

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233

Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

June 19, 2023

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in Room 7 of Hagerman Jr./Sr. High School. District Clerk Melissa Lemmon took roll and established that a quorum was present, board members in attendance being Trustee Bogaard, Trustee Gossi, Chairman Whitmarsh via Zoom, and Trustee Turner. Trustee Moore was absent.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the current agenda with the amended removal of item K-6, the duplicated Budget Hearing item; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

Special Reports/Activities

>Student Activities- Students came and spoke to the Board about summer school. They highlighted their daily schedules as well as the skills they are perfecting while in attendance. There are 22 students enrolled in the junior and senior high as well as 22 students enrolled at the elementary. Students in the high school are recovering 30 credits. Dr. Brown spoke with the Board about summer school and the adjustments that were made to make summer school more desirable to students for participation.

Consent Agenda

>Trustee Turner moved to approve the consent agenda as well as the minutes from the May 15th, 2023 regular meeting; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Action Items A

>The school district bills for June were reviewed along with the financial reports for May. Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the district bills; and the financial reports as presented; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

Public Input

No public input was requested.

Administrative Report

>Dr. Jim Brown reported the ARRGH students of the year and the high school Pirate Pride drawing winners. ISTATION benchmarks were reviewed along with the number of students that showed one year of growth. At the elementary level, math scores are higher than reading scores. ISAT proficiencies were also reviewed in ELA and Math for 3rd-11th graders. Final testing data included grade distribution analysis, CTE participation and the graduation rate for the senior class. The ELA and math cut scores for ISAT were also presented. Planned professional development for staff this summer was reviewed. This PD will enable two staff members to provide dyslexia training to the entire staff during a later PD training. A facility update was given about the current elementary fence replacement and playground projects. The old foundation of the elementary school was found under the playground which may result in increased cost. Administration is looking at purchasing a container for athletic equipment storage.

Information Items

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>Board Training- Cathy Bridwell spoke about Venture Upward. Last month units and funding were reviewed. Units are driven by enrollment and attendance. The student enrollment provided by Venture Upward adds about 1.3 units to our district. Venture Upward generates funding for our district even with the enrollment at 23 students. Base support, special distributions, literacy intervention, professional development, remediation, and safe and drug free schools are all programs that the Venture Upward enrollment adds to the funding for the District. The ADA for Venture Upward students is 100% as they are online students. That increases the average daily attendance rate for the entire district. Venture Upward costs the school district about \$60,000 in fees. After accounting for the costs Venture Upward brings in about \$58,000 to the district. >Question. Are there any specifications on how that funding is spent? No. The funding can be spent on many things. >Question. It was mentioned at a previous meeting that there are increased paperwork and testing duties for these students. Is Venture Upward still worth doing after those costs are taken into account? Yes, even taking into account those responsibilities Venture Upward is still profitable. Venture Upward informed the administration that they are anticipating 50 students enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year. >Question. Do you foresee any changes to the contract with Venture Upward in the future? No. The contract was reviewed and renewed in May.

>Strategic Plan- Dr. Brown spoke about the Strategic Plan and reviewed the tasks assigned to each focus area. The tasks were reviewed showing what has been accomplished, the tasks that are in progress, and the tasks that still need to be addressed. The board will need to review these and potentially add to this list as well as prioritize. Leaders from each focus area may need to be gathered to address the specific focus. >Question. How is the technology rotation being handled? Currently the IT director has a rotation in progress to prevent the district from having obsolete technology. Around 120 chromebooks were purchased last year as a part of that rotation.

Budget Hearing

>Budget- Cathy Bridwell presented the proposed 2023/2024 budget and answered questions. Trustee Gossi moved to approve the 2023/2024 budget as presented; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

Action Items B

>MidCo CPI Increase 2023-2024- Chairman Whitmarsh recused himself from discussion and voting per conflict of interest due to employment. MidCo is adding a 6.1% increase based on the CPI increase which was included in the contract. That is not optional. Discussion included possibly adding an additional route due to extended student ride times. Trustee Turner moved to approve the MidCo CPI increase; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

>Classroom Furniture- Dr. Brown presented a quote received from Virco Furniture. >Question. Is this for the elementary or for the high school? This furniture would be for the high school. The existing furniture from the high school that is in good condition will be rotated down to the junior high. >Question. Are the standing height desks for teachers? No, they are adjustable desks for students but that was only due to the non-adjustable desks being more costly. Trustee Gossi moved to approve the Virco Furniture bid; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

