

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

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Wednesday, December 15, 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 Jacob Foiada

Member Kelli Brand

Member Gabe Anderson

Member Noel Rathmel

Superintendent/Principal Gabe Wingo

Chief Business Official Tonya Royce

Administrative Specialist Robyn Moore

1.3 Agenda Review & Adoption –approved with change, move 5.4 Retirement to Superintendent 4.0 first topic.

Motion to Approve: Member Rathmel

Second: Member Anderson

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

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION: REORGANIZATION

2.1 Call for Nominations for President

2.2 Call for Nominations for Clerk

Member Hoffman-Brady Nominated Member Rathmel for Board President and Member Foiada for Board Clerk. Member Brand Seconded the Nominations.

Board Approved 2.1 and 2.2 in one vote.

Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady

Second: Member Anderson

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

2.3 2020/21 Board Meeting Annual Calendar; Establish Dates, Time & Location for 2020/21 Board Meetings.

Board voted to approve the calendar with changes to the 2022 June Dates to June 28 and 29.

Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady

Second: Member Anderson

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

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – no public comment

4. REPORTS

4.1,4.2 Superintendent/Principal Report

- Presentation to Ron Wurz, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation and thank you for his years of service.
- Projects currently underway: Lower building generator, putting up permanent outside eating cover to allow for continued outside dining during the warm weather.
- We have applied for a \$10,000 grant for a new cafeteria oven that will be able to run on propane and take advantage of the generator. We are currently serving all students free lunch and breakfast.
- The Sheriff was on campus for ALICE Training. Their program is designed to offer age appropriate training on this safety protocol. The department then came back to debrief with

the staff offering valuable input. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department for offering such a great program.

- Testing results as compared to the county have been published and we were slightly below in Language arts and above in mathematics. We continue to use our writing assessments to help determine where we need to continue to building on our students' skills in language arts/writing. Thee improvements in math support our decision to have a math specialist on board. This has allowed us to help students that need additional support and challenge students that are ready to advance

4.3 Board Member Report- none

4.4 Staff Reports

- Second and third grade went on a field trip to Micke Grove Zoo, fourth-eight Grades had an Honor Roll field trip to the movies, kindergarten made their life-size gingerbread man and will be making gingerbread houses with their eighth grade buddies.
- The pilot of Illustrative Math in kindergarten, fourth grade and with select sixth-eighth graders is being well received by students and teachers.

4.5 Enrollment Report – 256

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 COVID Update:

- YTD Numbers: 7 exposure events, 34 students have been quarantined
- Currently Quarantined: 1 student, 0 staff
- Quarantined for Off Campus Exposure: 0 students, 0 staff
- Positive On Site testing results YTD: 1 student, 0 staff

Member Hoffman-Brady asked for update on how testing was going.

Response Superintendent Wingo; as well as can be expected. We are all working to keep our students in school. We have set up drop boxes to make it as easy as possible for weekly testing and have the rapid test option available.

4.2 CDPH Vaccination Updates

- There is still no timeline for when the State will impose a vaccine mandate on school staff and students. This will continue to be an agendized topic so we can update the public and have discussions as new information becomes available. Currently just under 9% of students are COVID vaccinated.
- A letter to the Governor and a number of other state authorities from the Tuolumne County Superintendents went out outlining the potential impact of a mandate on our schools and asking for clarification on timing for the end of masking mandate.

Public Comment on Discussion Items:

Twain Harte Teacher Kimberlie Ballard wanted to know if Twain Harte School would be sending out a questionnaire asking about vaccine mandate consequences similar to the one Summerville High School recently sent to parents and staff to determine staffing needs for next year if COVID vaccines are mandated?

Response Superintendent Wingo: We do think we need to get feedback on the issue and plan on surveying all stakeholders.

Twain Harte Parents Ryan and Melissa Vallelunga expressed their strong disagreement with any masking policy for students.

Ryan Vallelunga: We are concerned that the Board is under the impression they are bound by law to impose these mandates and do not believe that is the case. Ryan presented information to support their opinion that these mandates are not law and wanted the members and audience to understand they are speaking for students and are not trying to impose differing opinions on vaccine choice. They are planning on attending each board meeting to offer information on the vaccine topic that is not readily

available but would be useful as the board tries to navigate the decisions on pending COVID issues. Ryan commented that based on Twain Harte School Board Policies it is the Board's responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students, with that in mind our goal is to respectfully "convince you that what is in the best interest of our children is to get the mask off their face and to not even think about considering mandating". A copy of a Soulsbyville School District resolution to not mandate masks, quarantine or vaccines was presented and read to the board, with a request that the Twain Harte Board consider a similar resolution.

Melissa Vallelunga, Parent and Nurse Practitioner: Stated we are presenting ourselves as a source of information going forward. Based on last month's comments from the Board to follow the law we will present information that supports the opinion that many of the COVID mandates are unlawful. Mellissa cited multiple court cases, COVID research and statistics to support their position on masking and vaccination of students. She also spoke to the mental health crisis in our youth and the severity of the problem specifically in Tuolumne County with respect to COVID mandates. Finally, Melissa proposes that Twain Harte School not enforce masking in students and make it the parents' choice to mask their student or not. Finally, she cited "Let Them Breathe" court case that determined it was up to each school to determine masking requirements. She stated that CDPH guidelines and Ed code do not have any provisions for legally removing students from school or class for not wearing a mask if not exhibiting symptoms or having been exposed to COVID.

