Joint Hagerman School District No. 233
Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2022

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 7 of Hagerman Jr./Sr. High School. District Clerk Melissa Lemmon took roll and established that a quorum was present, with board members in attendance being trustee Bogaard, trustee Gossi, chairman Whitmarsh, and trustee Turner. Trustee Moore was absent.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by trustee Turner to approve the current agenda as presented; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

## **Special Reports/Activities**

Student info Dr. Brown talked about boys basketball. The FFA placed 10th in the nation, at the National Range Livestock Judging. The football banquet went well. There are two wrestlers going to state this Saturday.

Employees of the month. Dr. Brown recognized classified employee of the month, Sheena Hoskovec, the elementary secretary. Dr. Brown also recognized the certified employee of the month, Leslie Priebe, the high school computer teacher.

# Consent Agenda

>Question- What curriculum was purchased? Supporting documents and consumables were purchased to support the curriculum that was previously purchased. >Question- What are purchase services? Also why did we use more than what was projected? We sent staff to conferences and funded ISTATION professional development for teachers. The budget number is an estimated cost. More was spent out of that specific fund than projected however our budget is still in good shape. >Question- In the transportation account more has been spent than budgeted? Yes, when the budget was created the transportation contract had not yet reached the school district. There was no way to accurately estimate the cost. >Question- Would the board like to do budget revisions when actual costs come in higher than projected? No, however the board requested that notes be inserted in the budget spreadsheet when that occurs.

Moved by trustee Gossi to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, regular meeting, November 29th 2022, special meeting; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

### Public Input

Dan Knapp requested input on all agenda items.

### Administrative Report

Dr. Jim Brown reported enrollment hasn't changed. Elementary ARRGH students of the month and week were presented. The high school Pirate Pride students were also recognized. >Question- Does the high

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school use different criteria to nominate students than the elementary? Yes, they use their own criteria. Mr. Knapp informed the board that at the high school, students are recognized based on leadership virtues. The staff come together and nominate students. ISTATION testing results for the elementary school haven't changed. More information will be available in January. The high school ISAT data from 2019 to the current school year was reviewed based on student groups. ELA and Math proficiency scores were reviewed. State average scores are higher than the student groups represented. However, student scores are increasing. Mr. Hicks goals about increased testing performance and strategies were briefly discussed. Math labs are one of the strategies which are already being implemented. Math teachers were sent to professional development to explore new avenues. The data provided and the goals were appreciated by the board. Initial progress monitoring in the JR High was reviewed. Testing shows that our students are stronger in ELA than in Math. Elementary goals were also reviewed. >Question- Is ISTATION completely different from ISAT? Yes, there is a correlation between the two, however they are not the same. The elementary school was able to participate in a program called "Give Cold Feet The Boot" which provided a free pair of boots and socks for all K-6 students. Thank you cards from the students were sent. There was also a very successful canned food drive at the elementary school. >Question-Where does the food go? It is being used to fill food baskets for the community. The district classification based on enrollment is going to change to 1A in the school year 2024/2025. >Question- Does this include Venture Upward? Yes, however the impact that Venture Upward has on this classification is minimal as the students are only K-8. 500 gallons of diesel was purchased and added to the fuel tank for the buses. >Question- Is this for our route buses? Yes, however buses are also filled for extra curricular events. The district calendar for next year is being built. Lunch with board members is on the schedule. There is a Legislator meeting on Wednesday and board members are invited to attend.

### **Information Items**

>Board Training -The board reviewed courses that were attended at the recent ISBA convention and shared information from classes attended. Training from trustee Turner and Cathy Bridwell was reviewed. >Question- Is there anything you learned that we aren't doing correctly? No, the board seems to be functioning well in their roles. Classes attended included Community Involvement and Communication Among the Community. >Question- Are there any suggestions on getting community involvement? Yes, using involvement with parents to help pivot the conversation about school positively can help. Branding and rebranding can also help with the community perception of the school. >Question- Do we still have previous employee email addresses that are receiving emails? Yes, we are going to have the IT department shut them down. We need to have the school website cleaned up and school board silhouettes replaced with pictures. Discussion about adding Youtube interviews with board members could be a possibility however staff biographies were removed at the suggestion of the website company as they contained a great deal of personal information. Posting meetings via Zoom is a courtesy, however public comment should only be accepted by patrons who attend in person. Consent agenda items are not items for discussion. The board would like budget reports to be placed on the agenda under a heading that would allow them to discuss the budget reports as well as take action in approving them.

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>Fence Update- Due to the weather, we are going to wait to have the fence project completed when school is out. Waiting until summer ensures that there will be no student safety concerns while the fence is down and being replaced.

