

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ernesto Cerrillo with Jerry Asmussen and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Liz Stucker, Jeremy Clark, and Kristi Krieg. Also present were Jack Denison, Bobbi Catone, Eric Smith, and Jean Hedlund. Brian Ellis and Lloyd Caton arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Ernesto Cerrillo led the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Addition: Consent Agenda: Excuse board president from the meeting; Personnel, a resignation letter was added. New Business, Item D. Changed to add Superintendent Evaluation; Item E. Board Self Evaluation. Jerry Asmussen approve agenda as amended. 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 December 14, 2016 board meeting and the December 20, 2016 board meeting as presented. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – None

BOARD APPRECIATION

Steve McCullough thanked the board members for their work on the school board and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their service to the students of Tonasket School District. A video prepared by the MS Digital Media class was shown at the board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS

ASB

Zach Clark provided a report on the ASB and other various club activities. Also provided was a sports update reporting that Tonasket will host the regional wrestling tournament on February 11.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark reported that he attended a PAC training at the ESD today with ten Spanish parents. The next PAC meeting will be held on February 1. Provided in the board packet was Mr. Clark’s highlights for the ES school. The bond presentations to the preschool group went well, with around 15 to 20 people attending. The bond presentation to the ES morning coffee group had just a couple parents there. Mr. Clark reviewed the ES progress toward goals; reviewing the comparison with high performing schools, testing data, goals and the focus on improving student learning in the ES.

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Middle School

Kristi Krieg reported that today during the early release she and the paraeducators managed a mandatory study hall for 66 students to work on missing assignments; 60 of those students attended. She reported that overall it was a positive experience. Tyler Graves is holding an English class for Spanish speaking parents. Mrs. Krieg reviewed the MS progress toward goals reviewing the discipline data, the testing data, goals and the focus on improving student learning in the MS.

High School

Brian Ellis reported that he presented information about the bond to the Lion's Club before coming to the board meeting. Mr. Ellis reviewed the HS school improvement goals and the HS connection to board goals: Bond, Culture, and Academics. HS demographics were also reviewed.

Special Education

Liz Stucker reported that her staff is working with the struggling students coming into the district. Changes in the Birth-3 processes on the state level are being made and as a result of those changes, a contract is currently being worked on with Bright Start which is a business in Omak that will help to provide all the required early intervention services.

Superintendent

Steve McCullough reported that the bond ballots will be mailed on Friday. Brochures have been mailed out and Andy Jones is organizing the phone calling for the bond committee. The hiring process of staff for next year is starting. Appreciation to the staff was expressed for their efforts when the heat was off earlier in the month. Mike Larson is working with the propane company to ensure this will not occur again. Jack Denison received a positive email from a community member about the courtesy of the bus drivers to other drivers on the road. A training on *Homerom*, which is a system for accessing data program training was held earlier in the week. The Tonasket Chamber of Commerce recognized Catherine and Dave Stangland as the Citizens of the Year for their support of the youth in our community.

Financial Reports

Bobbi Catone reviewed the financial reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2017 Bond

Steve McCullough reported that the bond presentations are starting to wind down; tomorrow the presentation will be in Loomis. He also shared that the bond committee will be putting up signs on either side of town reminding people to vote.

School Calendars

Steve McCullough reported that there are several changes on the school calendar for next year, such as it being a two-year calendar. In regard to the date of graduation, Mr. McCullough commented that the Chamber of Commerce likes graduation on Founder's Day weekend because it brings more people into town. The rodeo is back to an evening performance at 6:30 PM so there should be no conflicts with graduation. The final piece of the calendar is to change the four half days of conferences to two full days of conferences with no students in school those two days. Conference days can be counted as student school days. One evening will be for evening conferences.

School Board Director Handbook

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the school director handbook. Joyce Fancher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bi-Annual Food Service Report

Eric Smith provided the monthly financial report and the breakfast and lunch report for the past year. He also reported that a successful audit was completed. The water bottle filling stations that a grant was written for should be arriving soon. Mr. Smith mentioned that OSPI reported some of the items that could be changing with the new administration are that the audit might be changed to five years instead of every three years and some of the food serving requirements might also be changing. Price increases will not take place this year. Overall, the food service program in the district is doing well.

Fuel Bids

Jack Denison presented information on the fuel bids with the recommendation to accept the bid from Whitely Fuel.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to accept the fuel bids from Whitely Fuel. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sexual Harassment Annual Report

Steve McCullough reported that no changes are needed in the sexual harassment policy and there have been no incidences of sexual harassment reported.

Superintendent Contract and Evaluation

Steve McCullough reported that there are no changes in his contract which will be approved after his evaluation is completed. His evaluation will be completed in February.

Board Self-Evaluation

Steve McCullough reviewed the board self-evaluation quick form that came from the governance model which will be considered for use at the February board meeting.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements

Steve McCullough reported that there will be some changes in the graduation policy and asked the board to review Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements in preparation for working on it at the next work session.

Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Steve McCullough reviewed the policy in regards to when meetings are canceled and when special meetings are held.

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Reports

Lloyd Caton and Steve McCullough will be in Olympia for the Legislative Conference in February.


ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nutrition and Physical Fitness Policy, Dress Code Policy, Graduation Policy

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 9: 16 p.m.



Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the January 25, 2017 regular board meeting (4 pages) were approved at the February 22, 2017 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board