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Joint Hagerman School District No. 233

Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

February 22, 2023

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 Gossi, chairman Whitmarsh, trustee Turner and trustee Moore. Trustee Bogaard entered the meeting at 6:30pm.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Special Reports/Activities

Student activities > The Read Like an Eagle event at CSI was reviewed for K-6 students that met their reading goals on Accelerated Reader.

Employees of the month. Dr. Brown recognized classified employee of the month, Karen Hoffmann, the elementary school testing coordinator. High School principal Hicks recognized the certified employee of the month, Tammy Scott, the Elementary and High School Art Teacher.

Consent Agenda

>Moved by trustee Moore to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the January 23, 2022, regular meeting; seconded by trustee Turner; motion carried.

Action Items A

>The school district bills for February were reviewed. >Question. What is Dragon Fly, it showed a charge of \$3,000? It is the program that the district uses to pay officials. >Question. What is Steve Riggon? A company that plant sale supplies are purchased from.

Moved by trustee Turner to approve the district bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Public Input

Jessica Knapp requested input on all agenda items.

Administrative Report

Dr. Jim Brown reported on the ARRGH students of the week and of the month. The High School Pirate Pride students were also reviewed. New IStation benchmarks and the building goals for growth were reviewed. The growth in math is higher than the growth in reading. Overall the students are performing well. ISAT proficiency results from 2022 were reviewed along with the building goal for the high school of 5% increase in ISAT in math along with 10% Increase in average SAT math scores. The most recent PD was reviewed also. We are adding see/tell. now.org along with parent guidance.org as a support for parents along with Go guardian to monitor students chromebook usage. Per the staff meeting discussion the staff was in favor of campus safety that includes keeping a weapon lock box on campus and having

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trained personnel with access. Garden Valley was contacted about their weapons on campus however there are additional costs associated with that. There will be a staff survey going out to ask staff specifically if they are in favor of having locked weapon boxes on campus. There was a scare in Twin Falls with a false active shooter report going out. The emergency personnel responded very well however it was a false alarm. Parents contacted the school very concerned. A text message was sent from the district telling parents that their students were safe. A couple water heaters died. One is in the art room, and the other is in the girls locker room. Bill Hicks spoke on the master schedule including 4-6 year graduation plans. Individual plans were sent home with the junior high and high school students. The 6 year plans that went home included two different options. The first option included the requirements to graduate. The second option included the requirements to graduate along with options to work toward obtaining an associates degree. On March 15th there will be an arena registration for students and parents. These plans went home to be signed by parents. Gathering this information and getting the master schedule set early is a goal. >Question. For the students that don't already have a plan will the older grades be completing this process? Yes >Question. Is there an option for older students to gain their degree or certificate? Yes, however it is harder for them to complete it in the shortened time frame. It is better for the students to start early. >Question. Does the student's advisor meet with them in Advisory to review career development? No, Advisory is currently covering grade checks. It is transitioning into a time to review graduation plans, career development, and grade checks. The guidance counselor is also available if help is needed. The dual credit information was greatly appreciated by the board.

Information Items

>Board Training -The board reviewed courses that were attended at the ISBA convention and shared information from classes attended by Dr. Brown and trustee Bogaard. Topics covered ranged from book banning, career development, school safety, budget questions, the curriculum review and adoption process, and the program Next Steps Idaho. There are many resources available for graduating Idaho students. It is important for parents and students to know that these resources are available. Information on that can be found at Nextstepsidaho.gov. >Question. Is there anything that isn't being done correctly? No, mostly there are questions about how or what we are doing? >Question. Is it a good idea to stay on a 6 year cycle for curriculum adoption? Yes, curriculum needs to be reviewed and updated however after adoption student testing doesn't reflect that change for a few years. In March there will be a proposal presented to the board from the math curriculum adoption committee. Bond/Levy information was touched on. Historically March was the most effective date to pursue a school levy or bond. The March election date may be eliminated in the future. Facility and financial planning makes all the difference along with guidance and direction for implementation. The recent Superintendent Legislative priorities were classified pay for employees and funding based on enrollment vs. ADA. Many school districts have ongoing facility needs. There were updates to the dyslexia training requiring all staff to have this training before school next year. Ensuring that the board is supportive and moving forward together.

>Continuous Improvement Plan- The Continuous Improvement Plan was Reviewed. This was sent to the state and approved. >Question. Do you have to post a certain amount of years? No, the information is

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tracked by the state. However the current year's CIP is required to be on the website. >Question. Can our website be changed so that the Continuous Improvement Plan is searchable? Yes

>Dual Credit Enrollment- The Dual Credit information that was requested at the January board meeting was reviewed. This was a list of DC classes that were taken in the last two semesters and how many students were enrolled in each. That information was reviewed. The current high school staff is working toward gaining their certification which would enable them to offer more dual credit classes.

>Government Affairs Committee -The GAC for Idaho School Board Association. Each week there is a GAC meeting regarding updates for education. Topics from the agenda and minutes of last Friday's meeting were reviewed. There is a new bill to change trustee elections to two years. Shortened terms for board members are concerning as there may be less people willing to serve on a school board if they must re-run regularly. Negative press regarding the Idaho School Board Association was discussed concerning recent policy recommendations. Litigation is reviewed and ISBA simply provides a framework for policies created in an attempt to keep school districts out of lawsuits. Districts are not REQUIRED to accept optional policies. There is local control on most policies that aren't required by law. Having too many policies can make it difficult to ensure that all policies are being enforced while maintaining productivity. The school board of Hagerman Joint School District attempts to minimize policy when possible. Parental rights, open enrollment, endowment for facilities, library protection, trustee rezoning, and voting procedures were also brought up at the recent GAC meeting.