Question for the board: What is the school's exemption process?

Response Superintendent Wingo: We will get a copy of the guidelines to Melissa but thought the standard as set forth by county health was that the exemption needed to be a medically verifiable. Melissa offered her email for any questions or requests for documentation that was being used to support their position.

Superintendent Wingo stated he would like to respond to some of the information presented by the Vallelunga's at the next meeting.

Member Rathmel asked for copies of the information cited, he felt it would be easier to research if they had the information in front of them before the next meeting. Melissa offered to email the information to all board members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Warrants up to December 3, 2021
 - 5.2 Minutes from November 10, 2021
 - 5.3 Consideration of Snow Plow Agreement with Covers & Sons Inc.
 - 5.4 Consideration of Retirement of Classified Management Employee, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation: Ron Wurz
 - 5.5 Consideration of the Annual Facility Inspection Tool Results
 - 5.6 Consideration of MOU between Summerville Elementary School District and Twain Harte School District for Assistance with ELPAC (Initial, Summative, or Alternative) Testing Examination
 - 5.7 Consideration of Employment of Classified Management Employee, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation: Mark Van Houten
 - 5.8 Consideration of MOU between Tuolumne County Schools and Twain Harte School District for services based on agreements approved in Cal Hope Grant
 - 5.9 Consideration of New Job Description: Extended Day Remediation Intervention Teacher
 - 5.10 Consideration of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2021
- Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady
Second: Member Anderson
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

6. FISCAL SERVICES

- 6.1 First Interim Report presented by Tonya Royce C.B.O:

- Excess Property Tax Revenue is \$1,168,086 above the LCFF calculator. This translates to 114 ADA growth for property taxes and the LCFF calculator to equal.
- Mountain Oaks Charter School property tax transfer still based on ADA from 2019-20 due to COVID freeze on ADA. Updated ADA sometime in January, we will bill Mountain Oaks for any overages.
- Special Education encroachment, \$419,586, transportation costs increased \$22,357 over prior year, SELPA bill back increased \$10,055. The bill back will be adjusted again in May 2022.
- The general fund ending balance estimated at 43% when combined with the special reserve fund. Board designation is a minimum 17% reserve.
- Fund 13 Cafeteria \$20,385 in Food Service Sales revenue was removed from budget projections. All student meals are free regardless of household income. State revenue will be adjusted as reimbursement totals are known.

Lunch reimbursement rates compared to 2019-20:

Federal .8875 cents higher

State .0042 cents higher

Meals Served:

9004 meals August to November 2019

7751 meals August to November 2021

1,253 meals less so far this year.

- Fund 14 Deferred Maintenance, increased \$11,104 over budget adoption to fund playground repairs and new classroom carpet.
- Fund 20 Post-Employment Benefits Fund - Reduced interest income budget by \$7,000 to more closely match anticipated interest earnings.
- The following had no change to the adopted budget:
 - Fund 15 Pupil Transportation Equipment Fund
 - Fund 17 Special Reserve Fund
 - Fund 25 Developer Fees Fund
 - Fund 40 Capital Outlay Projects Fund

Motion to Approve: Member Brand

Second: Member Hoffman-Brady

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

6.2 5 Year Developer Fee Accounting

Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady

Second: Member Brand

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

7. ACTION

7.1 Consideration of MOU between Twain Harte Community Service District and the Twain Harte School District for participation in the Storm Water Enhancement Project

Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady

Second: Member Anderson

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

7.2 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 4112.42 Personnel, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Motion to Approve: Member Rathmel

Second: Member Anderson
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

7.3 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 5131.2 Students, Bullying

Motion to Approve: Member Hoffman-Brady
Second: Member
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

7.4 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 5141.52 Students, Suicide Prevention

7.5 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 5145.3 Students, Non-Discrimination/Harassment

7.6 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 5145.7 Students, Sexual Harassment

7.7 Consideration of Approval of BP/AR 5145.71 Students, Title IX Sexual Harassment Complainant Procedures

Motion to Approve and Waive Second Reading on 7.4-7.7 in one vote:
Member Hoffman-Brady
Second: Member Brand
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions

8. CLOSED SESSION- No public comments on closed session. Adjourned to closed session at 5:10 p.m.

8.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code 54957.6)
District Negotiator: Gabe Wingo, Superintendent/Principal
THFT, Twain Harte Federation of Teachers

8.2 Adjourn to Public Session-5:45p.m.

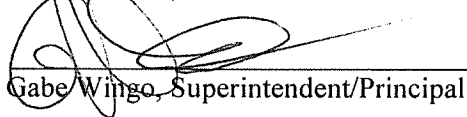
9. ADJOURNMENT by Member Rathmel at 5:46 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting of the Twain Harte Board of Education is
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

In the Board Room at Twain Harte School 22974 Twain Harte Drive, Twain Harte, CA 95383



Noel Rathmel, President



Gabe Wingo, Superintendent/Principal

1/12/2022
Date