

**Tonasket School District #404**  
***“Focused on Learning, Linking Learning to Life”***

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Catherine Stangland, with Ernesto Cerrillo, Lloyd Caton, Jerry Asmussen and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Liz Stucker, Jeremy Clark, Brian Ellis and Kristi Krieg. Also present were Katie Teachout, Mike Larson, Jack Denison, Brock Hires, Denise Hires, Geral Cox, Ron Wilson, Jared Wilson, Angie Bolich, Paul Bolich, Rose Corso, Rob Thompson, Austin Olma, Jerry Anderson, Zach Clark, Kent Clark, Kevin Landdeck, Cesar Bobadilla, Kaylie Bodadilla, Thomas Kennedy, Twan Murray, Elizabeth Hylton, Joseph Wilgig, Janet Bretz, JJ Riley, Stephan Sacchi, Emily Bjellend, Rob Inlow and other community members.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Catherine Stangland led the flag salute at 7:02 p.m.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Additions to the agenda: March 27, 2017 minutes; and to the Consent Agenda: two field trip requests. Deleted from the agenda: ASB report. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the minutes of the February 22 (continued and adjourned on March 1), 2017 school board meeting, the March 6 and the March 8, 2017 school board meetings, and the March 27, 2017 special board meeting as presented. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Head Boys Basketball Coach Contract for 2017/18***

Catherine Stangland thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. She commented that more than 200 letters, emails and phone calls were received regarding the Coach Landdeck issue and the board reviewed them all. Catherine remarked that this indicates how deeply the community cares for the children. She challenged the community to figure out a better way to deal with conflict in the future and to look at what we all want to teach kids; disagreements can happen while still being respectful, responsible, caring, and civil to each other.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to accept the superintendent’s recommendation to not rehire Kevin Landdeck as head boys basketball coach. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**

A question was asked if Mr. Landdeck will be back in any coaching capacity. Mr. McCullough responded that there is a hiring process that is followed before any hiring is done.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ernest Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**REPORTS**

***Special Education***

Liz Stucker reported that she wrote a grant for paraeducator training and has been awarded the grant. The state is doing another study on the special education process to see how much funding is not being captured by districts so documents will be sent for this study. Grandparents Day is this Friday. There has been an increase in enrollment of high-needs students and services are being provided.

### *Elementary School*

Jeremy Clark reported that two students competed in the Regional Spelling Bee and did very well, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. The Math is Cool team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the regional competition. The PTO Carnival brought in over \$1,800 to support students and staff. The K-12 ELA adoption committee has narrowed the curriculum down to two finalists. Last week, UW students were in the school working with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Leader in Me process added the Student Voice program and as a result, student committees have been formed because of student interest each having a teacher mentor. Examples of this is a water bottle filling station being installed and breakfast cereal has been added as an option so breakfast participation has increased. Grandparents Day is on Friday. Linda McKay from the ESD commented that Tonasket is always engaged and she enjoys coming here.

### *Middle School*

Kristi Krieg reported that the Spelling Bee had a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Knowledge Bowl set a goal of placing first or second at every meet which they did. VexRobotics attended state with 20 students qualifying for the nationals in Kentucky. GEAR-Up will fund the trip. A successful student led Leadership Day was held last week. Student led conferences last week were well attended. The master schedule for next year is being worked on and plans are being made to make changes to the intervention classes to decrease the numbers in those classes. There will be some shared staff with the high school. Will be seeking to hire a MS science position.

### *High School*

Brian Ellis reported that all winter sports were celebrated last Thursday in an assembly because all teams made it to post season play. The wrestlers had a successful win at state. Dave Mitchell was asked to speak at graduation but he will not be able to attend, so he read his speech at the assembly. Knowledge Bowl placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in state and the boys basketball team also made it to the state tournament. Other winter sports updates were provided along with a spring sports participation report. A team of staff members went to the Spokane Career fair on March 15. The master schedule for next year is being worked on.

### *Superintendent*

Steve McCullough reported that Cari Haug and Leann Bevier are the recipients of the Excellence in Education Award this year. The April 12 board meeting will be held at Aeneas Valley. Interviews for the Federal Programs/SPED Director position will be held on Friday. The Levy Cliff has been delayed by the state government. The Secure Rural Schools Act has not been reauthorized yet. Classified employees are very appreciated and were honored during Classified Employee Week recently. Anitra Atchison is working on a district logo. A change will be made with the staff health insurance because Premera will no longer be offered through the WEA so the district is looking at other options. A new emergency speed dial button has been set up which will automatically dial into the building office with a special ring tone.

### *Financial Reports*

Bobbi Catone participated in the meeting by phone and reviewed the financial reports.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *Instructional Materials Committee*

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to approve the instructional materials as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *MS ASB New Club Application*

Kristi Krieg presented information on the new ASB club La Chispa. The club focus is to promote bilingualism, encouraging students to have a voice, and exploring culture.

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to approved the new MS ASB La Chispa Club. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***HS ASB New Club Application***

Students from the high school along with advisor JJ Riley, presented information on forming a new ASB GSA Club. Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to approved the new HS ASB GSA Club. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion.

