

**Tonasket School District #404**  
***“Focused on Learning, Linking Learning to Life”***

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 31, 2016  
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen, with Catherine Stangland, Lloyd Caton, Joyce Fancher, and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Jeremy Clark, Liz Stucker, Kristi Krieg, and Brian Ellis. Also present were Bobbi Catone, Zach Clark, and Katie Teachout.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:12 p.m.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Addition: Item 10. Policy Updates: Policy 5231

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 budget hearing and the July 21, 2016 board meeting as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve Items A. and B. of the consent agenda. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Joyce moved to remove Personnel from the consent agenda. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion.

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

***ASB***

Zach Clark, HS ASB representative for 2016/17, introduced himself and provided the following report: ASB officers attended a leadership camp in Chewelah. The HS theme for this year is: “So your story begins...” and the hallways have been decorated according to the theme. The start of the year assembly was held on the first day of school. A report of the Link Crew activities was provided. On September 14, a guest speaker will address the student body. Fall sports have begun.

***Elementary School***

Jeremy Clark reported that school is off to a great start. Enrollment is strong with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade closed to new transfer students. The new playground improvements have been completed. There was a good turnout from the ES at the county fair. Migrant summer school backpacks were handed out last week to students participating in the summer program. The new staff this year are great additions to the building. The leadership team is implementing leadership/data notebooks for all students in September. The ES is working toward student-led conferences for the first conferences in the fall. New carpet has been installed in the building and the seven habits have been painted on the outside steps going into the building. Tiger paws have also been painted on the sidewalks along the walk to the buses. The ES has new Chromebooks and are striving for one-to-one devices school-wide. The commons were open to several community groups during the back to school open house to have informational booths. Tiger Traits program is engaging with the local businesses again this year. Concerns have been with the congestion in the ES driveway so friendly reminders have been left on windshields of the vehicles that have been parked in the drop off area in front of the school.

***Middle School***

Kristi Krieg reported that the first day of school was a great experience. The MS staff have been very supportive of each other. Kristi has been out visiting classrooms. A team of MS staff went through a PBIS training this summer. Students arriving at school in the morning have been reminded that they will need to be inside the building because of the closed campus policy so Kristi has been meeting the early arriving students. She is making the effort to introduce herself to the community and to build relationships. The enrollment is high so all new transfer requests have been put on a waiting list.

***High School***

Brian Ellis reported that he attended a traffic safety parent meeting with instructor Yusef Quidwai and 25 students have signed up to take the class. There are four great new teachers in the HS. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Terris met with the new staff which went well. There was a good turnout for Open House on Monday night. HS enrollment is at 343 with even more students enrolling. With the enrollment high, space will need to be found for the students. The staff shared stories at their first staff meeting. Mr. Ellis attended the Agile Minds conference in Pasco this week.

***SPED***

Liz Stucker reported that the summer reading summit training was held for K-3 staff and any other staff who wanted the training. ES and MS PBIS teams attended a refresher training. The CPR process is continuing and are currently waiting for a response from OSPI. All SPED positions have been filled with one Para position on hold. The SLP has been filled through the ESD. A team of ES and SPED staff attended a training on the language basis for struggling students. A startup meeting was held with the PTO president to discuss how to better work together as partners.

***Superintendent***

Steve McCullough provided a packet of the strengths for each board member from the leadership retreat. Catherine Stangland addressed the district staff at the all staff meeting on Monday and did a great job. Steve provided a required Safe School training at the all staff meeting. The WSSDA Regional meeting is in Ephrata in October. The headcount is at 1,176 today. The camera system is up and running. The HS/MS roof is being resurfaced over a three-year project. The back to school Open house on Monday night was well attended. Bond information was displayed in each of the buildings with Clint Duchow, Ray Timm and Mr. McCullough sharing information about the project. The new webpage is rolled out and in the process of being fine-tuned. The first School Messenger message has been sent out. There are many features with the system currently being worked out.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Bond***

Steve McCullough provided the bond cost estimate commenting that the sports complex piece has been adjusted. The track project has been taken off the bond proposal and the district will save money towards resurfacing the track. Mr. McCullough reviewed the bond tax rate summary with discussion following.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***School Insurance Renewal***

Steve McCullough provided information on the insurance renewal for the district. There are no changes in the insurance coverage from last year.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to renew the USIP insurance policy for the district for 2016/17 and retain VIP Agency as the local broker. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Board Calendar***

Steve McCullough presented the calendar of school board agenda items.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the school 2016/17 board calendar as presented. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Food Service Contract Renewal***

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the Food Service contract renewal. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Bus Route Criteria***

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the bus route criteria. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATES**

***Second Reading Polices: 2145, 3115, 3240, 3241, 3246, 4210, 4215, 5001, 5610, 6220***

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second and final reading of policies 2145, 3115, 3240, 3241, 3246, 4210, 4215, 5001, 5610, 6220. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second and final reading of policy 3122. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to table policy 4218 for one year. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second and final reading of policy 6882. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with three votes yes and one vote no.

**REPORTS**

Bobbi Catone reviewed the financial reports. Steve McCullough provided a staffing update, reporting on the positions that are still open.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

***Board iPads***

The current school board iPads are obsolete and need to be replaced. A discussion was held regarding continuing to use iPads or move to Chromebooks. The Board prefers to continue using iPads.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

September 14 work session: Bond, board priorities, goals (direction for the superintendent)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into executive session at 9:30 p.m. for 15 minutes to consider professional negotiations and personnel.

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:45 p.m.

The Board moved back into executive session at 9:45 p.m. for 15 minutes.

The Board moved out of executive session at 10:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Consent Agenda***

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approved Item E. of the consent agenda. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***TEA Contract 2016/17***


Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the 2016/17 TEA Contract. Catherine Stangland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***TEA MOU #13/16-6***

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve TEA MOU #13/16-6. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

  
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Janet Glanzer  
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the August 31, 2016 regular board meeting (4 pages) were approved at the September 28, 2016 board meeting.

  
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Secretary to the Board

  
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Chair of the Board