

# HAGERMAN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 233

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD HELD JUNE 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hagerman Joint School District No. 233, Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho, was convened at 7:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, in the Media Center of the Hagerman Jr/Sr High School, Hagerman, Idaho, pursuant to authority provided by ID Section 33-510.

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting opened at 7:00p.m. with Chairman Karl Emerson presiding.

### B. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Karl Emerson, Treasurer Harry DeWolfe, Trustee Kim White, and Trustee Chuck Steele. Vice Chairman Mark Daily was absent. Also present was Superintendent Ty Jones, Principal Mark Kress, and Clerk Bette Reed.

### VISITORS

\*Corrected  
7/9/13\* Visitors: Frank and Tomei Knight, Jason and Nicole Bishop, Kevin and Kim Cato, Bud and Carol Ainsworth, Terry Mode, Patty Emerson, Lash LaRue, Jake Emerson, and Cathy Brown \*and Ray Hoffmann\*.

### C. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion** (DeWolfe/White) Carried to accept the consent agenda.

Questions: Ag Flower Sales: 15% of sales goes toward Plant Facility Fund for future greenhouse/ag repairs and upkeep; Summer Food Service Program: no numbers as of yet to determine profit/loss. Per Supt. Jones, Ms. Tellez presented him with information that there needs to be minimal of 15 students for program to pay for itself. It has been agreed upon that if the program feeds less than 15 students for 5 consecutive days that it will shut down.

### D. BUDGET HEARING

Supt. Jones noted that the 2013/2014 has a budget loss of \$50,000 in the general funds. This is utilizing all the federal funds possible to pay for salaries and other needs and that he plans to present at the August board meeting a plan to balance the 2014/2015 budget.

**Motion** (White/DeWolfe) Carried to accept the 2013/2014 budget as presented.

### E. REPORTS

#### 1. Superintendent Ty Jones:

- Good news is that the Russell Joki lawsuit against all Idaho school districts has been dropped against all schools except the Meridian School District. This is the lawsuit in which Mr. Joki was suing because of student school fees vs. free education;
- School auditor Tim Folke (retired from auditing) as been cited in the Boise newspapers as writing racist and anti-Semitic articles. His son Kurt Folke, whom the Hagerman School District has a contract for the 2012/2013 school audit, has been shocked at these actions from his father and disavows any knowledge of these actions.

#### 2. Other: Public Comments pertaining to Varsity Girls Basketball Coaching Position:

Supt. Jones met with several parents last week pertaining to the selection of Karl Emerson as the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. Supt. Jones presented information on future hiring procedures/steps to be utilized: the District will make an effort to make the hiring process more transparent; the job opening will be posted on the district website and the state/regional education job site; a hiring committee will consist at a minimum the Athletic Director and Principal who will be in contact with the Superintendent during the hiring procedures; any potential conflict of interest will be discussed with the Board of Trustees before the interview process begins; and the District hiring policies will be reviewed on an annual basis. A job position legally opens once a resignation letter is received. At that time contacting people, posting, and/or advertising may begin.

Some community members present expressed their concerns of conflict of interest and favoritism at the selection of Karl Emerson. Other community members present expressed their support of the board and their decision for the coaching position.

It was noted that in small school districts it is not uncommon for administrators/board members to be coaches. When a board members serves at capacity of a coach they do not receive remuneration-this is a volunteer position for a board member and that this has been a practice within the Hagerman School District for years. It was also noted that the board of trustees trust the judgment of the administrators when they come to the board with suggestions for hiring.

Mr. Knight expressed that he was not wanting to be adversary but only trying to help in the beginning as an interim coach. He would like the program to move ahead with summer ball.

The coaching position has been re-advertised (for a total of 8 days in the Times News, the reader board, and the Idaho Education website); girls summer basketball camp trip to Spokane has been cancelled.

3. Principal Mark Kress:

- Counselor Dr. Hoffmann presented information on the 8 in 6 Program, an advanced opportunity for Idaho students to graduate early and earn college credits.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Lash LaRue thanked the board for their hard work and to continue doing the best for kids. He also thanked the board for installing handrails on the bleachers;
- Kim Cato expressed her thanks and also for the hiring of Ty Jones;
- Carol Ainsworth commented how proud she is to say she is from Hagerman.

(A 2-minute break was taken.)

G. BUSINESS

1. Resignations and Hires

Motion (Steele/DeWolfe) Carried to accept resignations from Melissa Allen.

Motion (DeWolfe/White) Carried to hire Lynn Arriaga as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.

2. Vendor Contracts: Psychologist, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Head Start Services

Motion (White/Steele) Carried to accept the contracts as presented.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Emerson announced that the next order of business would be adjourning to executive session.

Motion (Steele/DeWolfe) Carried to go into executive session.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Hagerman Joint School District No. 233 recess from a regular meeting into executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345. The executive session was held in the media center of the Jr/Sr High School at 8:40p.m.

(1)(b) Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, individual agent, or public school student.

The Chairman called for individual vote which was as follows:

Karl Emerson	Yes	Chuck Steele	Yes
Mark Daily	Absent	Kim White	Yes
Harry DeWolfe	Yes		

BE IT FURTHER, that following the executive session the Board will reconvene in public session for the purpose of continuing the meeting. Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the chairperson declared said resolution adopted. Invited into the executive session was Supt Jones, Principal Kress, and Clerk Reed.

Discussion: Student and Personnel concerns.

Executive session ended at 9:22p.m.

I. OPEN SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion (DeWolfe/White) Carried to adjourn at 9:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Bette M Reed*

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Bette M. Reed, District Clerk