

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 7, 2020

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hagerman Jr/Sr High School media center. Roll call was taken by District Clerk Cathy Bridwell and a quorum was present with other trustees in attendance being Teri Dorchuck, Phil Gossi, Brian Moore, and Monte Osborne. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown, High School Principal/AD Jaren Wadsworth, Business Manager/District Clerk Cathy Bridwell, Shelly Regnier, and Charles Rice. Present in the overflow room were IT Director Matt Cottam, and Kelby & Erika Cornett. Mrs. Regnier and Mr. Rice left the room at 6:10 p.m. and Mr. and Mrs. Cornett entered at 6:12 p.m.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Trustee Osborne to approve the current agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Special Presentations/Reports

Employee of the Month. Dr. Brown presented the elementary certified employee of the month to Shelly Regnier. Principal Wadsworth presented the secondary classified employee of the month to Charles Rice.

Student/Activity of the Month. Dr. Brown talked about the ARRGH program that rewards students for attitude. Students who get five ARRGH stamps challenge Dr. Brown to a ping pong game during lunchtime. He also explained the enrichment program the school is doing every other Wednesday afternoon and showed pictures of various activities that took place last month.

Consent Agenda

Questions were asked concerning the budget for junior high busing and high school concessions expenses; moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020, regular board meeting; consent agenda; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Public Input

No requests were submitted.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Brown reported no substantial change in enrollment. He reminded the board that the ISBA presentations are still available online if anyone wants to watch them. The district has updated the crisis response manual and training will be conducted with staff each month. Ten students and 12 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least 50 more have been exposed. The administration is recommending to go with a 50 and ten attendance for extra-curricular attendance, which will be discussed in detail later in the meeting. Work has begun on the new district website getting an outline of what content is needed. Dr. Brown shared program monitoring data for the elementary in math and reading. Interventions continue for students in need.

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Principal Jaren Wadsworth reported the Veteran's Day Celebration was awesome. The agriculture class created small metal cutout flags using the CNC machine, which were handed out to veterans at the end of the honor drive through campus. They were also given flowers, courtesy of Cindy Kinder. There is a basketball game tomorrow night that will be video streamed. After-school tutoring is going well with quite a few students attending. A canned food drive is in progress with all proceeds going to Helping Hands. Mrs. Maki was vetted by CSI as a college math instructor and will be teaching a college math course second semester. Ms. Brooks is also working on getting certified for college English. Several other instructors are already teaching dual credit classes. AVID will be implemented in the ninth grade second semester. Mr. Wadsworth is finishing his first set of official staff evaluations. There will be professional development this Friday and Mr. Wadsworth just finished his second round of Charlotte Danielson training. There was a basketball camp last Friday with about 35 students attending. The high school is working with Renaissance to get some benchmarks in reading for students and data should be available in January. Students are also involved in accelerated reader and the library is getting more books, especially non-fiction. The school has rented the gym out to Magic Valley Madness for their basketball season for 4-6th grade boys and girls, since the school has teams playing. Mr. Wadsworth was present at the gym the whole day Saturday to enforce the attendance restrictions. The junior high is doing a play on Thursday and Mr. Wadsworth will either stream or record it so the public can see the performance.

Information Items

Continuous Improvement Plan. The committee met today for their third meeting. The teams have decided on five key areas of focus: curriculum adoption; PE/athletics; PBIS/ARRGH/Pirate Pride/AVIS/SEL; teaming/staff retention/staff morale; and enrollment/migration to online learning/funding. The next meeting will be February 1st.

Action Items

COVID-19 Plan Update Including Extra-Curricular Event Attendance Guidelines. Dr. Brown and Mr. Wadsworth suggested allowing ten spectators at home games on a rotating basis among cheerleaders, students and parents. Board consensus was to agree.

Safety Cross Lights. Erika Cornett is trying to get school crossing lights at four locations on main street. The lights are expensive and could cost about \$2,000 each. Mrs. Cornett asked if the board had an interest in assisting with the cost. She is also working with the Idaho Transportation Department and the City Council. While the district is not allowed to donate money to non-school building projects, the board was supportive of the idea. Theoretically, the district could help with the cost of the light by the gym. Trustee Moore offered free installation if the project is approved by ITD and the city.

Board Policy Revisions 1st Reading. Policies 3380 and 8605 were presented for first readings. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the first reading of these policies as presented; seconded by Trustee Gossi; Trustee Moore asked if Policy 3380 was in line with IHSA guidelines and it is; motion carried.

Board Policy Revisions 2nd Reading. Policies 2215; 3285; 3290; 4120; 4600; 5240; 5250; 5275; 5620 and 5800 were presented for a second reading. The board discussed changes in policies 2215 and 5620,

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which will be brought back again in January. They also discussed setting up a policy review committee and consensus was to start said committee in January. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the second reading of policies 3285; 3290; 4120; 4600; 5240; 5250; 5275; and 5800; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Supplemental Levy Election for 2021. The current levy will expire at the end of this school year. The board discussed the need for a supplemental levy and when to possibly run the levy election and asked Mrs. Bridwell to put together numbers for prior year levy expenses for the board as soon as possible. The board will make a final decision about running a new levy at the January meeting.

The board took a brief recess.

Executive Session

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to go into executive session as per Idaho 74-206(a), (b) and (c) for the purpose of discussing personnel, superintendent goals and real estate; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried at 9:02 p.m. by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Gossi—yes; Trustee Moore—yes; Trustee Dorchuck—yes; Trustee Osborne—yes; and Trustee Whitmarsh—yes. Present in executive session were all board members, Dr. Brown, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mrs. Bridwell. The board discussed personnel, superintendent goals and real estate and returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to hire Chavawn Guthrie as an elementary special education paraprofessional; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2021.

Moved by Trustee Moore to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 9:37 p.m.

Catherine Bridwell
District Clerk