

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
In the Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Joyce Fancher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Sharron Cox, Lois Rhoads, Jennie Wilson, and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Kevin Young and Secretary Anitra Atchison were also present. Also in attendance were Lilly Martin, Trisha Roach, Kristi Krieg, Kelwy El-Haj, Bobbi Catone, Billy Monroe, Jordan Weddle, Christopher Musa, Nadine Olma, Jackie Gliddon, and others in person and remotely.

FLAG SALUTE

Joyce Fancher led the flag salute at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – Yes, a twenty minute executive session to review the performance of a public employee.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - Yes

Jennifer Steinshouer – Spoke of bullying and general meanness in middle school. Students have become comfortable with being mean. She gave a brief update on the bullying and what they are doing to educate the students on bullying and the effects and what they, the students, can do to help.

Danika Smith – Spoke about her emergency Certification and requested an extension on her conditional teaching certification. She also questioned the progress of creating a policy allowing Running Start students to be eligible for honors and scholarships.

Jeannette Holocher – Spoke on the struggles and effects that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the district and staff. She also spoke on behalf of Danika Smith and a possible extension for her conditional teaching certification.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Financial

Bobbi Catone reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Administrator

Lilly Martin discussed the highly capable students and what they are doing. Kim Fitzthum has taken on teaching the highly capable program with project-based learning, and about 10% of students in 3rd through 5th grade are taking part. The 4th graders' Math is Cool Team took 4th place in the Math is Cool tournament. The Eagle Track raceway brought race cars to the elementary and all classes got to see them. Their focus was encouraging STEM and showing how it can apply to life. The elementary students enjoyed the HS FFA student lead FARM for kids classes. One 1st-grade class and all of the 4th graders got to take part in the event. Grandparents Day is coming back this year and will be held in May.

Kelwy El-Haj reported on middle school enrollment numbers. Acceleration Learning is what middle school calls its highly capable program, and the focus is on math this year. It is middle school ASB Spirit Week. There has been lots of participation in the dress-up days and activities. There was a field trip for 8th-grade girls called Tech & Tiaras, focusing on STEM activities on programming and coding. March is a high month for adverse behavior in middle school. Mrs. El-Haj surveyed middle school students on bullying and received 116 responses. The migrant meeting in March had over 65 families in attendance and a presentation from the ESD on social and emotional behavior and education.

Trisha Roach reported on the high schools enrichment advancement with information on college credits in the HS. There are 87 college credit opportunities available w/o leaving campus. The high school is working on adding a PE and Home Design College to the High School credit. The high schools goal is to be able to allow students to get their AA degrees without having to leave campus. The high school also offers advancements for students by allowing them to go to

higher grade level, there are even some middle school students attending high school classes. Mrs. Roach talked about some challenges in the high school right now are student attendance and adverse behavior. She offered some data from OSPI that 70% of schools in WA are experiencing attendance issues. The HS FFA students held their FARM day, teaching classes to fourth graders. There were 8 stations, and the HS Students were exhausted when it was over. On April 12, there will be a school-wide (HS students) community service project. High school enrollment numbers.

Kristi Krieg gave a brief report on the CPR (Consolidated Program Review). The review is almost complete.

Superintendent

Kevin Young discussed the proposed late start schedule. The importance of professional development. There are many local districts taking part in a similar schedule. This change in early release time would allow more instructional time for older students. Another reason for recommending a late start is to eliminate the supervision issue of after-school and the time between school release and sports. Mr. Young recommended not having the April 12 board meeting if there was nothing for the agenda. The Excellence in Education banquet has returned and will be held on April 17 in the high school commons. They will be celebrating all the regional winners. Mr. Young congratulated our winners Sarah Prock, Classified recipient, and Sarah Kinkelie, Certificated recipient.

Billy Monroe

Billy Monroe reviewed the Tonasket/Oroville Golf Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Monroe also reported that Spring sports have all been working on their fields and that the track team received a timing machine from the Tonasket Athletic Booster Club. This will be very beneficial when holding track meets. They have also submitted a grant for resurfacing the Tennis Court.

Jordan Weddle and the Math Team

Jordan Weddle and the high school and middle school math team gave a presentation on the HS/MS math program and the math team's plan for raising student understanding and math scores.

POLICY UPDATES

First Reading Policies

The Board discussed the first reading of Policies 3210, 4130, and 6630. The policies will move on to the second reading.

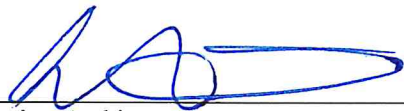
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION –

The board went to the executive session at 8:32 pm.

The board came out of executive session at 8:56

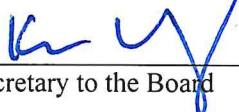
ADJOURNMENT

Joyce Fancher adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

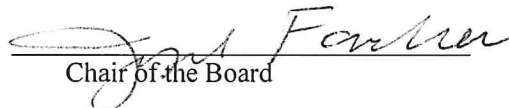


Anitra Atchison
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the March 29, 2023 regular board meeting (2 pages) were approved at the April 26, 2023 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board