunolli about working to get the kids through the line faster. He acknowledged that this is a work in progress and there are a lot of factors to be considered. He also stated that he would look into the Ed Code that addresses whether this is an appropriate way to discipline. If we are in violation we will adjust our policy. He agrees that the administration needs to have a greater presence in the cafeteria if the noise level is becoming a factor.

Mrs. Cablayan feels that the decision to make this change was rushed in order to get the larger educational block. She feels we need to either go back to the way it was or a solution needs to be found quickly.

Member Brady inquired if lunch time was the only time to hold Focus Room.

President Wingo inquired if we could use break time as an option.

Principal Mayers explained that 15 minute breaks are a short amount of time to go the bathroom, get a drink and then attempt to get caught up on work. The student would end up with very few minutes.

Mr. Hennes said he will bring another update to the board next month. They will keep working on the issues and problem solving.

Mrs. Gold shared that she feels it is difficult to have kids get excited about their lunch and break and then have to stand in line for long periods or then sit down and have to be quiet.

Mr. Brown echoed that break time is important for kids to be productive later in the day.

Mrs. Ballard mentioned that the kids need to move their bodies and get energy out. In fact, they had just had a Zumba dance party!

President Wingo confirmed that the item would be put on next month's agenda to discuss again. He requested that a plan be in place to explain how we are going to respond to the issues by that time.

- Presentation of Safety Award, Terri Prichard (Prichard Safety and Health) and Norma Wallace (JPA)

Mrs. Pritchard presented the Safety Award to our school for the second year in a row. She complimented Mr. Wurz on doing a phenomenal job of keeping up with issues. A complete inspection was done this year and only 9 hazards total were found. This is a very low number! In recognition, our school received a \$5,000 check and a plaque. The prize money will go towards maintenance improvement projects.

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1. Superintendent Report

- Update/Discussion on Modernization Projects, Superintendent Hennes

Superintendent Hennes mentioned that last week there was a walk-through with the architect in the location of the new district office. The project is being submitted to the state architect now. There will also be an interior designer assisting with the project material choices.

We are sending out for bids regarding the A/C and lighting projects funded by the Prop 39 Grant. This project is designed to reduce energy consumption. The outside of the buildings are going to be painted as well.

- LCAP Meetings

Superintendent Hennes was optimistic there would be a larger crowd. 5 parents attended the meeting. He briefly reviewed the items discussed. One of the items discussed was building up classroom libraries by giving teachers a budget exclusively for this purpose. There is another LCAP meeting scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He explained that following the LCAP meeting there would be a free Potato Bar dinner, which will then lead into the ELA Literacy Night.

Mr. Hennes recently attended the Every Student Succeeds Breakfast that recognizes students that have overcome challenges. He extended his congratulations to Shelby Crom who was nominated from our school this year.

- Lunch Schedule Update
- 3.2. Board Member Reports
- Character Counts Kids for January 2017 – Andrew Kepner & Cayden Bell
  - Student of the Month for January 2017 – Logan Gumm

Member Hoffman-Brady questioned why a bus route was changed in the middle of the year. He expressed concern that the Board voted to approve the schedule at the start of the year and once approved they do not expect it to be changed. He was upset that he was unaware of the issue until told by parents. The parents told him they would now be driving 9 miles every day, which he disagrees with. Superintendent Hennes explained that the road conditions were unsafe due to snow and that is what resulted in the necessary change.

Mr. Hoffman-Brady feels we have the responsibility to get children to school each day.

Superintendent Hennes expressed that it is his overall priority to keep the children safe. Therefore, he had to make a judgement call.

Member Hoffman-Brady asked why we do our route in reverse order and take a bus load of kids all the way up the hill to the most dangerous area instead of picking them up on the way down the hill.

Mrs. Roberts stepped in to explain the policy of “not crossing the highway rule” with students.

Member Brady explained that she had her own personal situation with the bus during the weather as well. She said the bus deviated from the regular snow day route stop and actually drove past her student on the street. She then had to find alternate routes to drop them off.

Superintendent Hennes said he was unaware of that change but would look into it.

Mrs. Gold questioned whether we actually have the responsibility to transport students to school.

Superintendent Hennes explained we do not. He then asked the Board if they wanted him to bring the bus route details and discuss the issue at the next board meeting.

The Board agreed they would like him to do that.

### 3.3. Principal Report

Principal Mayers presented a list of recent and upcoming events.

He wanted to give a big thank you to Janet Blaum for being our liaison for the Foster Youth Council with the County.

The ski trip may be cancelled on Friday due to the weather.

Presentation of Parent Survey responses that have come in so far.

Presentation of graph showing the decline in detentions and discipline.