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>IHSAA Equipment Use- Football camp needs approval from the Board to use the Hagerman School Equipment for football camp. Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the football equipment usage retroactively; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

>Vo-Ag Addition Architect- Fee negotiations have ensued based on the cost of drafting the plans for the project. This was brought to the board for specific direction as the plan fee is currently costing more than the program has saved for the project. The plan drafting fee was projected at 7.5% of the total project however what was received back from the architectural firm showed a fee of 13%. The board could negotiate a drafting fee with another architectural company. Trustee Gossi made a motion to pursue fee negotiations with a different architectural company for the Vo-tech/AG building addition; seconded by trustee Turner; motion carried.

>HVAC Replacement Quotes- A new quote was presented to the Board for the HVAC replacement on the high school as previously requested. One of the bids included propane units rather than propane/electric heat pumps. >Question. Was the bid itemized? No. So in looking at these bids we don't know if these qualify for Idaho Power rebates based on their energy efficiency? No. More time was requested by the HVAC companies to get information from their suppliers for the cost on new heat pump systems.

>Question. Do different brands carry different efficiencies? Yes. Based on the exact units purchased there can be variation. Knowing the exact units to be used would be necessary to see if they qualify for the Idaho Power rebates. In speaking with Chris Bell from Idaho Power he believed that the savings may be minimal, if they qualify at all, as the current heat units are propane. It is the belief of the HVAC contractors that installing multi source systems may be a better option than a purely electric system due to cost efficiency. >Question. Are the current units air conditioning units with propane furnaces? Yes, what you see outside is the air handler for the air conditioner. Heat pumps are more efficient. In the winter the school district pays about \$8,000-\$9,000 dollars a month in propane. There are lingering HVAC supply issues due to COVID. >Question. If HVAC work needed to be completed during the school year, would that interfere with students' learning. No, most of the work completed would happen in the utility rooms or outside. A decision was tabled until further information can be gathered. A special meeting was scheduled for June 26th at 6:00pm via Zoom to address HVAC replacement.

>Certification of Levy Election Results. - Trustee Bogaard moved to certify the levy election results for the 2023 plant facility levy; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Carpet Replacement Quote- A quote from Brennan's Carpet was presented to the board to replace some carpet at the high school. >Question. Is the new carpet going to be the same blue color? Yes. >Question. Where does the funding for this come from? This was part of the budgeted ESSER funds. Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the carpet replacement quote as presented; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

>Water Heater Replacement Quote- Two quotes were presented to the board for replacement of the water heater in the boys and girls locker rooms in the high school. There are two quotes as there are two different companies that must work together to complete the work. The project total was more than

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\$5,000 so it was brought to the board for transparency. Trustee Turner moved to accept the water heater replacement quotes as presented; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Vendor Contract Renewals- The new contracts for Psych and Behavior Intervention for the 2023/2024 school year were presented. Trustee Bogaard moved to approve the vendor contracts as presented; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

>Board Policy Review 1st Reading- Policy #3270P, #3440, #5325, #5330, #5335, & #5340 were presented. Trustee Turner moved to approve the first readings of these Policies #3270P, #3440, #5325, #5330, #5335, & #5340 including option 1 for Policy #???? and alternate 1 for Policy#?????; seconded by trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

>Board Policy Review 2nd Reading- Policy # were presented for a second reading. Trustee Turner moved to approve the second readings as stated on the agenda and presented; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

5 min recess at 8:24pm

Trustee Turner moved to enter executive session; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 8:31pm.

Entered into regular session at 8:44pm.

Action Resulting From Executive Session

Trustee Turner moved to approve the resignations of Nick Gonzales as a track coach, and Marika Cough as the Venture Upward teacher; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Trustee Turner moved to accept the hiring of Chad Huddleston for junior high science, coaching hires (Chad Huddleston and Scott Sheppard/Junior High Football, Katie Knight/Junior High Volleyball, Stephani McAninch/Cross Country Asst, Chad Huddleston/Girls JV Basketball, Scott Sheppard/Girls Basketball Asst, Tanya Beard/Junior High Girls Basketball, Tanya Beard/Track Asst, Stephanni McAninch/Junior High Track Asst, Scott Sheppard/Golf Asst) as proposed in executive session with salaries to be determined by the administrative team; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Trustee Bogaard moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried at 8:47p.m.

Melissa Lemmon, District Clerk