

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
In the Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Sharron Cox called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with Ernesto Cerrillo, Joyce Fancher in attendance with Lois Rhoads attending remotely. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators attending remotely were Kelwy El-Haj, Lilly Martin, Trisha Roach, and Kristi Krieg. Joining the meeting remotely were Heather Dalzell, Ashley Fardys, Nicole Sutton, Cory Plager, and others. Jennie Wilson arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Sharron Cox led the flag salute at 6:37 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The financial report will not be presented tonight. The report is in the board packet.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Jerushah Ramos shared concerns about COVID in the school.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Financial

The monthly financial reports are in the packet.

Elementary School Report

Lilly Martin reported that the cookie dough fundraiser and PTO meetings are happening now. She commended the teachers for the great job they are doing this year. A few classes have gone remote because of quarantine. The early release today was spent making plans regarding intervention. 70% of the students are being served in-person, with 30% out for various other reasons.

Middle School Report

Kelwy El-Haj reported that the middle school is focusing on positivity through various activities. The focus for early release days will be Social Emotional Training through the Character Strong program. The staff is practicing SEL in the classroom. Family community engagement is happening through interviews with parents. The middle school had 62 students out yesterday for various reasons.

High School Report

Trisha Roach reported that testing started in the high school. The senior meeting was held tonight. Homecoming planning is taking place. There will be a modification of activities this year due to Covid. Mrs. Roach provided highlights of advisory activities from the Character Strong program. At least 70% of the students are in attendance at school. One hundred forty-one students were absent yesterday for various reasons, including the Yakima fair and soccer.

Superintendent

Steve McCullough commented that the management of COVID is overwhelming. The fact that the administrators are doing things to move forward is incredible. Enrollment for September is 1,093. Mr. McCullough is in the process of receiving COVID vaccine exemptions from staff members. He attended the WASA Fall Conference in Chelan, and he mentioned that one of the speakers at the conference was from Character Strong. The administrative team is providing staff professional development through this program. We are getting closer to moving forward with the installation of the ES modular. Athletic events are closed to spectator attendance for now because of masking issues. Too many people are not masking at the indoor events. We are on the cusp of going to remote learning, so we are doing all we can to keep students in school.

NEW BUSINESS

School COVID Testing Coordinator

Steve McCullough provided information on the School COVID Testing Coordinator position, explaining that the funding is coming through the Learn to Return program through the Department of Health. This is a one-year position.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve hiring a School COVID Testing Coordinator. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

POLICY UPDATES

First Reading Policies

Steve McCullough provided information regarding Policy 3241 Discipline and the reasoning and goals behind the changes.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the first reading of Policy 3241 Discipline. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policies

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to approve the second reading of Polices 1822, 2108, 2420, 3231, 3520, and 5515. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

2022 Enrichment & Operations Levy

Cory Plager from DA Davidson provided a review of the levy, which is also referred to as an Education Program and Operations Levy. The presentation included school election voting history, election dates, school assessed valuation history, tax rate history, levy goals, and the timeline.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Sharron Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the September 29, 2021, regular board meeting (2 pages) were approved at the October 27, 2021 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board