### 3.4. Staff Reports

Mr. Gray reported for the lower grade teachers.

Kindergartners just enjoyed the Chinese New Year Parade.

Students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school today.

Mike Brown reported for the upper grade teachers.

Joleen Jacobs has been doing an amazing job working with the students and teachers. Staff is seeing a continued improvement in behavior.

The first ski trip was a success. 72 students attended!

Mrs. DeMars, Mrs. Dahlin, Mrs. Carlson and Mr. Gold’s students are starting an art watercolor class.

Mrs. DeMars and Mrs. Dahlin attended the Close Reading training that supports our ELA Curriculum.

Mrs. Dahlin and Mr. Gold participated in a Valentine Card program for the seniors in our community.

Ms. Berry, Mrs. DeMars, Mrs. Dahlin, and Mr. Brown have all been participating in the STEM Tracks Program. This is their final year of the process. Our staff will be far ahead of the game at bringing the new standards to our students.

Mrs. Rose and Mr. Brown are getting ready to take students to Science Camp in March.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be attending the Friendship Conference this month.

A big thank you to the China House for donating supplies to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders for Chinese New Year!

### 3.5. Enrollment Report – 258, 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 January 11, 2017

4.2. Warrants up to January 19, 2017

- 4.3. Consideration of Appointment of Girls Volleyball Coaches, \$1,230 Stipend per Team:
  - Girls Volleyball 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Larry Gold
  - Girls Volleyball 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Noel Rathmel
  - Girls Volleyball 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Brian Edwards

Mrs. Ballard mentioned that we had enough girls to have two 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams for Volleyball this year! She is also excited that she will be co-coaching with Brian Edwards.

- 4.4. MOU w/ TCSOS to Provide 2017-2018 Menu of Services
- 4.5. First Interim Report 2016-2017 Approval Letter
- 4.6. NatureBridge on the Marin Headlands 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp Trip – March 15-17<sup>th</sup>
  - Motion to Approve: Tim Hoffman
  - Second: Ronda Bailey
  - Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

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

## 5. EDUCATION

5.1. Board Policy Update: Consideration of BP/AR 6172 Gifted & Talented Student Program  
Superintendent Hennes requested that the Board consider just a first reading due to the fact that he had submitted the policy to the teachers for their input. He would like to hear back from them first.

## 6. FISCAL SERVICES

- 6.1. Instructional Minutes Waiver due to Weather
  - Motion to Approve: Tim Hoffman-Brady
  - Second: Lisa Brady
  - Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

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

Item 6.2. was pulled from the agenda at the start of the meeting.

- 6.2. Consideration for Approval of Purchase Agreement and Promissory Note Between Twain Harte School District's Governing Board and Pinecrest Permittees Association for the Sale of Pinecrest Elementary School Site and Facilities

Recommendation: For Approval, by a 2/3rds vote of the Membership of the Board

Mr. Brown inquired about whether we had been through Pinecrest campus to take everything of value we wanted.

Principal Mayers assured that we have been through the property several times.

The Public Session was adjourned at 4:59 p.m. and the Board immediately went into Closed Session.

## CLOSED SESSION

7. DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION (Gov. Code 54957.7)
  - 7.1. Property: Pinecrest Elementary School Site and Facilities
    - Agency Negotiator: Rick Hennes, Superintendent
    - Negotiating Party: Pinecrest Permittees Association
    - Under Negotiations: Terms of Sale
  - 7.2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code 54957.6)
    - Agency Negotiator: Rick Hennes, Superintendent
    - CSEA, California School Employees Association
  - 7.3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
  - 7.4. Adjourn to Public Session – Report Action Taken

The Closed Session was adjourned at 5:46 p.m. and the Board immediately went back into Public Session.

President Wingo reported out that the Board had taken action. The Board chose to act on Item #7.3. and reported out as follows:

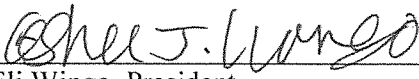
Based on the motion of Board Member Hoffman-Brady, which was seconded by Board President Wingo, the Governing Board, by a 3-1-1 vote, voted to release and reassign an Administrator to the classroom at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Board Member Brady voted "No" and Board Member Rose Wingo voted to "Abstain."


Motion to Approve: Tim Hoffman-Brady  
Second: President Wingo  
Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 Noes, 0 Absent, 1 Abstentions

Aye: Member Hoffman-Brady, President Eli Wingo, Member Bailey  
No: Member Brady  
Abstention: Member Rose Wingo

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Session was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

  
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Eli Wingo, President

  
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Rick Hennes, Superintendent

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**Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
Upper Campus Study Hall, Twain Harte School**

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22997 Joaquin Gully Road, Suite G, Twain Harte, California,  
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