

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

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WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER- Member Hoffman-Brady at 4:00pm.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call: Member Tim Hoffman-Brady

Member Kelli Brand

Member Noel Rathmel

Chief Business Official Tonya Royce

Member Jacob Foiada

Member Gabe Anderson

Superintendent/Principal Gabe Wingo

Administrative Specialist Robyn Moore

1.3 Agenda Review & Adoption

Motion:

Member Hoffman-Brady

Second:

Member Anderson

Vote:

5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ron Wurz addressed the Board- Mr. Wurz explained that his retirement request that will be on the December Board Agenda was due to the potential vaccination mandate.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Superintendent/Principal Report-

Site Council-Wellness Plan: We are working on reviewing and revising our school wellness plan, it will be brought to the board in December. We will begin reviewing the school safety plan in the coming months

CAT2 infrastructure project: The project will upgrade our fiber optic line capability from the lower to upper campus, we are currently at maximum usage on this line. The upper campus project will update the infrastructure to better support classroom technical needs i.e. Wi-Fi speed and connectivity, Clear Touch Boards, web-hosting, etc.

Board Member Workshops: A handout of TCSOS board member workshops was made available to the board.

Generator Work: We are gathering bids to update our lower building generator to provide power to classrooms during PSPS and other weather related outages.

Writing Assessments: School wide writing assessments were completed last week by all grade levels. We were able to evaluate the assessments as a team and gather information on how to address any deficiencies that may have been increased due to the pandemic.

ALICE Drills: The Tuolumne County Sheriff Department will be on campus November 18, to run drills.

End of Trimester: Friday November 12, 2021, report cards go home November 19, 2021.

3.2 Board Member Reports-

Member Hoffman-Brady recommended the CSBA Annual Education Conference for Board Members

3.3 Staff Reports-

Kindergarten: Working on the Alphabet, reading The Little Red Hen and made bread and butter

1st Grade: Finished informational writing, learned about spiders and owls, disguised a turkey and will be writing about their turkey's escape

2nd and 3rd grade: Cleaned up the garden getting it ready for planting, preparing for the Royal Turkey Pageant, each student is designing a unique turkey to compete and is writing about their turkey's appearance from the turkey's point of view

6,7,8 graders: Who are piloting Illustrative Math are really engaged in the curriculum

6th grade: Working on informative writing essays for the newspaper elective

5th grade: Completed Patterns of the Earth and Sky, researched the history of a constellation of their choice and then constructed a 3-D model of it. They are also wrapping up the Age of Exploration and will be having a "day in the life of a sailor" day.

6-8: Art elective has started on the school mosaic for the front wall of the gym.

3.4 Enrollment Report - 257

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 COVID Update- Superintendent Wingo

6 exposure events on campus. Currently 3 students and 0 staff out with positive test results.

0 students and 0 staff out on quarantine for exposure on campus. To date we have had 34 students and 0 staff quarantined for on campus exposure events.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

4.2 COVID Safety Plan- Superintendent Wingo

- California CDPH reaffirmed the indoor masking requirements for schools. Our staff and students have been doing a good job of following the masking requirement to ensure a safe return to in person instruction.
- We continue to offer modified quarantine to close contacts. Students placed on modified quarantine may remain in school if they are symptom free and undergo twice weekly testing. We are offering the testing on-site.
- We are now able to offer a shorter quarantine to staff members. Staff can end quarantine after 8 days if they receive a negative PCR test after day 5.
- Student athletes are tested weekly prior to their games. Spectators are required to wear masks at games.
- Employees without COVID-19 vaccine verification on file undergo weekly testing as per CDPH order of August 11, 2021.
- Facility use by outside groups is still restricted.
- Campus volunteers continue to be limited to essential volunteers only.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Member Anderson asked about mask enforcement issues. Response: We have had no issues to date.

Member Brand asked about 8th grade buddy program. Superintendent Wingo's Response: The program is currently happening virtually, we will be reevaluating after the first of the year for any changes.

4.3 CDPH Vaccination Updates- Superintendent Wingo

- Governor Newsom has directed CDPH to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in person instruction, such as measles, mumps, and rubella pursuant to HSC 120325-120380
- Per existing state law, any new vaccine added to the required list must be subject to medical and personal belief exemptions. (HSC120338)
- Per the order from Governor Newsom, all school staff will be required to be vaccinated no later than when the requirements take effect for students. It is unclear what the process for exemptions will be for school staff members
- Exact timelines for when either requirement can take effect is unclear as it depends on the FDA granting full approval of vaccine use in children. The earliest requirements could take effect is January 1, 2022. The expectation is that 7-12 grades would take effect July 1, 2022, there is no estimation on TK-6.

