



Regular Board Meeting  
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Oroville, California 95965  
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## MEETING MINUTES

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### VISION

We provide a secure, well-maintained and nurturing environment for all. Students are engaged through interactive learning—emphasizing and integrating communication, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and curiosity, to confidently meet the diverse challenges of tomorrow.

### MISSION

In a safe and respectful environment, we inspire, educate, and challenge our students, empowering them to succeed in an ever-changing world.

#### 1. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE: 5:30 p.m.**

At 5:30 p.m. Board President, Mr. Walker, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at Thermalito Union Elementary School District Office, 400 Grand Avenue, Oroville.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Public Employment (Government Code 54957)**
- B. Public employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to California Government Code 54957**
- C. District Representative with Bargaining Unit: CSEA / TTA/CONF./MGMT/ASST. SUPT/SUPT**
- D. Litigation: Jane Doe vs. Thermalito Union Elementary School District (Gov. Code sec. 54956.9 subd. (d)(1).)**

**4. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

At 6:25 p.m. Board President, Mr. Walker, reconvened to Open Session and called the meeting to order.

**Attendees**

**Voting Members Present**

Mark Walker, President  
Richard Meyer, Clerk  
Tracell Biddle-Lewis, Trustee  
Jaymes Lackey, Trustee

**Voting Members Absent**

Darlene Fultz, Vice President

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Greg Blake, Superintendent & Board Secretary

**Public Present**

Julie Carr, Heather Walker, Bill Harrington, Lisa Shaw, Aurelia Brockman, Gail Shields, Tammy Duggan

**5. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Mr. Walker, stated there is no report of action taken in Closed Session.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Mr. Walker.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Bill Harrington, Principal Poplar Avenue, introduced Madeline Pratt who's hire as a temporary 4th grade teacher at Poplar Avenue is a request on the consent agenda as item HJ.

Grandparent of student who attends Nelson Avenue Middle School, Aurelia Brockman, expressed concerns regarding granddaughters' safety on Nelson Avenue Middle School campus and concerns regarding threats that occurred on the bus. Upset at Nelson Avenue Middle School Administration and District Superintendent regarding how the issues have been handled. Asked board for any action that can be done to remedy bullying at school.

Board President, Mark Walker, asked Superintendent, Greg Blake, to investigate further.

**8. CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA UPON PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION**

Board President, Mr. Walker, stated there is no change of order.

**9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**10. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**A. Review of 2022-2023 Williams Act Complaints (2nd Quarter - October 1, 2022-December 31, 2022)**

Williams 2nd Quarter Reports: Superintendent, Greg Blake, reported zero complaints for the period October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

### **B. MINUTES: 12/13/2022**

Approved 4-0.

### **C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: 12/01/22-12/31/22**

Approved 4-0.

### **D. INTER-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Approved 4-0.

### **E. CONFERENCES**

All conferences were approved 4-0.

- a. **Approve travel request for Vicky Caporale to attend the CA School Nurse Organization Annual Conference in Riverside, CA February 15-19, 2023**
- b. **Approve travel request for Cody Walker to attend the ACSA North State Conference in Reno, NV, April 28-30, 2023**
- c. **Approve travel request for Tammy Duggan to attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado from March 30-April 2, 2023**
- d. **Approve travel request for Andrew Koster to attend the Annual CA Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) Conference in Sacramento, CA February 22-24, 2023**
- e. **Approve travel request for Bill Harrington to attend ACSA North State Leadership conference in Reno, NV April 28-30, 2023**

- f. **Approve travel request for Greg Blake and Cody Walker to attend the AALRR Collective Bargaining Conference in Shell Beach, CA, April 19-21, 2023**

#### **F. CONTRACTS**

All contracts were approved 4-0.

- a. **Ratify consultant agreement with Valerie Cross Counseling to provide support for Elementary School Counselor at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective January 3, 2023 - June 01, 2023**
- b. **Approve consultant agreement with Nili Yudice, Inclusive Specialist at TLC Preschool for 2022-2023 fiscal year**
- c. **Ratify contract with PBK Architects for Facility Master Plan Update**
- d. **Approve agreement between Cloverleaf Family Counseling and TLC Preschool Early Head Start (EHS) for 22-23 school year**
- e. **Ratify Approval of Grant Contract with Butte County Air Quality Management District effective December 8, 2022**
- f. **Ratify Consultant Agreement with Joanne Hatcher for Behind the Wheel Bus Driver Instruction effective December 19, 2022 through March 15, 2023**

#### **G. OPERATIONS**

All operations requests were approved 4-0.

