

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh at 7:02 p.m. in the Hagerman Jr/Sr High School Media Center. District Clerk Cathy Bridwell took roll and a quorum was present with other board members in attendance being Phil Gossi, Teri Dorchuck, Brian Moore and Monte Osborne. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown, High School Principal Jaren Wadsworth, District Clerk/Business Manager Cathy Bridwell, IT Director Matt Cottam, Chelsea Johnson, Jennie Gibson, and Misty Wood. Others were present via Zoom.

Action Item

Venture Upward. Shawnee Zelenka of Venture Upward presented information on the program, which is a home-based distance learning platform for K-8. The students are enrolled in the Hagerman School District even though they are not physically present at school. This allows the district to retain current students who want other options and hopefully to bring back other students who have left the district. Out-of-district students may also enroll in the program, which would increase the enrollment. There are some supplemental courses available to students to take while attending school in the buildings. There are two parts, K-8 and high school. Once students are enrolled, the family is allocated \$1,200 to help with costs in setting up for distance learning. All on-site and trip activities will meet the district's COVID-19 protocols. Secondary students receive \$800 when they enroll and there are limited courses available. All students are given internet safety training. The program would be in-lieu of IDLA, except for college-level courses, and has more oversight and help for students than IDLA. Special education students in the elementary would be taught by Venture Upward personnel and high school special education students would be taught by local teachers. Students would be public school students enrolled in the Hagerman School District Virtual School so it would not affect athletic classification. Shawnee went over the proposed contract with the board. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve as amended; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried. The board took a brief recess.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Trustee Moore to add the first reading of policy 3525 to the agenda under Item F2; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the minutes for the June 15, 2020, regular board meeting and annual budget hearing as presented; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried. Mrs. Bridwell read and answered questions regarding the bills, specifically the cell phone bill, which was split between multiple employees even though the description only named Mr. Kress; the Dreams Carport bill, which was the shed for the city; and a clarification that the June 30 bills were paid from the 2019-2020 budget and the July bills were paid from the 2020-2021 budget. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve the bills; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the financial reports as presented noting questions (see attachment); seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Osborne to approve the high school financial reports as presented; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Secondary Principal Jaren Wadsworth reported the results of a survey regarding fall enrollment.

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Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown reported he has met with all the elementary employees and several of the high school ones. He has attended some AVID training and has other professional development scheduled for next week. Dr. Brown is putting together a committee to help determine reopening procedures at a meeting scheduled for July 27 at 8:30 a.m. A staff retreat has been planned for August 18 and orientation will be August 19. August 20 the district will have AVID training.

Information Items

Effects of COVID-19 on Athletics for 2020-2021. AD Mr. Wadsworth reported on some of the recommendations from the IHSAA for athletes that might be in effect for fall sports.

Board Policy Revisions. A first reading was held for policy revisions as follows:

Policy #2305 Nutrition Services

Policy #2310 Nutrition Education

Policy #2390 Programs and Services: Education of Migratory Children

Policy #2410 Special Instruction: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Policy #2440 Special Instruction: Online Courses & Alternative Credit Options (revision amended to delete Correspondence Course Section);

Policy #3525 Immunization Requirements

Policy #6100 Superintendent (revision amended to add Optional paragraph r.e. authority to declare positions vacant if employee contract is not signed and returned in time)

Policy #7230 Financial Reporting and Audits

Policy #7310 Advertising in Schools/Revenue Enhancement

Policy #7400P2 Procurement Methods Under a Federal Award

Policy #7400P3 Requirements and Restrictions for Procurement Under a Federal Award-Competition

Policy #8200 Local School Wellness

Policy #8210 District Nutrition Committee

Policy #8230 Nutrition Standards

The board also considered for a first reading new policies as follows:

Policy #2340 Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom (consensus was not to adopt at this time)

Policy #2545 Technology Advisory Council (consensus was to make the Council optional)

Policy #7236 Employees Paid with Federal Funds and Unexpected or Extraordinary Closures

Policy #8235 Water Consumption/Water Bottles (amended #1 "Water bottles should have secure caps")

Action Items

Board Policy Revisions. Policies requiring only one reading for grammar, punctuation or reference changes were presented as follows: Policy #1260; 1320; 2320; 2425; 7235; 7237; 7320P1; 7400; 7408; 8110; 8250; 8530; and 9700. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the policies presented under section G1; second by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Magic Valley Purchasing Co-op Agreement for Child Nutrition. The board reviewed the agreement and it was moved by Trustee Moore to approve it as presented; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried.

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2020-2021 Calendar Revision. Dr. Brown has designated one Friday per month as a teacher workday with activities to be a combination of Response to Intervention, teaming/collaboration, and professional development. President's Day was added as a holiday and graduation will be May 27, 2021, instead of May 20, 2021. Certificated staff will also be required to work the equivalent of three days outside of the normal workday either helping students or providing distance learning to students. Moved by Trustee Osborne to approve as stated; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried.

Draft Plan for Reopening School. Dr. Brown has put together a committee to work on a plan. His goal is to hold school four days a week, with stringent social distancing in every class room. Extra precautions will be taken with sanitation, food service and recess, within bounds of common sense. Progress monitoring will take place at the start of school and interventions will be provided to help students catch back up to grade level.

Executive Session

Moved by Trustee Moore to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) for the purpose of personnel; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 10:15 p.m. by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Gossi—yes; Trustee Dorchuck—yes; Trustee Moore—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 and returned to regular session at 10:49 p.m.

Mr. Wadsworth thanked Dr. Easterday, Coach Cheney and Coach Douville for the time they have spent coaching students.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to offer Lynn Arriaga a \$10,000 supplemental contract for special education director duties; to change Charlee Wilson's day to 8 hours and set her hourly rate at \$12/hour; to accept resignations as coaches from Troy Easterday, Aubrey Cheney and Josh Douville; and hire Jesse Coit (junior high football), Jordan Kunkel (JV football and varsity boys' basketball) and Haley Henslee (JV girls' basketball). Trustee Dorchuck amended the motion to add offering contracts for existing coaches; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Chairman Whitmarsh reminded the board that the next meeting is August 10, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Moore to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 10:54 p.m.

Cathy Bridwell, District Clerk