

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

4:30 PM, August 13, 2019  
Administrative Services Annex  
43 Hawkside Drive, Markleeville, CA 96120

**Attendance Taken at 4:26 PM:**

Present:

Mr. John Baker  
Ms. Amber Bill  
Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Ms. Nani Ellis  
Ms. Amy Mecak

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

President Mecak called the Alpine County Unified School District meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the agenda Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Mr. John Baker.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

President Mecak announced the items to be discussed in Closed Session.

**A. Public Employee Employment per Government Code 54957**

**1. Certificated Employee(s)**

**a. Title: Upper Grade Teacher**

**2. Classified Employee(s)**

**a. Title: Expanded Learning Program Coordinator**

**b. Title: Community / Native Liaison**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

No public comment

**5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSSION**

Minutes:

President Mecak adjourned to closed session at 4:33 pm.

**6. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR OPEN SESSION**

Minutes:

President Mecak reconvened into regular open session at 4:54 pm.

**7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

President Mecak announced that there was no action taken in closed session.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

No public comment.

**9. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

Jill Weggenstein, expressed appreciation to the District and Board for support of Bear Valley on behalf of the Bear Valley Education Foundation. They are in support of keeping the school open and offered assistance with fundraising and volunteering.

Katherine Rakow reintroduced herself to the Board as the Alpine County Board of Supervisors Liaison for Alpine County Schools.

**10. BOARD REPORTS**

Minutes:

Clerk to the Board Rachael Brothers reported to the board and public that her family is relocating to Plumas County and she will no longer be eligible to serve on the ACUSD and ACOE Board of Education. Trustee Brothers will submit her letter of resignation to County Office of Education Superintendent on August 21, 2019.

President Mecak reported that the board can make a provisional appointment to replace Trustee Brothers. Eligible persons will have to provide a letter of interest, fill out an application, and submit to an interview in open session during a special or regular board meeting. The appointment has to be made sixty (60) days from Trustee Brothers' departure date which would be by October 20, 2019.

Trustee John Baker reported that he has been tentatively hired at Alpine County Sheriff Department and will be away at training for approximately seven (7) months. At this time he is unsure if he will be able to attend remotely but does not think it likely. He is requesting a six (6) months leave of absence from the board during this time. President Mecak stated that she would research the legality and requirements of the request and report back at the next board meeting.

Trustee Amber Bill reported that she has been hired at Sacramento State University to teach Native American Studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trustee Bill is hoping to work with the University and the board on schedule. She indicated that she has no plans to resign.

President Mecak asked Lia Story to share research she discovered regarding board members teleconferencing. Ms. Story reported that according to the Brown Act and Government Code 54953 when conducting a public meeting via teleconference, "at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction." Ms Story indicated that this should be taken into consideration when appointing new a board member in light of Trustee Baker and Trustee Bill's new assignments.

President Mecak reported that she had been asked to be the DVES XC coach to which she agreed to volunteer. She also indicated that the first day of school was great.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve consent agenda minus C Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Mr. John Baker.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

Minutes:

Nani Ellis asked that item C be pulled for discussion.

### **A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2019**

### **B. Approve Board Payment Reports**

### **C. School Bus Schedules and Stops**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve item C, bus schedules subject to change Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Mr. John Baker.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

Minutes:

Nani Ellis asked about stops and times based on current ridership and students who left.

Lia Story indicated it is a work in progress and that Kim and herself are working with Sheila at DHS District and working through stops and emergency cards.

### **D. Approve Alpine County Parent Club Fundraiser requests at Diamond Valley Elementary School for 2019-2020 school year**

## **12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Superintendent's Report**

Minutes:

Superintendent Strahl shared updates on Bear Valley, Diamond Valley and District activity. The detailed report is attached to the agenda item.

#### **B. Principal's Report**

Minutes:

Principal Eleanor Moore provided updates on staff development and the first days of school.

#### **C. Business Manager's Report**

Minutes:

Business Manager, Klaus Leitenbauer, provided updates and information regarding the various committees (Safety, Budget and Facilities) and reported on activities of Transportation and Maintenance and Business Services. His detailed report is attached to the agenda item.