- a. **Approve updated CSEA Chapter #182 Collective Bargaining Agreement (Contract) effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025**
- b. **Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment at District Office**
- c. **Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment at Nelson Avenue Middle School**
- d. **Approve the 2021-22 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)**

#### **H. PERSONNEL**

All Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions were approved 4-0.

- a. **Approve hiring of Classified and Certificated substitute employees**
- b. **Ratify hire of Susan Bowman as a temporary Middle School Counselor/Middle School Administrator at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective January 12, 2023 through June 01, 2023**

- c. **Approve Haidee Donati's request for a reduction in hours for the 2023-2024 school year under the Willie Brown Act. The requested assignment is 80%.**
- d. **Ratify hire of Rebecca Horn as a Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective January 3, 2023 through June 2, 2023**
- e. **Approve Range 16 for Yer Cha, Associate Preschool Teacher at TLC Preschool, for providing bilingual services at TLC Preschool effective February 1, 2023**
- f. **Approve hire of Houa Yang as a probationary full-time Bus Driver/MOT Utility Worker for the MOT Department effective January 23, 2023**
- g. **Approve hire of Mark Littleton as a probationary part-time Campus Supervisor at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective January 30, 2023**
- h. **Approve transfer of Phyllis Stegall, Cressie Weatherbee and McKenzie Martini as Child Nutrition Assistants within the Child Nutrition Department effective January 23, 2023**
- i. **Approve hire of Cheyenne Nau as a part-time probationary Health Assistant at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective January 23, 2023**
- j. **Approve hire of Madeline Pratt as a temporary 4th grade teacher at Poplar Avenue Elementary effective January 30, 2023 through June 2, 2023**
- k. **Approve hire of Lisa Fryer as a probationary part-time Paraeducator III - Special Education at Poplar Avenue Elementary effective January 23, 2023**
- l. **Approve hire of Chia Nag Vang as a probationary full-time Associate Preschool Teacher at TLC Preschool effective January 20, 2023**

**I. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

- a. **Accept resignation of Wind "Raven" Tucker as an Associate Preschool Teacher - Special Education effective January 02, 2023**
- b. **Accept resignation of Emily Green as a 4th Grade Teacher at Poplar Avenue Elementary School effective January 27, 2023**

- c. **Accept resignation of Kang Thao as a Paraeducator I and a Paraeducator III - Activities Supervisor at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective January 17, 2023**
- d. **Accept resignation of Christinel State as a Custodian at Sierra Avenue Elementary School effective January 13, 2023**
- e. **Accept resignation of McKenzie Martini as Child Nutrition Assistant at Sierra Avenue Kitchen, effective January 20, 2023, to accept the Child Nutrition Assistant position at Nelson Avenue Middle School**
- f. **Accept resignation of Phyllis Stegall as Child Nutrition Assistant at Nelson Avenue Middle School Kitchen, effective January 20, 2023, to accept the Child Nutrition Assistant position at Poplar Avenue Elementary**

## **12. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Classified (CSEA Union Rep)**

There were no reports from the Classified Union or staff.

### **B. Certificated (TTA Union Rep)**

Julie Carr, TTA Representative and teacher at Nelson Avenue Middle School, shared appreciation for what the District is doing regarding behavior resolution. Nationwide there is a growth seen in behaviors. To rely on other entities to help find a solution or create a program would take 3-5 years. TTA met with Superintendent, Greg Blake and Assistant Superintendent, Cody Walker, recently and a committee was created to look at behaviors and try to find solutions. Everyone really appreciated being heard and understood and working as a whole to try to find solutions to better help students in need.

### **C. Management**

Tammy Duggan, Principal at Siskiyou Avenue Elementary/Coordinator of Instructional Programs, thanked the board for entrusting her with new school, Siskiyou Avenue. Siskiyou provides the same level of service as other schools. A compilation of internal structures and programming was provided for Board review. Next Siskiyou Avenue event is 100 days of school celebration being held in the evening so working families can attend with their children. Kindness challenge is next week. Thanked Elementary School Principals for their help and support.

