

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Catherine Stangland with Jerry Asmussen, Ernesto Cerrillo, and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough was present. Administrators present were Brian Ellis, Kristi Krieg, and Jeremy Clark. Also present were Bobbi Catone, Sharron Cox, Kent Clark, Clint Duchow, Thomas Ray, Amaan Curnal and Missy Martinez. Lloyd Caton arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Catherine Stangland led the flag salute at 7:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to approve the agenda as modified to move the Robotics club into New Business and move the Athletic Community Appeals into the Consent agenda. Joyce Fancher 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 August 30 and the September 13, 2017 school board meetings as presented. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS

ASB

Missy Martinez reported that the first day of school assembly was well organized. The band performed at the last football game. Missy provided a report on club activities and a sports update. The one to one Chromebooks program in the HS is going well. Missy added the comment that it doesn't take much time to them check out and the only con is that the batteries die quickly. Homecoming is the week of October 9. Missy handed out homecoming fliers. The homecoming football game will be against Brewster.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark commented that the assembly this Friday is to celebrate student growth. ELA and handwriting curriculum training is going well. The ES is teaching cursive to 3rd grade which is the identified grade for learning it. Restructuring shifts are being made in the old skill group model to support inclusion and protect core time for all students. Paras are coming in to support teachers. Training is being funded to support staff in professional development with the new curriculum. We have great new hires; it's an exceptional group. Preschool started classes up in the portable which created additional space to serve more students. A Love and Logic class is being developed in dual language for parents this winter.

Middle School

Kristi Krieg reported on professional development for math curriculum adoption training at the ESD. A team of math teachers will be attending a growth mind set training in Spokane. Diving into the data including looking at the high achieving students, giving more opportunities for advanced placement. Agile Minds pilot in math and the new ELA curriculum is up and running. The math intervention program, Math Minds, is off to a great start. The Math curriculum adoption process has started. A scheduled visit with Agile Minds has been set up. The MS was informed

that it has been identified as a school having success with Agile Minds. The mentoring program for the new staff is in place to offer support to new staff. Anna Seltzer has redesigned the Science Olympiad elective to a Green Schools class. Horticulture class is also doing a Green Schools project. An independent work study class for the four kids that were excited about science Olympiad has been set up. Open house was well attended, although 6th grade parent night was not as well attended. Ideas are being discussed on how to change the open house format to encourage increased attendance.

High School

Brian Ellis provided a report on the Okanogan County Fair. There have been several guest speakers at the high school. A speaker came in for the Pro-Active coach clinic, ASB brought in a motivational speaker, and Jack Denison recommended a guest speaker who will be coming in to speak to students in grades 6-12. The speaker will then provide a wrestling clinic later in the day. The college fair will be held on October 3. New ELA curriculum is being used and the math and science curriculum still needs some work. SBAC tests have been moved back to sophomores instead of juniors. The HS has six new teachers. There is an updated new teacher handbook. Kevin Terris and others have revamped PBIS II and is rolling it out to teachers, which is working well. Fifty-two students have been invited to look into job shadowing at the hospital for first semester. The CNA program will be held 2nd semester. The STAMP test will be offered again this year. Kevin Terris had a parent coach night that was well attended. Kevin and Brian are planning freshman parent night.

Superintendent

Steve McCullough reported that enrollment 1115.49 which is right at budget. The administrators will present their progress on goals at next month's board meeting. The admin team came up with three goals for the year. The employee benefits fair had good attendance. We've entered into a safety and security co-op with the ESD. Mike Dingle from the ESD did a walk-through of the school facilities and will provide a report and a plan. A group is looking at attending the FEMA training in Maryland in June. An ASB training from SAO office was held today.

Financial Reports

Bobbi Catone reviewed the financial reports.

A discussion was held regarding the administrators attending and reporting at the board meetings. The board decided that since the administrators provide their report in the board packet, they do not need to present it; the board can read it on their own. The board will invite them for specific reports or when the administrators have a report they want to share, they can attend and report. In the meantime, if there are questions for the administrators, the board can funnel them through Steve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018 AND 2019 Senior Graduation Date

Additional responses were received regarding changing the date of graduation specifically to Sunday afternoon. Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to set the date of senior graduation to Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

New ASB Club

Tom Ray and Amaan Curnal presented information on the new ASB Robotics club proposal. Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the new ASB Robotics club. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2018 Enrichment Levy and Capital Levy

Steve McCullough provided an update on the impact of the levy tax using information that is available at this time. He added that within the next month, we'll have more information and details. Before moving forward with setting a levy amount more information from the state is needed. Started the recruiting process for levy chair.

Board Governance

Discussion was held regarding moving forward with the Board Governance training. It was recommended for the training to start in January for a two-day workshop on a Sunday and Monday.

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to go forward with the next series of the Board Governance training. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to amend the motion to commit to the first two phases of the Board Governance training which are: Policy Development and ENDS Policy sessions. Ernesto seconded the amendment. The amendment passed with three yes votes and two no votes.

Board Action: Vote was taken on the main motion as amended to move forward and commit to phase one and phase two of the Board Governance training. Motion passed with four yes votes and one no.

It was stated that the board can change their mind if they decide at a later date to not continue with the governance training. Mr. McCullough will check with the coaches to find out if January 7th and 8th will work for them.

NEW BUSINESS

TEA Contract

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the TEA contract for 2017-18 as presented. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

POLICY UPDATES

Second Reading Policies: 1410, 3115, 3116, 3416, 3432, 4040, 5005, 6020, 6100, 6220, 6905, 6950

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the second reading of policies: 1410, 3115, 3116, 3416, 3432, 4040, 5005, 6020, 6100, 6220, 6905, 6950. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion.

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved to amend the motion to approve all the policies as a second and final reading except Policy 6220. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The amended motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Jerry Asmussen moved that district will pay the cost of board member fingerprinting if needed. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Reports - None

Legislative Assembly

Lloyd Caton provided a report of the Legislative Assembly that was held on September 22.

October 11 Board Meeting

The October 11 board meeting has been scheduled to be held at the Loomis Community Club at 7:00 PM.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to change the scheduled October 11 board meeting in Loomis to October 12. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Catherine Stangland adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the September 27, 2017 regular board meeting (4 pages) were approved at the October 25, 2017 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Catherine Driscoll Stangland
Chair of the Board