Joint Hagerman School District No. 233
Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
August 21, 2023

Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh called the meeting to order at 6:16 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, and Trustee Turner. Trustee Moore was absent due to illness.

Chairman Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Turner moved to approve the current agenda; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

## Consent Agenda

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

## Action Items A

>The school district bills for July were reviewed along with the financial reports for June. >Question. What was the purchase in Pupil Transportation? That was the purchase of new tires and an oil change on the white bus. More information was requested regarding the purchased investment CDs at the next board meeting. Trustee Turner moved to approve the agenda items under action items (A) including the approval of the district bills; and the financial reports as presented; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

## **Public Input**

No public input was requested.

## **Administrative Report**

>Dr. Jim Brown's administration report included introducing the school districts' new hires so the Board could meet them. He introduced Scot Shepherd, Chad Huddleston, Tanya Beard, Thurmond Johnson, & Alan Garrigues. Staff orientation was held at the Jay Foundation in Twin Falls this year. Five classified and five certified employees won a new pair of boots. Total enrollment was up at the elementary level but a little lower at the high school level. The enrollment for Hagermans Venture Upward is showing around 40 students. The building leadership teams were reviewed with the Board. Building goals are being finalized and will be presented at the next board meeting.

# <u>Information Items</u>

>Board Training- Cathy Bridwell presented some new information from the state department regarding Senate Bill 1100 which speaks on the use of restrooms. Currently the courts are unable to rule on this matter. They placed a hold on the bill for now and advised that school districts perform local control and continue to organize their own restrooms. Currently there is no guidance from the state on this. There will be a hearing on September 13th to re-address the bill.

## Action Items B

>Strategic Plan- Dr. Brown spoke about department teams and building level teams which meet weekly. The administration team has created a rotation so they can attend these meetings. Also district wide

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meetings are scheduled to discuss district wide topics. English language arts curriculum will be chosen this year for grades 7-12 and used next year. >Question. Is the math curriculum that was purchased last year being used? Yes. It is here and is being used. >Question. Are the teachers all on board with using this curriculum? Yes. They have already been trained and are using the curriculum currently. >Question. How do we know teachers are using it? Is there an audit process in place? Yes. That audit happens in many areas including admin evaluations and teaming meetings to ensure all staff are using the curriculum. New curriculum has to be implemented with fidelity to be successful. Building leadership teams met today and during the summer as well as earlier in the year. Building leadership team is made up of master teachers. The recent Dyslexia training was very informative as far as best practices and how they are implemented for grades 3-12. Professional development will be offered based on that training and how to best utilize interventions for students' learning gaps. Safe schools training will continue for the staff along with new ALICE training and emergency response training.

>Approval of Bus Routes and Safety Busing ->Question. Are we still doing two routes? Yes. The admin will go on the routes to see how long the students ride the bus which impacts their day. >Question. Would it cost more money to add another route? Yes. However the three routes were combined into two due to the lack of bus drivers. >Question. Do we know how many students are on the buses? Yes. Neither of the buses are filled to capacity. Before school started there was a delay in Mid Columbia contacting parents who were interested in having their student bussed. The Board requested a review of bussing times at the next meeting. Trustee Turner moved to approve the bus routes and safety busing; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Trustee Election- Trustee election zones 2 and 3 are up for election/re-election. September 8th is the deadline for trustees or patrons to run for a school board position. >Question. Is that posted somewhere? Yes. The county has posted the election schedule. The district wanted to ensure that all patrons were aware of the school board elections that are coming up.

