

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### **Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 10, 2020**

The meeting was called order by Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh 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, and Monte Osborne. Brian Moore arrived at 8:39 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown, High School Principal Jaren Wadsworth, and Business Manager/District Clerk Cathy Bridwell. Others joined the meeting via Zoom.

#### Consent Agenda

District Clerk Cathy Bridwell made a correction to Item F.5. Policy #3280 should be #3281. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the revised agenda with Item F.5, Policy #3280, changed to Policy #3281; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion.

The board recessed to get the audio for the remote access working.

Moved by Trustee Gossi to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020, regular board meeting as presented; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

Cathy Bridwell briefly went over the bills with the board, pointing out significant purchases. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the bills as presented; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the financial reports for June 30, 2020, and July 31, 2020, as presented with questions on a transfer of \$111,776.27 into general fund, which was from Medicaid from the prior year and clarification on a transfer from investments, which was to cover payroll; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Osborne to approve the high school financial reports; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried.

#### Administrative Reports

Dr. Brown recognized Cathy Bridwell for her work on the annual audit, which is finished and went well. District staff is getting training on the online registration through PowerSchool and working on using it this week. Dr. Brown met with a licensed clinical social worker who is interested in working with students during school for those students who qualify. Most of the costs would be reimbursed by Medicaid and Mr. Christianson is also willing to provide in-service for staff on working with these students. Dr. Brown would like to hold another public forum on the reopening plan this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. He is also working on a traffic reorganization pattern for bus loading and unloading and parent pickup and drop off. He will be meeting with the city council for final approval. He has brought back some staff early this year to help get everything ready and will be proposing hiring another technology person to help with the extra tasks required by some of the grants the district has been awarded.

Secondary Principal Wadsworth reported that fall sports practice started today. There were 13 girls out for volleyball and 20 boys for football. Both programs are very young this year. Mr. Wadsworth

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presented some protocols being considered for sports this year. The conference is working together to come up with a consistent plan so athletes and parents will know what to expect no matter where they play. Balls and floors will be sanitized periodically throughout volleyball games and sanitizing supplies will be available at the football field. He also shared a waiver form that may be used. At this point, everything is still in flux, but will need to be finalized prior to the first contest. Mr. Wadsworth thanked Matt Cottam for getting the PowerSchool online registration going and thanked Chris, Leeland and Charles for working to get the railings up in the parking lot for the new transportation configuration. He encouraged parents to consider the precautions being taken and send their students to school rather than enrolling in Venture Upward. Dr. Brown mentioned that he is not aware of any other schools providing dividers but feels it's a great option to keep children safe without having to quarantine students if a case of COVID occurs.

### Information Items

Board Policy Revisions 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Dr. Brown recommended that the board to consider tabling Items E. 1 and E.2 and holding a special board meeting for policy revisions. The board consensus was to proceed as planned. A first reading was held for policy revisions as follows:

Policy #1120 Board of Trustees: Taking Office

Policy #1120P Board of Trustees: Taking Office

Policy #2425 Instruction: Parental Rights

Policy #2520 Instruction: Instructional Materials: Curricular Materials

Policy #2540 Instruction: Instructional Materials: Selection, Adoption and Removal of Curricular Materials

Policy #3000 Students: Entrance, Placement, and Transfer

Policy #3270 Students: District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks (consensus was to keep both optional pieces and have the system administrator or the building principal make decisions re violations)

Policy #4260 Board of Trustees: Records Available to Public (it was mentioned that the fee cannot exceed actual cost as calculated by the district)

Policy #4260F Board of Trustees: District Record Request Form

Policy #5110 Personnel: Criminal History/Background Checks

Policy #5120 Personnel: Equal Employment Opportunity & Non-Discrimination

Policy #5340 Personnel: Evaluation of Certificated Personnel (revision amended to keep it Optional to put the parent input form on the webpage)

Policy #6400 Administration: Principals (revision amended to leave all options for rating Professional Practices available)

Policy #8160 Non-Instructional Operations: Contracting for Transportation Services

Policy #9100 School Facilities: Use and Disposal of School Property

Board Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading New Policy. The board also considered for a first reading new policies as follows:

Policy #3270P Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks—Board consensus was to choose option 2 and allow limited personal use of computers, and include Item Z, which requires students to get permission to use email and also prohibits chat rooms unless it's a

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teacher-sponsored activity. The board also asked for clarification of the language on Page 5, #3.

#4175 Required Annual Notices

Protocol for Communication of Patron Concerns to Board Members. Chairman Whitmarsh reviewed the process patrons should use prior to coming the board when they have issues. This protocol will be posted on the district website.

### Action Items

Plan for Reopening School. The plan has not changed from that which was presented during the public meeting. The district will be using the district health guidelines for stages of concern based on the number of cases in Gooding County. The district has maximized precautions to keep students from being exposed to the COVID virus at school. Chairman Whitmarsh said that Gooding County is not driving the stages but using the health district stages instead. He asked that Dr. Brown quantify the numbers of new cases on the color stages of the plan. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the plan with the recommendation of the board of defining stages; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Use of School Facilities – Preschool. Rebecca Nebeker, who runs a private preschool, has requested that the district consider renting her space in one of the modules for the preschool. Ms. Nebeker would like a five-year agreement and Dr. Brown was reluctant to commit to more than one year. Trustee Dorchuck pointed out that the board cannot commit a future board to a contract more than one year in length. Consensus of the board was to offer a one-year contract for \$100 per month to Ms. Nebeker.

Changes to School Handbook. Dr. Brown discussed changes to the discipline procedure that is published in the student handbook.

Alternative Authorizations for Certification. Moved by Trustee Moore to accept the applications of Jennifer Jackson and Becky Delaney and hire them for certificated positions even though they are not certified, since they are working on a plan to become certified because a need existed in the district and no certificated teacher applied; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried.

Board Policy Revisions 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for References. #2140 discussion about notifying parents about transfer of rights on a student's birthday; #3281; #3295; #3330; #3335; #3500; #3570; #5265 moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the eight policies that are reference only changes and to hold #3320; #3575; #4160 and #8245 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Board Policy Revisions 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Policies were presented as follows: #2305; #3210; #2390; #2410; #2425; #2440; #2545; #3525; #6100; #7230; #7236; #7310; #7400P2; #7400P3; #8200; #8210; #8230; #8235. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the second and final reading of these policies as presented; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Executive Session. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) (a) for the purpose of personnel; seconded by Trustee Osborne; carried at 9:43 p.m. by roll call vote as

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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. Trustee Gossi left the room at 9:45 p.m. The board discussed personnel and returned to regular session at 9:54 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Moore to hire Nancy Gossi to teach elementary PE and music for one year at .25 FTE; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

Trustee Gossi re-entered the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Moore to hire Galina Maki to teach secondary math; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried. Principal Wadsworth mentioned that Mrs. Maki is fluent in Russian and will be teaching a junior high section of Russian.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/14/20

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried at 10:00 p.m.

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Cathy Bridwell, District Clerk