

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Regular and Annual Board Meeting January 11, 2021

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the media center of Hagerman Jr./Sr. High School. 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, Business Manager/District Clerk Cathy Bridwell, and various patrons, students and staff. Visitors in addition to the 10-person maximum in the board room were present in an over-flow room and traded places with those in the board room as necessary for presentations.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Current Agenda

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

Special Presentations/Reports

Employee of the Month. Mr. Wadsworth presented the certified employee of the month award to Matt Cottam. Superintendent Brown presented the classified employee of the month award to Steve Smith.

Student/Activity of the Month. Mrs. Owsley's sewing class showed the board some of the projects they have completed this year.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Gossi to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020, regular meeting as presented; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Annual Meeting

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to nominate Bryan Whitmarsh as Chairman; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Moore to nominate Trustee Osborne as vice-chairman; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to appoint Cathy Bridwell as board clerk and treasurer; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to keep the day and time for board meetings the same (second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.) and move meetings to the new board room in the high school when it's available; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried. The board reviewed the code of ethics for board members and signed it.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Trustee Osborne to approve the bills from December, 2020, and January, 2021; the district financial reports; and the high school and elementary school financial reports; as presented; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Public Input

No requests were received.

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Administrative Reports

Superintendent Jim Brown reported enrollment is stable. The next continuous improvement plan meeting is scheduled for February 1. Dr. Hoffmann continues to update the crisis response manual and provide training to employees. COVID-19 numbers in the district have not changed and the county risk level has dropped from orange to yellow. Dr. Brown asked Trustee Dorchuck to speak regarding the new website being built by Rinard Media. Trustee Dorchuck said the company has put together an outline and she will be meeting with staff this week to help facilitate content for the website. At the most recent enrichment and tutoring day, 55 elementary students were present. The district will be receiving another round of COVID-19 funding, which can be used to help make up the learning loss for students caused by the closure of schools during the pandemic. Administrators will be planning for spending these funds. Dr. Brown talked to the board about the most recent student academic testing, which was impacted by Christmas activities.

Secondary Principal Jaren Wadsworth shared data on reading benchmark scores for grades 7-12. Staff used the data to isolate some areas of weakness, such as vocabulary, that can be addressed through instruction. The secondary has also implemented the Accelerated Reader program for all grades to encourage students to read. Staff is discussing implementing literacy and reading into the advisory period for all students. Parents will be given information about their student's reading level when report cards come out. Other activities to encourage reading may take place later this year. Mr. Wadsworth also presented math benchmark scores. Tutoring/enrichment numbers fluctuate and teachers are also doing tutoring during breakfast and lunch. PD is scheduled for Friday. Leeland Johnson will be leaving the district at the end of the week to begin his student teaching, and Mr. Wadsworth thanked him for all he has done for the district. Students all have Chromebooks, teachers have laptops, and all classrooms have 75" touch screen televisions. Damages to Chromebooks are becoming a problem and behavior action teams will be addressing this. Management of devices is the biggest issue and staff are being trained in how to use management strategies to control student access and usage. Hagerman Booster Club has a meeting tonight and is getting organized. The district has been approached about hosting the JV boys' and girls' basketball tournament in February. The junior high teams will play in a tournament at Dietrich.

Information Items

ARTEC Funding. The district received a notice from Andy Wiseman that the ARTEC funding may be going away and also the enrollment numbers are for two teachers combined, not for each teacher. If the funding disappears, the district will need to find alternate ways to keep this valuable program.

Action Items

COVID-19 Plan Update Including Extra-Curricular Event Attendance Guidelines. The board reviewed the new plan from the Governor for spectators at athletic events and discussed details and procedure. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the High School Athletic Plan for Governor's Orders on Gatherings and Spectators with an addendum to allow 6' social distancing in the new gym; seconded by Trustee Moore; discussion ensued as to how this might affect the Magic Valley Madness league games; motion carried.

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Board Policy 1st Reading. Revisions were presented for board policy #1125, oath of office, to change the term date from July 1 to January 1; and policy #2200 to change PD hours allowed to be counted as instructional time from 22 to 11 as per state guidelines. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the first reading on these policies; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Board Policy 2nd Reading. #2215—no discussion; changes were suggested to policy #3380, which will be brought back for another first reading next meeting; #5620—no discussion; #8605—need to have a training for office personnel. Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve final readings for Policies #2215, #5620, and #8605 as presented with #3380 being brought back for revisions; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Supplemental Levy Election for 2021. The board discussed the need for a levy and what programs, such as ARTEC, are most in need of funding. Moved by Trustee Moore to run a supplemental levy for \$200,000 per year for two years on the March ballot; seconded by Trustee Dorchuck; motion carried.

The board took a brief recess.

Executive Session

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) for the purpose of discussing personnel and student discipline; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 9:17 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 and student discipline and returned to regular session at 10:29 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to approve the request to expel a student; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to accept the resignations of Leeland Johnson and Steve Smith; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck that Dr. Brown move forward with posting the position of maintenance director; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

Trustee Moore asked the board to consider changing the dollar amount on the proposed supplemental levy based on the new COVID-19 funds and the progress the district has made in accumulating a good fund balance. He moved to run a supplemental levy in March, 2021, for \$150,000 per year for two years instead of \$200,000 per year; seconded by Trustee Gossi; after discussion, motion carried.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2021.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried at 10:37 p.m.

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