>Strategic Plan- The areas of the strategic plan were reviewed. Dyslexia training is in full swing. Returning staff is a focus area as well as recruiting high level educators. Building security is moving forward with Phase 3 which includes touch sensitive exit bars and cleaning up the wiring. The long term planning committee has met many times. Starr Corporation assisted by reviewing the prince memorial and providing a generic cost of renovation vs tear down and rebuild. The board would like an update from the long term planning committee.

>Drivers Education Car Update- A white 2016 Chevy Impala was purchased for the drivers education car. Pictures of the vehicle were shown to the board. The car has had the instructor brake installed and has been inspected so that it is ready for the upcoming drivers education class. Photos of the new Kubota were also shown to the board. There was an offer made for the old truck that doesn't run. The old mower was traded-in on the new Kubota.

>Levy Information- Dr. Brown reviewed the proposed levy information. The school district would like to propose combining the plant facility and supplemental levies that are ending into one new plant facility levy. That would mean a new plant facility levy of \$400,000 per year collected over 5 years. This would maintain the current tax burden and provide much needed funding for overdue facility repairs. The \$2 million dollars provided would account for most of the necessary funding for a remodel of the Prince Memorial Gym. Moving forward on the project with the direction and guidance from the long term planning committee. Not increasing the current tax burden is important.

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>Bus Transportation- The school district is currently in its first year of a five year contract with Mid Columbia Transportation. Notification to families about route time changes haven't been happening. Buses don't get repaired unless the state comes out and tags the bus. However, students have been getting to school safely. There are concerns about getting anyone else to provide bussing for students in a small district. >Question. Does the bus company contact parents? It depends, if information is received it is given to the Superintendent who then shares it with the secretaries who then send it to the parents. Mid Columbia has been very complimentary about our local drivers and their dependability. Mid Columbia is asking that necessary repairs be sent on a ticket to the company. The cheerleaders inability to leave the school on time when headed to state is why this is a topic on the agenda. A little black book that stays on each bus to identify quirks for that particular bus may be a good idea. >Question. Is there an age limit in our policy for buses? No, there used to be one however that was removed when Tom Cooper held the transportation contract. >Question. What is the maximum capacity of a bus? About 77 however, that number drops for high school students. As per the contract the district has the right to request an inspection of the buses at any time. This may be helpful in ensuring repairs are made as the necessity for the repair is then documented. It was recommended by a bus driver for the administration to experience the route riding to see first hand how that works.

Action Items B

>Elementary Playground Request for Proposal Results- Dr. Brown presented the information that was gathered from the request for proposal. Pictures of the current playground along with the safety concerns were reviewed. A letter from the staff showing support from the staff for the playground remodel was also shown. Funding options for the playground were reviewed. Removing and replacing some existing equipment along with cleaning up the playground was included in the proposal. >Question. Would this address the violations that we get cited for? This would resolve many of the issues we are cited for on the playground. Trustee Turner moved to reject the February playground proposals; seconded by trustee Moore; motion carried. Trustee Turner then moved to accept the January proposal for playground replacement; seconded by trustee Moore; motion carried.

>AG Shop Addition Request for Qualifications Results- Dr. Brown presented the results from the request for qualifications for the AG shop addition. Two companies responded to the request. The committee that gathered the results then graded the companies. These grades were compiled and reviewed. A motion to approve Star Corporation as the CM/GC for the Ag Shop Project was made by trustee Turner; seconded by trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>M2 Proposal Phase 3/Building Security Update- Dr. Brown recommended that the Board wait to move into the new Phase 3 proposal from M2 until Phase 2 has been completed. Trustee Moore moved to table this until after April; seconded by trustee Turner; motion carried.

>JUUL Litigation Settlement. Cathay Bridwell reviewed the litigation information about vaping targeting underage students. This was a 1.2 Billion dollar settlement. This is a guaranteed settlement and the

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attorneys are advising that the district take this settlement. The funding allocation for the settlement is based on student enrollment as well as the number of buildings. The payout will happen in phases. The large company Altria is cited in the lawsuit however they are not settling. Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the settlement; seconded by trustee Turner; motion carried. Funding can be used to mitigate, prevent, or detect the use of vape materials.

>Annual Review of Policy #2420

>Board Policy Review 1st Reading- Policy # 2307, #2470, #2470P, #2470F, #3420, & #4530 were reviewed and discussed.

>Board Policy Review 2nd Reading- Policy #3010, #3300, #7215, #7500, and #8170 were reviewed.

Moved by trustee Turner to approve 1st readings as listed with the changes as discussed; seconded by trustee Moore; motion carried.

Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the second readings as listed; seconded by trustee Gossi; motion carried.

The Board broke for a five minute recess at 8:51pm

Moved by trustee Turner to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(a)(b) for the purpose of personnel; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried at 8:58 pm. by roll call votes as follows: Trustee Bogaard- yes; Trustee Gossi- yes; Chairman Whitmarsh- yes; Trustee Turner- yes; Trustee Moore- yes. Present in executive session were the previously named trustees, District clerk Melissa Lemmon and Superintendent Dr. Brown. Personnel was discussed. Dr. Brown exited executive session at 9:34pm.

Entered into regular session at 11:03pm

Action resulting from executive session

Trustee Turner moved to accept the resignation of Michelle Tapia; seconded by trustee Moore; motion carried.

Trustee Turner moved to hire Stephanni McAninch as well as Jay Huauser and open the science position; seconded by trustee Moore; motion carried.

Trustee Gossi moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried at 11:05 p.m.

Melissa Lemmon, District Clerk