Public Comment:

- Twain Harte Parent, Melissa Vallelunga asked about the board's stance on the COVID-19 vaccination requirements. She expressed concern with their lack of public comment on the topic and asked for their thoughts and intentions with regards to our students and COVID vaccinations. She explained her concern for the number of students that will leave the public school system if the COVID vaccine is required. She asked if the Twain Harte Board was planning on issuing a public statement.
- Board Response to Public Comment:
 - Member Brand agreed the board had not discussed this topic as other schools in the area have. She expressed her desire to remain open minded on the topic as the situation changes. She then offered her personal beliefs on the vaccination requirements as it relates to her students.
 - Member Hoffman-Brady stated that his personal feelings were not relevant to this process, as a School Board Member he is sworn to uphold the law as it relates to the school district.
 - Member Rathmel commented that as a board member he didn't feel they had an avenue to fight a law if it goes into effect. Ultimately this will be decided in the courts and once there is a decision as a board we will need to uphold the law. Member Rathmel shared his personal beliefs on the topic as it relates to his family. He added that if there is a way to fight the decision he would be willing, but he does not see that as an option at this time.
 - Member Foiada agreed that the board will have to uphold any requirements that become law. He is open to ideas or suggestions on how to create an environment that allows choice.
 - Member Anderson thanked parents for coming and sharing their concerns. He feels his responsibility is to the 257 students and their families and doing what is in their best interest. He sees his role as partnering with families to come up with the best solution that is not a one size fits all.
- Wendie Roberts asked if board members would vaccinate if the law for staffing goes into effect or step down. Each member stated their position.

Board Comment:

- Member Rathmel asked who would approve exemptions. Superintendent Wingo's Response: We currently have no information on what the exemption process will look like.

4.4 Educator Effectiveness Plan-

The Educator Effectiveness Grant is available to school districts to provide professional learning, enhance school culture, and promote educator quality and effectiveness. The district plans to use the grant funding for the following:

- Based on staff input, character education has been identified as an area lacking at Twain Harte School. Pandemic interruption has magnified the need to implement a program that emphasizes the development of character traits to improve both student behavior and success in the future.
 - We will be purchasing a Character Counts program.
 - We will add additional hours to an already existing position to coordinate with teachers on the delivery of character education lessons in the classroom.
- We will pay for professional development and training on the new math curriculum.
- We will provide funds to assist with induction costs for certificated staff.

This plan is being presented to the board at this meeting and will be voted on at the December 15, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Board considered 5.1-5.4 by a single vote. 5.5 was considered separately by request of the board.

- 5.1 Warrants Through October 29, 2021
- 5.2 Minutes from October 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.3 Consideration of Girls' Volleyball Coach 2021-2022, Stipend \$1230.00, Leslie Jackson
- 5.4 Consideration of MOU with Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for the Learning Communities for School Success Program (LCSSP) services.
- 5.5 Consideration of Short-Term COVID-19 Yard Duty Social Distancing: Jasmine Rathmel

Motion to approve 5.1-5.4: Member Hoffman-Brady
 Second: Member Anderson
 Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

Motion to approve 5.5 only: Member Foiada
 Second: Member Brand
 Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 1 Abstentions

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Consideration of: Setting the Date for the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Twain Harte Board of Education Trustees as, December 15, 2021, 4:00pm in the boardroom located at 22974 Twain Harte Drive, Twain Harte, CA. (Ed Code 35143)

Motion to Approve: Member Rathmel
 Second: Member Foiada
 Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

- 6.2 Consideration of Approval BP1313, Civility; Community Relations
- 6.3 Consideration of Approval BP/AR 3515.2, Disruptions; Business & Non-Instructional Operations

- 6.4 Consideration of Approval AR 1312.4, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures; Community Relations

Motion to accept and approve 6.2-6.4 as one vote: Member Rathmel
 Second: Member Foiada

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

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Member Hoffman-Brady adjourned to closed session at 4:55pm.

- 7.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code 54957.6)
District Negotiator: Gabe Wingo, Superintendent/Principal
THFT, Twain Harte Federation of Teachers
- 7.2 Adjourn to Public Session

8. **PUBLIC SESSION CALL TO ORDER** by Member Hoffman-Brady at 5:45pm.


- 8.1 Report of any action taken in closed session: No action was taken.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** by Member Hoffman-Brady at 5:45pm.

**Next Regular Meeting of the Twain Harte Board of Education is
Wednesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
In the Board Room at Twain Harte School 22974 Twain Harte Drive, Twain Harte, CA 95383**



President



Gabe Wingo, Superintendent/Principal

12-15-21

Date