### **13. ACTION / DISCUSSION**

#### **A. New Business**

##### **1. Approval of the 2019-2020 Authorized Agents Effective July 1, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve authorized agents Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Mr. John Baker.

Yes Mr. John Baker

Yes Ms. Amber Bill

Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers

Yes Ms. Nani Ellis

Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

##### **2. Public Employee Employment of Lauren Wennstrom, Teacher, 1.00 FTE, certificated salary schedule; effective August 7, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Lauren Wennstrom as upper grade teacher Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Ms. Amber Bill.

Yes Mr. John Baker

Yes Ms. Amber Bill

Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers

Yes Ms. Nani Ellis

Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

##### **3. Public Employee Employment of Temandra "Jackie" Springer, Expanded Learning Program Coordinator, .65 FTE, Classified Salary Schedule, Range 33; effective August 7, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Temandra "Jackie" Springer as Expanded Learning Program Coordinator Passed with a motion by Ms. Rachael Brothers and a second by Ms. Nani Ellis.

Yes Mr. John Baker

Yes Ms. Amber Bill

Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers

Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

#### **4. Ratify request to advertise and hire for Instructional Aide**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to ratify request to advertise and hire for instructional aide Passed with a motion by Ms. Nani Ellis and a second by Ms. Rachael Brothers.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

#### **5. Public Employee Employment of William Simpson, Community / Native Liaison, .75 FTE, Classified Salary Schedule, Range 33; effective August 7, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve William Simpson as Community / Native Liaison pending backround check and fingerprints Passed with a motion by Ms. Rachael Brothers and a second by Ms. Nani Ellis.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Abstain Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

#### **Minutes:**

Trustee Amber Bill shared that there is Community concern over the hiring of this person. Trustee Bill wants to ensure that the background check is complete.

#### **6. Ratify request to advertise and hire for Fiscal Services Coordinator.**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to ratify Passed with a motion by Mr. John Baker and a second by Ms. Amber Bill.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

#### **7. Review and First Reading of the CSBA Recommended Policy Updates from December, 2018**

**Motion Passed:** Wave second reading and approve A - P Passed with a motion by Ms. Rachael Brothers and a second by Ms. Nani Ellis.

Yes Mr. John Baker  
Yes Ms. Amber Bill  
Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers  
Yes Ms. Nani Ellis  
Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

Minutes:

It was recommended that the Board approve items A through P and that Q and R be removed and submitted for a second reading.

- a. BP/AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils
- b. BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
- c. BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan
- d. AR 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees
- e. AR 3311.1 - Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures
- f. AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies
- g. AR 4200 - Classified Personnel
- h. AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses
- i. AR 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint NEW POLICY
- j. BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention
- k. BP/AR 5144 Discipline
- l. BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
- m. BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements
- n. AR 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families
- o. BP/AR 6175 - Migrant Education Program
- p. AR 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction
- q. BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials
- r. BB 9324 - Minutes and Recordings

8. Approve Resolution D19-20-01: Resolution to Allow Board Members to be paid for Non-Attendance per EC 35120 for the CURRENT Board Meeting

Minutes:

All board members present, this item was not needed.

#### 14. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show; December 5 - 7, 2019, San Diego, CA

Minutes:

Superintendent Strahl is planning to attend and possibly the new board appointee would want to attend.

**B. LCAP Update**

**C. Alpine County Behavioral Health August Calendar**

**15. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

No Public comment

**16. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Minutes:

President Mecak requested a special meeting to bring back info on filing a Board member vacancy and report on Trustee Baker's Leave of Absence.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn at 5:52 pm Passed with a motion by Ms. Rachael Brothers and a second by Ms. Nani Ellis.

Yes Mr. John Baker

Yes Ms. Amber Bill

Yes Ms. Rachael Brothers

Yes Ms. Nani Ellis

Yes Ms. Amy Mecak

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

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Authorized District  
Signer

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Amy Mecak  
President of the Board