Lisa Shaw, Principal Sierra Avenue Elementary, thanked board for approving attendance at Every Student Counts symposium which focused on special

education. A session on inclusive preschool stated a lot of their successes revolved around using Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) and UDL(Universal Design for Learning), which our District already uses. Inclusive preschool helps with transitions to kindergarten & referrals. #1 important thing is building relationships with students, addressing unmet needs before addressing needs. Sierra staff is reading a book called "The Energy Bus" regarding how you can be in charge of your energy bus and have positive energy. A lot of people on Sierra campus are giving back. Sierra expects Platinum status for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support).

Bill Harrington, Principal Poplar Avenue Elementary, thanked Trustee Walker and Trustee Lackey for attending winter program. First winter program for 3 years, really nice for everyone to get together. Next week at Poplar is "Great Kindness Challenge" and competition. Classes will be challenging each other to be kind, producing kindness rocks, and decorations revolving around kindness. On Feb 1st, along with Siskiyow Avenue, Poplar will take part in Global School Play Day, promoting unstructured time for kids to play board games, games from home, in an unstructured environment to help with social skills. Riverbend Academy Teacher, Toni Enriquez, and Officer Brandi VanPoole, worked together for a student who missed an event and they collaborated with a number of other officers to create a second event for student.

Cody Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, shared an overview of the released January budget proposal. Included an 8.3% COLA which would apply to LCFF and other state revenues and a cut to one source, discretionary block grants. No proposed cuts to ELOP (Expanded Learning Opportunities) & Transitional Kindergarten. Variety of other proposed cuts but education was largely spared, which can still change. May will be a revised budget and adopted budget will come out in July. Application for grant for 8 new HVAC units at Plumas Avenue Elementary was approved. Approximately 1/2 HVAC units have been replaced with grant funding and very minimal costs. Interviewing 4 architectural firms for upcoming facilities projects. Purchased 2nd Honda Odyssey for transporting students. Maintenance building project has slowed with recent rain. Working with Davis Demographics on demographic study for district to help with projections and school boundary lines with new developments in area. Attended Butte/Glenn ACSA awards where Connie Drago, Tricia Azevedo, Greg Blake and Lisa Cruikshank were honored.



**D. Superintendent**

Greg Blake, Superintendent, shared reminder regarding board member training by BCOE on January 27th. Recognized Connie Drago, Tricia Azevedo and Lisa Cruikshank as ACSA honorees.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approve Resolution 22-23-13 Authorizing Use of Sourcewell Purchasing Agreement for Purchase of IC Bus**

Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Cody Walker, explained this resolution is to put out bids to purchase a new diesel school bus that is grant funded and will be equipped with a wheel chair lift.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 22-23-13 Authorizing Use of Sourcewell Purchasing Agreement for purchase of IC Bus.

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lackey

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**B. Approve Resolution 22-23-14 to approve signatures for General Child Grant (CCTR)**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 22-23-14 to approve signatures for California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for General Child Care Grant (CCTR).

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

#### **14. DISCUSSION ONLY**

##### **A. Draft of SB 187 Comprehensive School Safety Plan**

Superintendent, Greg Blake, shared an overview of approval process for the Comprehensive School Safety plan which needs to occur annually by March 1st.

##### **B. Upcoming Facilities Projects**

Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Cody Walker, shared an overview of the upcoming TK/K classroom additions at Poplar Avenue Elementary anticipated for 2024-25 school year, after school/community school/multipurpose facility development, TLC Preschool playground equipment additions, Nelson Avenue Middle School fitness course and Nelson Avenue Middle School greenhouse plans.

#### **15. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Walker shared a letter was received from County certifying 1st interim budget and physical application met for this year and next two years. Thank you to Cody Walker and everyone else who helped with budget. Violence and bullying is increasing all over the country and we need to find ways to combat that. Thank you to Greg Blake, Lisa Cruikshank, Tricia Azevedo and Connie Dragos for all their hard work and congratulations.

Mr. Meyer shared what he enjoyed at ACSA event recently attended. Thanked everyone for hard work.

Ms. Biddle-Lewis shared appreciation for teachers that support us and we support them. Very happy to be here. New person coming in and appreciate you all being so welcoming. Happy to be a part of it.

Mr. Lackey enjoyed events at Poplar, Sierra & Siskiyou. Congratulations to Greg Blake, Tricia Azevedo, Connie Dragos and Lisa Shaw.

#### **16. RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:12 p.m. Trustee, Mr. Meyer, requested to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matters.

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

**17. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Mr. Walker, stated there is no report of action taken in Closed Session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mark W. Walker 02/14/23

Mark Walker, Board President

