

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Joint Hagerman School District No. 233
Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 2022**

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in Room 7 of Hagerman Jr./Sr. High School. District Clerk Cathy Bridwell took roll and a quorum was present with other board members in attendance being Phil Gossi, Jamie Turner and Dagny Bogaard. Brian Moore arrived at 6:43 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jim Brown, Secondary Principal Jaren Wadsworth, Cindy Kinder, Jodi Leeper and her husband and daughter, Leeland Johnson, Dan Knapp, Matt and Christina Stevens, Miles Hall, Tess Jones, and Terri Fisher.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Current Agenda

Moved by Trustee Turner to approve the current agenda as stated; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Special Reports/Activities

Student/Staff Activity Report. Cindy Kinder, U of I Extension agent, spoke to the board about the recent science fair and how well the kids are doing. This is the third year and was expanded to six different schools, with 234 students participating. Hagerman had 82 students in grades 7-12. Elementary students did science exploration projects. Operating costs were about \$3,400, which was funded by grant money. Two teams from Hagerman attended the Eastern Idaho state science fair and took first and third place. The first place team now has the opportunity to attend the national competition.

Employees of the Month. Dr. Brown presented the classified employee of the month award to Jodi Leeper. Mr. Wadsworth presented the certified employee of the month award to Samantha Brooks, who did not attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Questions: Trustee Gossi asked if the bill for ink and paper from Canon were for the blotter printer, and Cathy Bridwell confirmed it was; and whether or not the US Bank VISA card bill was unusually high, and Cathy said it was about average. Chairman Whitmarsh mentioned Fund 260 not showing as much revenue as expected and Cathy let the board know that IDHW is denying the speech billing due to coding issues. Ellen Jadwin is working on it and will have a report to the board in April. He also asked what the budget was for leasing the driver education car in the past, and Cathy told him it is \$1,250. Moved by Trustee Gossi to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2022, regular meeting; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

Public Input

No requests were received.

Administrative Report

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Dr. Brown presented his report. He mentioned the February students of the month in the secondary, and a thank you from Mr. Wadsworth to the girls and boys basketball coaches. Thirty-three students in 23 classes were enrolled through CSI in the fall semester. Senior project presentations are completed, with great thanks to Mrs. Priebe. Saree Hillstead and Danica Knapp will be attending the national science fair in Georgia. Dr. Brown gave data on the lunch-time remediation in the high school, which seems to be working well. Dr. Brown shared pictures of the ARRGH students of the month for February in the elementary school and the Battle of the Books competition. The district is offering training for parents of incoming kindergarten students and day care was provided by the district for parents during the training. Enrollment remains stable. Dr. Brown next presented testing data for the elementary school. The majority of students are showing growth throughout the school year. 63 students attended the most recent after-school tutoring program. All the presentations about the strategic plan have been completed, focus areas have been established and the town hall meeting is scheduled for April 19. Parent-teacher conferences are this week. Elementary students recently celebrated 2/22/22, dress-up as their favorite book character day, and 100th day of school. Only one student was suspended in February. There are multiple on-going maintenance projects, such as replacing a window broken by falling icicles. AC/heat units are starting to fail at an alarming rate. Several clogged drain issues have been resolved. The IT department is working on updating the online enrollment system, consolidating servers from six to two and ordering Chromebooks, desktop computers and laptops for staff. Dr. Brown has plans to have lunch with Trustee Turner this month. Dr. Brown and Trustee Gossi went over the survey results with the staff at a recent PD day. This included discussion of data on returning staff for next school year and he felt there was good feedback.

Information Items

Board Member Training. As per Chairman Whitmarsh's request, Mrs. Bridwell explained the difference between the process employees use to bring items to the board's attention and the process the public can use. Trustee Moore will have a summary of the next ISBA webinar training for the board at the next meeting.

Day on the Hill Report. Dr. Brown and Chairman Whitmarsh attended the Day on the Hill conference in February, which gave them an opportunity to observe the process of the legislature in action. They also had a chance to meet with District 26 representatives and attend some hot topic roundtable discussions. Mr. Whitmarsh also attended ISBA meetings while he was there and announced the ISBA has severed ties with the NSBA.

State Health Insurance Plan. Cathy Bridwell presented data on the state health insurance plan being offered to school districts this year and answered questions. The board indicated their willingness to hold a special meeting soon to consider taking action.

Action Items

Approve Out-of-State Trips–National Science Fair and Lagoon Day. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve the two out-of-state trips; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

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Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar. The board discussed the proposed calendar, which was vetted by staff prior to coming to the board. Mrs. Bridwell explained that the parent-teacher conference days are a place holder in order to count them as paid contract days, but are not actually held on the highlighted dates on the calendar. The date for graduation is a tentative date and will be determined by the high school administration next school year. Moved by Trustee Bogaard to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

Purchase of Driver Education Car. The district is prepared to run the program, but no car is available to lease. Dr. Brown has found a used car to buy from Middlekauff Ford for \$10,500. The board discussed leasing a car locally from the city or other community member rather than buying one. Moved by Trustee Turner to attempt to look for a car locally to lease for a six-week period for \$1,250 and to pay the expenses incurred for bringing the vehicle up to code; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried. Trustee Whitmarsh will post it on Facebook and Trustee Gossi will talk to the City of Hagerman. Other trustees will also ask around.

Approve Title IX Consortium MOU. Dr. Brown explained the background of the MOU, which is designed to help small, rural districts who might not have the staffing to handle a Title IX complaint. Trainings are available for all the different roles required by law. Trained individuals would be shared within the consortium in the event of a complaint. Moved by Trustee Moore to approve the Title IX Consortium MOU; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Policy Annual Review–#2420 Parent and Family Engagement. The policy was presented for its annual review. No changes were suggested.

Policy Revision 2nd Reading. Moved by Trustee Gossi to approve the second reading of policies #2310; #3000, #3030; #3031; #3370; #3370P; #3440; #3530; #4210; #4210F3; #4210P; and #7710; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

The board took a brief recess.

Moved by Trustee Turner to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a)(b) for the purpose of personnel; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried at 8:12 p.m. by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Bogaard–yes; Trustee Gossi–yes; Trustee Turner–yes; Trustee Moore–yes; and Trustee Whitmarsh–yes. Present in executive session were all board

members, Dr. Brown and Mrs. Bridwell. The board discussed personnel and returned to regular session at 9:55 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Turner to accept the resignation of Chelsea Inmon retroactive to March 1, 2022, and release her from her contract; to accept the resignation of Sharla Whittekiend effective February 28, 2022; and to hire Tiffany Clausse as a special education para; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

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Moved Trustee Turner to approve placing a certified employee, previously placed on paid administrative leave by the superintendent, on paid administrative leave indefinitely; seconded by Trustee Moore.

Moved by Trustee Turner to hold a special meeting on April 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Bogaard to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 9:58 p.m.

Catherine Bridwell, District Clerk