

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Catherine Stangland, with Ernesto Cerrillo, Lloyd Caton, Jerry Asmussen and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Liz Stucker, Jeremy Clark and Brian Ellis. Also present were Bobbi Catone, Jordon Weddle and Zach Clark. Kristi Krieg and Seth Smith arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Catherine Stangland led the flag salute at 7:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to approve the agenda as amended. Additions were: to the Consent Agenda: two hirings in Personnel; to Unfinished Business: Facilities and Governance; Policy Updates: Civility Policy Committee. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2017 and the April 12, 2017 school board meetings as presented. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

REPORTS

ASB

Zach Clark reported that the ASB campaign assembly will be held on May 4. He also reported that 15 students attended WE Day in Seattle on April 20-21 and toured the UW campus during the same trip. A report of club activities was provided as well as a sports update. The Knowledge Bowl team is headed to the National competition in Chicago.

Special Education

Liz Stucker reported that she is in the process of putting together professional development activities for the paraeducators grant that was received. The PALS Research-Based Intervention with the second grade group is demonstrating significant growth in struggling students. The program director position is not filled yet, but the other openings in special education are filled. Student teams are working together in each building with the goal of developing appropriate programming for new students entering the district. The special education program is in the process of collecting the LEAVERS data for OSPI. Steve Robeck is providing services to students with unique educational plans. An end of the year field day is being planned for June 1.

High School

Brian Ellis provided highlights of events and accomplishments of HS students involved in various sports and clubs. Sam Nelson is the valedictorian and Thomas Kennedy is the salutatorian for 2016-17. Master schedules are being worked on with the MS; both buildings will be on the same bell schedule and will be able to share teachers. Alex Eppel and a group of volunteers have been busy in the school garden. The secretaries have been working on a new student handbook to consolidate all building handbooks into one. Students have signed up for Tech Prep to get college credit in our CTE classes that qualify. The Community Forum will be held on May 3. On May 10, guest speaker Ernie Chapin will be in the high school. Mr. Chapin presents to schools and organizations regarding student to student and student to teacher relationships.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark reported that the 4th grade Math is Cool team placed 3rd and are still waiting to find out if any students made it to the state competition. Smarter Balance testing will be done in May. Interim assessment data has been used by teachers to drive their instruction. ELA curriculum adoption committee will meet tomorrow to make the final curriculum selection. The 5th grade hiring has been completed, but we will continue to leave the kindergarten position open. Through the paraeducator grant received, additional training and support for classified staffing is available. The ES Run Club, which is a K-5 program to support health and encourage physical fitness, started after spring break. Kindergarten registration took place last week with the average numbers enrolling. ES Leadership Day is on June 6. The PTO helped to sponsor bringing the Pacific Science Center in on May 12 which will provide a hands-on science experience for the students. The Spanish PAC meetings are going strong.

Middle School

Kristi Krieg provided a report on the Robotics team competition at the Worlds Competition in Kentucky. The ASB spring formal dance was held tonight and had a good turnout. The Excellence in Education banquet will be held tomorrow evening. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8 -12. The MS ELA position has been offered. The 6th grade science interviews will be held next week. Productive discussions have been going on regarding space options for next school year. At the last early release, GEAR-Up hosted a school-wide STEM event for students. Students enjoyed the activities and were very engaged.

Superintendent

Steve McCullough reported that teacher evaluations are due May 15, so administrators are very busy this time of year. PSE negotiations have started. We are very close to choosing a broker for our health insurance providers and once this is determined then the TEA and PSE will be involved in the health insurance discussions. At last week's superintendent's advisory committee meeting, discussion was around teacher neutrality which will be discussed with the administrators. Mr. McCullough is part of the leadership team for the Rural Alliance organization. A hiring update was provided. The district will be a part of WSLA (Washington State Leadership Academy) next year.

Financial Reports

Bobbi Catone reviewed the financial reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities

Steve McCullough reported that Mike Larson is continuing to do research on modular, comparing the cost to lease or to purchase; leasing is not a good option, purchasing is the most cost efficient. Rough purchase estimates were provided for new modulars. The district will continue to research options. A capital levy was mentioned as a possible way to fund projects in the district.

Governance

Catherine Stangland lead a discussion on governance and recommended having someone come and facilitate a training with the board. Discussion was held regarding what model to go with and when to do the training. Comments were made regarding the need to identify what the board's true role and focus is; governance training would guide this work. Also mentioned, was the necessity for the board to decide if there is a need to switch to a governance model or is the board satisfied with what they are currently doing. It was suggested that perhaps it could be a good time to start planning to move forward with governance training after people have filed to run for open the school board positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Bi-Annual Technology Department Report

Jordon Weddle provided the bi-annual technology department report. Jordon spoke about the One to One Chromebook program in the HS that will start next school year. The technology plan has no needed changes.

2017-18 Enrollment

Steve McCullough provided enrollment projections and recommended setting the enrollment for 2017-2018 at 1,115. Discussion was held.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve setting the enrollment for 2017-2018 at 1,115. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program Report

Jeremy Clark presented the annual Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program report.

POLICY UPDATES

Civility Policy Committee

Joyce Fancher and Jerry Asmussen have been appointed to serve on the civility policy committee. Other committee members will need to be appointed such as staff members, teachers, students, parents and community members. A date will be set to start the work.

First Reading Policy 2410 - Graduation Requirements

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the first reading Policy 2410, Graduation Requirements. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 9:35 p.m. for 5 minutes for complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

HS Diplomas/Promotion Certificates

The board decided that Jerry Asmussen and Joyce Fancher will hand out HS diplomas and Ernesto Cerrillo and Lloyd Caton will hand out 8th grade promotion certificates.

Regional Meeting

The WSSDA Regional Meeting will be in Brewster on May 2.

May 3 Athletics Community Forum

The next athletics community forum/workshop will be held in the HS commons on May 3 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This will be an interactive forum with staff, student, and community members invited to attend.

May 8 - 12 – Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 8 – 12 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Equity Conference

The second annual WSSDA Equity Conference will be held on May 24.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Steve McCullough mentioned that Pullman SD has adopted a resolution to have open negotiations for people to come and observe. This could be something to consider having a discussion around.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 10 minutes for complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Catherine Stangland adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.



Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the April 26, 2017 regular board meeting (4 pages) were approved at the May 31, 2017 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Ernesto Cerrillo with Jerry Asmussen and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough was present. Administrator present was Jeremy Clark. Also present were Kim Fitzthum and Rob Inlow.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Rob Inlow shared two concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Materials Committee

Kim Fitzthum presented the instructional materials for consideration.

May 31 Board Meeting


Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to change the May 31 board meeting to May 30 at 7:00 PM. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

The work session focus was on board governance

ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: Vice Chair Ernesto Cerrillo adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.



Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

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