>Continuous Improvement Plan- Is the continuous improvement plan(CIP) the same as the strategic plan? No, they are different. How different is the CIP vs the Strategic Plan? The CIP has data. We will add the CIP Plan to the website when it is complete. What does the board need to know about the CIP? It shows targets and goals for academic progress. How many targets? That depends on the goals. The ISAT testing information will be utilized to compile data on this. Who is in charge of the CIP? Dr Hoffmann and Dr Brown.

>Venture Upward Cost- Funding for Venture Upward is based on units. Currently the school receives one unit for Venture Upward as most of the students are elementary students. Continuation of the agreement with Venture Upward would be more beneficial if more students were enrolled. There is more work included with the online school for enrollment secretaries, testing coordinators, and the special education department. Enrolling more than 50 students would ensure that taking on the extra work that Venture creates would still remain beneficial for the school. >Question- Do these students count toward our enrollment? Yes. >Question- Can these students count twice if they do a hybrid schedule? No, students can only be counted for enrollment in one school. >Question- Is it possible for the school to drop Venture Upward without penalties? Yes, the school board can discontinue this agreement if they choose. Something to consider is that for some students an online option is the best option. Homeschooled students don't require the same testing and accountability as those enrolled in the Venture Upward program. Testing sites have to be arranged if students reside far away. Recruitment for Venture Upward is an issue. At this time Venture Upward is self supporting however that is dependent on enrollment.

>Dual Credit Enrollment- 5 dual credit classes were offered the first semester. Second semester there will be 7 dual credit classes offered. >Question- How does that information get to the students? Dual credit class availability should be given to students in advisory. The creation of 2, 4, and 6 year education plans individualized for students is in progress. >Question- What is the expected completion date for these plans? Mapping for possible plans is being worked out currently. By the end of this year it is anticipated that individual education plans should be available for students 7th-12th grade. The board requested more information about students enrolled in dual credit classes, such as a percentage breakdown by class. There are currently 5 students on track to graduate with their associates this year.

### Action Item

>Building Security- Niel Timmerman will begin installing the door security on both the High School and Elementary School on December 13th and installation should be completed by the 15th.

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-Matt Frye with Site Shield was going to present on Site Shield which is a ticketing system. That discussion was moved to the board meeting in January.

>Drivers Education- Josh Douville would be interested in teaching a class over Spring Break. Trustee Gossi is still looking into what is available at the auto sale. Something could be posted letting the community know that the district is looking to purchase a driver's education vehicle. >Question- Are there any grants available to supplement the cost of Driver's Education? No, not that we are aware of. The district owning its own vehicle would be more cost effective and would allow drivers education to be taught multiple times a year.

>Food Science Remodel- Options were discussed on how to move forward with the food science building remodel. A CM/GC is what was recommended by the architect. Star corporation may be interested in providing a bid for the project. Trustee Turner moved to approve moving forward with the project with the CM/GC option for the ag remodel; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Strategic Plan- The vaporizer for the propane tank is not in yet. The latest estimate is Jan 1st for installation. There is a back up plan. The tanks are being checked weekly to ensure they are staying relatively full to save on the cost of lost propane. The Long Term Planning Committee is going to put together priorities. The Prince Memorial Gym, the elementary playground, and the replacement of the modulars are all discussion items. A levy may need to go to the community after priorities have been established. If so, there are deadlines in March as well as in May. A recommendation to the board in February by the long term planning committee would be beneficial for deadlines. >Question- Who is on the long term planning committee? Various community members along with some strategic planning committee leaders. >Question- Regarding the curriculum committee, how is information about serving on this committee being handled? The Superintendent will inform the community about this committee and attempt to get parent/community members involved. Willing members' names will then be presented to the board for appointment. Ensuring that there is a variety of representation from the community is a concern. A Facebook post may be a good way to communicate this to the community. Committee meetings will be held with open meeting regulations.

>Annual Policy Review- #3285, #3295, #3300, #3320, #3345, #4210F1, #7215, #7240, #7305, #7500, and #8170. Some of the listed policies required revisions and will be moved to a first reading at the January annual meeting. Those policies are as follows #3300, #7215, #7500 and #8170. The annual policies that were reviewed are as follows. #3285, #3295, #3320, #3345, #4210F1, #7240, #7305, and #7500.

>Board Policy Review 1st Reading- #2435 had no revisions therefore will not move to a second reading. Policy #2540 was deleted and combined with policy #2520. Revisions to #2520 were discussed. >Board Policy Review 2nd Reading- #1210, #1420, #2310, #2385, #2415, #2605, and #2700P.

Moved by trustee Turner to approve 1st and 2nd readings as listed; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

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Trustee Bogaard moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by trustee Turner.; motion carried at 8:09p.m.

Catherine Bridwell, District Clerk
Melissa Lemmon, Clerk Trainee