>Contract Adjustments to Technology and P.E.- Matt Cottam proposed to change his technology contract to include two set days a week with on-call availability during school hours for the other two days a week. The current contract states that the technology director will be on-site the three weeks prior school beginning and the three weeks following the end of the school year. The request is to change that to two weeks on-site prior to and following the school year. The total technology contract days will remain the same but with more flexibility. >Question. Is there currently a time limit for responding during on-call hours? No, it states that a response will be given in a reasonable amount of time. After some discussion all parties agreed that the contract should include that the technology director will respond to urgent district needs in a reasonable amount of time not to exceed 2 hours. The district preference for on-site days would be Monday and Tuesday. Trustee Turner moved to accept the contract adjustments as stated; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Adjustment to PE Contract- Bill Hicks requested to add one hour to Leah Brown's contract in order to add a Yoga/Spinning Class. >Question. What is a spinning class? It's a class where students cycle on a

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stationary bike. Spinning is relatively new here. The district will need to have 5 spinning bikes in order to offer the class. It could be offered as a dual credit class. >Question. How much do spinning bikes cost? Spinning bikes cost somewhere around \$775 to about \$1000. The district currently has 3 bikes. >Question. Do we have students that are using those? We have students that use them in PE classes and they are a good tool for rehabilitation for athletes. >Question. Is that something that a high schooler will be interested in? Yes. It is a good option for students that aren't interested in running. >Question. Would the increase put us past our FTE allocation? No. Trustee Turner moved to approve the adjustment to Leah Brown's contract; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

>VO/Ag Shop Architectural Agreement- A new contract for architectural services with Laughlin Ricks Architecture LLC was presented. Trustee Gossi moved to approve the architectural agreement and have plans made for the Ag Shop addition; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried. >Question. How much does the district have for this? The district has the funds to complete the plans for the project. The original plan was to get the plans made and then raise the funds for the remainder of the project.

>HVAC Engineering Proposals- Directions were given to both Nielson and Musgrove Engineering that the district was looking to have HVAC plans created, however both mechanical engineering firms created a scope of work and submitted a bid for the HVAC project. The scope of work and bids were presented to the Board. The total tonnage on both proposals seems to be the same. >Question. Did they create the scope of work for free? Yes. There was no agreement or signed contract between the district and the contractors. Nielson Engineering recommended that the electrical panels be replaced. New heat pumps were recommended by both. >Question. Is there enough information to put this out to bid as a project? More work needs to be done to create a complete project. Trustee Gossi offered to help finalize the request that goes out to bid. Trustee Bogaard moved to put the HVAC project out to bid; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

>Board Policy Review 1st Reading- Policy #5450, #4105F, and #4140 were read and discussed. Trustee Turner moved to approve the first readings of policy #4105F, and #4140 and revise #5450 and put it on the agenda for a first reading next month; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

>Board Policy Review 2nd Reading. Policy #1100, #2120, #2130, #2140, #2140F, #2425F, #2425F, #2605, #2700, #2700P & #8200 were presented and discussed. Trustee Turner moved to approve second readings of the presented policies; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

The board took a 5 minute recess at 7:39pm

Trustee Bogaard moved to enter executive session; seconded by Trustee Turner; motion carried.

Alan Gurigue. Briana Posey PARA. Ciara Hulm PARA. Jessica Brewer Venture Teacher of record. What do we have open 2nd grade PARA and full time sub. Lorenna gave the info today that she will not be taking the position. Do the teachers have to absorb the need if there aren't PARAs? Yes. The law requires that

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the students be serviced so the teacher has to meet that need. Do we have any one on ones? Yes Scott and Ciara Hulm are both one on one students. Yes they work with that student. Staggered intervention allows SPED to pull specific students. Resign jr high soccer. Exit Interview needs to be sent out Nancy.

Entered into regular session at 8:03

Melissa Lemmon, District Clerk

Action resulting from executive session.

Trustee Turner moved to approve the new hires Jeffrey Garrigues for music and high school Spanish, Briana Posey as a PARA, Ciara Hulme as a PARA and Jessica Brewer for Venture Upward; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Trustee Turner moved to accept Melissa Boyds Jr. High soccer coaching resignation; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

Trustee Turner moved to open the Jr High Soccer coaching position; seconded by Trustee Bogaard; motion carried.

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