

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian 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, Brian Moore, and Monte Osborne. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown, High School Principal Jaren Wadsworth, IT Director Matt Cottam, and Business Manager/District Clerk Cathy Bridwell. Audience members included Sheena Hoskovec, Craig Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Tess Jones, Caleb Johnson, Chelsea Johnson, Nick Hainline, Denise Mavencamp, Josh Mavencamp, Glade Wood, Misty Wood, Cindy Kinder, Natasha Rowley, Derrick Lyons, LuAnne Coates, Daniel Knapp, and Amanda Jay. Others joined the meeting via Zoom.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Special Reports

Cindy Kinder from the University of Idaho, who is the extension educator for several local counties, spoke about the Bayer Grant received by the school. Ms. Kinder also offered to train staff and board members to be mental health first-aiders, which requires eight hours of training. John Kinder reported on the project he did for FFA.

Employee of the Month Awards

Dr. Brown and Mr. Wadsworth presented employee of the month awards to Jennifer Jackson and Craig Jackson.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020, regular board meeting; the bills; the district financial reports; the high school financial reports; and the elementary financial reports; as presented; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Public Input

Tess Jones voiced a concern about possibly moving to an A/B schedule, saying she felt it would not be beneficial for families who work and would be disruptive to students.

Natasha Rowley mentioned that students' mental health could be affected if the school switches to A/B days and that not all students are safe at home.

Josh Mavencamp said that kids need to be in school, playing sports and living a normal life. He feels the district should not give in to the COVID-19 pressure to continue to isolate students. Denise Mavencamp agreed and said the parents would support the school if the district chose to not conform.

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Derrick Lyons said his son is anxious about school closing and wants to be in school, and he asked the board to keep school open.

Chad Johnson had the same opinion and said kudos to the board for giving the students a normal, quality education with social interaction. Some students are still recovering and playing catch-up from the school closure last spring. He will support the district in keeping school open.

Misty Wood felt the health district numbers were close enough to yellow to continue school. She said the students hang out together after school and there is no reason to close. Those parents who are concerned about the safety of their students have the option to do on-line school. Glade Wood said it is important to keep a sense of normalcy and educate the students.

Kassi Mavencamp does not support changing to A/B days and feels the students are still recovering from the school closure last spring. She hopes the cleaning continues and that sports and gatherings should be canceled.

Moved by Trustee Moore to move item I.1 to the next item on the agenda; seconded by Trustee Gossi; carried.

COVID-19 Plan Update. The South Central District Health District changed the status of most of the counties in the area from yellow or green to orange. The health system has said they are being overwhelmed by patients being admitted to the hospital with COVID symptoms. Dr. Brown said Twin Falls, Wendell, Kimberly, and North Valley moved to orange, but no other schools. The other districts in the area stayed yellow. He mentioned the huge burden home schooling puts on working parents. He recommended remaining in yellow and waiting for two weeks before re-evaluating. Moved by Trustee Moore to stay in yellow; seconded by Trustee Osborne. Discussion: Trustee Dorchuck requested that we re-evaluate in two weeks. Principal Wadsworth talked about the difficulties of enforcing district precautions and the risk that creates for students. After discussion, the motion was carried. Dr. Brown was instructed to keep the district in yellow and continue to enforce current protocols.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Brown reported current enrollment versus last year. 2019 enrollment was 322 and 2020 was 392. Since the end of September, several students have left Venture Upward and come back to the regular elementary school. The state may be changing from ADA to enrollment so it's difficult to quantify the effect of Venture Upward on funding. Teaming is going well and interventions continue at the elementary. Dr. Brown also shared some of the personal goals he has set for himself this year.

Principal Wadsworth thanked Ms. Kinder for coming in and praised her great ideas and her energy. He also thanked Angie Miller from Idaho Power, who provided nine CPR mannequins which will be used to get students certified in CPR. Some parents may be interested in starting a booster club. Homecoming week was two weeks ago and the kids really enjoyed it. The barbecue was awesome and he thanked all

parents, staff and students who helped with everything. Parent teacher conferences are set for Wednesday, October 28. The faculty is working to find better ways to implement technology in the

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classroom. Blending learning has proved challenging and staff continues to reach out to parents to help. He is organizing an after-school tutoring time on Wednesdays. Senior projects are underway. District volleyball is this Saturday in Shoshone. Masks are required at all Camas events this week. The school is hosting a conference tournament here on Thursday and he has been in discussion with Dr. Brown about whether or not it should be held, since multiple schools will be in attendance. He has already heard talk about restrictions on basketball season. The PTV is trying to hold a haunted house but a final decision has not been made. Mr. Wadsworth is doing some repairs mandated by the safety inspection. Staff is in the process of establishing a baseline for reading and math for all students. Mr. Wadsworth also presented his goals for the school year.

Information Items

Board Policy 1st Reading.

- Policy #2100 Curriculum Development and Assessment
- Policy #2150 Copyright
- Policy #3010 Open Enrollment by Students Who Reside Within and Outside the District
- Policy #3080 Out of State Students
- Policy #3410 School Sponsored Student Activities
- Policy #4105 Public Participation in Board Meeting
- Policy #4225 Equipment Usage
- Policy #5480 Leadership Premiums
- Policy #8170 District-Owned Vehicles
- Policy #8235 Water Consumption/Water Bottle Policy

Board Policy 1st Reading C-Series Emergency Health Policy. Policy #2110C, Lesson Plans, which was held over from September was presented for a first reading.

ISBA Annual Conference. The ISBA is offering one rate for all district trustees, administrators and business managers/clerks. Mrs. Bridwell will register the district for the conference.

Venture Upward Update. Dr. Brown reported that the district doesn't know yet if the funding will be on ADA or enrollment, so it is difficult to know what the actual revenue numbers will be. He said the district should net about \$1200 per student. Discussion ensued about how to estimate revenue per student. Mrs. Bridwell will put together numbers for total state funding for the past three years and use those same years enrollment to estimate revenue per student.

Action Items

Continuous Improvement Plan. The plan needs to be reviewed and updated. Chairman Whitmarsh and Trustee Moore will reform the committee and begin work on revisions.

Board Policy Revisions 2nd Reading. Board policies #1400C; #1620C; #1700C; #1701C; 2210P2C; 2370C; 2720C; 3050C; 3085; 3085F; 3085P; 3255C; 3500C; 5400C; 5600C; 5610C; 8103C; 8120C; 8140C; 8240C; and 8245 were presented for a second reading. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve as presented; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

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The board recessed briefly.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel; superintendent goals; real estate; and school safety plan as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a)(b)(c)(d); seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried at 9:46 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, real estate, and school safety plan and returned to regular session at 10:30 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to accept the resignations of Melissa Freeman, LaNece Goodro and Jamie Yore as paras, and Jolinda Solosabal as junior high volleyball coach following the end of the season; seconded by Trustee Gossi.

COVID-19 Plan Update (continued). Dr. Brown recommended that the district not hold the volleyball tournament scheduled for Thursday due to the risk created since Hagerman athletes are not involved. There is also a junior high volleyball tournament scheduled for Saturday that Hagerman students will play in and he recommended holding it as planned. Consensus was to agree.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Gossi to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried at 10:38 p.m.

District Clerk