Comments from the audience and staff were taken regarding approval of the club proposal. Comments from the audience were also made in regards to include the MS and possible ES eventually. Mr. Riley clarified that they support a similar club in the MS and commented that they are here requesting just for a HS club and if the MS club wanted to be formed, those interested would need to follow the same process to have a club approved.

Mr. McCullough referred to Policy 2153 regarding student clubs and recommended approval.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Bi-Annual Maintenance Report and Asset Preservation Program Report***

Mike Larson provided a report of the maintenance department and also the Asset Preservation Program Report (APP) regarding our buildings that are required to be identified through the APP report.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve Asset Preservation Program (APP) Report. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Make-Up Day***

Steve McCullough presented information on the make-up day due to the ice storm when school was canceled. It will be a half day of school for students and a full day for staff.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve scheduling Monday, June 12 as a make-up day due to canceling school. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***Policy Committee***

Steve McCullough discussed forming a board committee which will include board members, staff and parents to review and make recommendation on policies, including Safe and Orderly Learning Environment and to research the creation of a Civility Policy.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve forming a school board committee for the purpose of working on Safe and Orderly Learning Environment and to research a Civility policy. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Joyce Fancher and Jerry Asmussen have been appointed to serve on the committee.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

***Committee Reports***

On Tuesday, March 28, a Voc Ed committee was held with a report on the success of the student groups qualifying for state events.

The tech committee is moving forward with the one to one device program. Discussion with the staff is being held to decide how to roll the program out. Meetings with parents will be held on how to implement the program with their students. Common core standards are being address and still being worked on.

The senate passed a school funding bill and the house is working on it.

The PAC meeting was held with Jim Huckaby as the presenter for the meeting.

***April 12 Board Meeting***

The April 12 board meeting will be held at the Aeneas Valley Fire Hall at 7:00 PM.

***Regional Meeting***

The WSSDA Regional Meeting will be in Brewster on May 2.

***April 11 Athletics Community Forum***

The athletics community forum/workshop will be held in the HS commons from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This will be an interactive forum with staff, student, and community members invited to attend.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

How to reduce the levy to pass the bond to get the total dollar figure down. MSOC dollars is for maintenance to be used on some of the maintenance projects.

A board member commented that a parent expressed concerns about student led conferences and only being able to meet with homeroom teachers. It was explained that time has been allotted for parents to be able to conference with content teachers during an open house session during conferences. In the middle school, that time was not utilized. Parents can also schedule through the offices to meet with teachers at any time.


Conversations are still being held about staying with one ag teacher; the facility issue is part of the discussion. Whether or not another ag teacher is hired, extra help is needed in the MS so the district is working resolve that issue.

Catherine Stangland commented that she has moved out of her director district and is encouraging people living in her district to file and run for her board position.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Catherine Stangland adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
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Janet Glanzer  
Assistant Secretary

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Secretary to the Board

  
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**NEW BUSINESS**

***New Bus Financing***

Jack Denison presented information regarding an early purchase of two buses and the financing of them. The board approved the purchase of two new buses in December from Bryson Sales and Service; the buses were ordered and were to be delivered and paid for in September 2017. The buses ordered are in Spokane and ready for pickup. One of our current buses that is being replaced has had continued mechanical issues so Jack recommended replacing it right away. Bryson set the district up to finance the two buses through Santander Bank.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the early purchase of two buses, financing them through Santander Bank for the amount of \$205,738.23. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**WORK SESSION**

***Community Chat***

Bertha Villa read a letter expressing concerns regarding the HS Spanish teaching position. A discussion was held on how the decision is made to hire a foreign language teacher and which language(s) to offer. Part of the discussion included which languages have been offered in the past. Rene Maldonaldo shared that he understands the difficulty in making hiring decisions.

Gene Jones, community member of Aeneas Valley thanked the board for coming to the area to hold a board meeting. A discussion was held about the Aeneas Valley community.

Gene Jones commented that there are approximately 4000 people in Aeneas valley and Jack Denison added that about 60 students ride the bus. The community consists of a number of retired people with an increase in younger people moving in. There are also some people who have chosen to live off the grid. The younger people most likely work in Tonasket.

Regarding bonds and levies, Gene responded to the question on what the Aeneas Valley community needs from the school for better communication. He stated that the people in this area do not get the newspaper, they look at the bulletin board at the local store and some listen to the radio, but information is mostly by word of mouth. People in the valley need to be more informed. Ways to do that were discussed, such as sending flyers home with students and possibly using the automated calling system.

The Aeneas Valley store and the fire hall is the center of gathering for the area. An Aeneas Valley community church is being built and once the church is finished, that will also become a place to gather. About 30 people attend the church. There are also two airports in Aeneas valley.

***Middle School***

Jackie Gliddon, middle school science teacher, mentioned that middle school testing starts in May. Teachers are working with science curriculum to match with the activities at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and with the Island Wood migrant student science field trip this summer.

***Board Governance***

No discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss a complaint against a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 8:18 p.m.

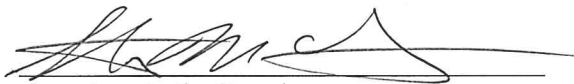
**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Catherine Stangland adjourned the meeting at 8: 18 p.m.



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Janet Glanzer  
Assistant Secretary

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