

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

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October 25, 2017

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - The Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in its regular monthly meeting at Canyon Ridge High School boardroom #301, located at 300 North College Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bernie Jansen, Vice Chairman Bryan Matsuoka (via telephone), Trustees Mary Barron, and Todd Hubbard (via telephone). There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Clerk, Michelle Lucas; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; as well as district directors, patrons, and news media. Trustee Todd Hubbard was unable to attend. Trustee Paul McClintock was unable to attend.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - The Board of Trustees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Procedural Matters Action Items
  1. Approval of Agenda (Additions and Deletions) – Chairman Jansen asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. Trustee Barron move to approve the agenda as submitted. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegation – There were none.
- V. Consent Calendar – Trustee Barron moved to approve the consent calendar which included: certified release of contract for April Hollibaugh and certified release of contract if a suitable replacement can be secured for Daysha Anderson; new certified .50 FTE contract for Minta Halling; new classified employees: Garrett Zirker, Claribel Partida, Dana Morfin, Paula Cunningham, Halla Blair, Billy Lane, Anissa Hayes, and Justine Johnson; classified in-district transfer for Claudia Grover; classified resignations from Sarah Gabbard, Michelle Desler, and Julie Snider; extra-curricular employee: Jason Benjamin; extra-curricular resignation from Andria Harshman; and request for alternative authorizations and provisional [The TFSD Board of Trustees declared a hiring emergency for the following positions]: for Selina Bernard as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, Jared Sorenson as social studies teacher at O’Leary Middle School, alternative authorization/provisional for Chelcy Rodriquez as kindergarten teacher at Harrison Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Matsuoka. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Benjamin Ware with Ware and Associates, auditor for Twin Falls School District #411 shared the 2016-2017 Annual Audit and stood for questions. After his firm reviewed Twin Falls School District books, records, policies, and procedures they found that everything was in good working order. His firm gave Twin Falls School District the best rating of “unmodified opinion” which is equivalent to an A+ paper. He reported that currently Twin Falls County tax delinquency rate is 2.81%, which is an improvement from 6% during the recession. Mr. Ware stated Twin Falls School District’s carryover is down from last year and only equates to two weeks of operation reserve. Far from, what the financial world would recommend. The district has been operating on a low carryover for over 10 years. He noted that on page 49 of the audit there is one violation of Idaho Code where the actual bond expenditures is \$225 over the originally budgeted amount. This is a minor violation that only requires him to point it out to the Board. It was asked if Mr. Ware has been seeing trends with the districts in the area of unpaid school lunches. Mr. Ware has only tracked for a couple years but will get that information for a longer period of time and get it to Bob Seaman.
2. Director of Fiscal Affairs, Bob Seaman shared information and a recommendation to send the \$7,000 received from the \$198,000 Education Trust with U.S. Bank to the Twin Falls Education Foundation to set up an endowment fund to be maintained by CPA Dennis Brown. This will help reduce the annual fees. This item returns next month for action.

VI. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. With no further questions for Accountant, Benjamin Ware, Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Audit report as presented. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Instruction A. Information Items:

1. Director of Elementary Programs, Teresa Jones and Director of Secondary Programs, L.T. Erickson shared elementary and secondary individual continuous improvement plans. Ms. Jones and Dr. Erickson briefly explained the process the schools went through to create their plans. They noted that the plans meet the spirit of the law and ties in with the strategic plan. They also recommended that the board use these plans when coming up with questions for the principals when they report to the board this spring. The Board asked, at the next work session in January, if the directors could provide for the board a snapshot of what they should be looking for when building principals report out this spring.
2. Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte gave a 2017-2018 Federal Programs annual update. Mr. Brulotte shared a breakdown of the different funding accounts received for Title IA (Poverty), IC (Migrant), IIA (Teacher Quality), III (Limited English Proficient), McKinney-Vento (Homeless), and Neglected and Delinquent (Incarcerated Students). The district is required to review annually with staff federal programs requirements and expectations of title schools. Mr. Brulotte also shared a list of federal program grants received for 2017-2018 school year. The District had to consider possibly cancelling summer school this year, however, the Federal budgets were adjusted and the schools came up with some money to help so we can have summer school 2018. The district had to cut preschool at Oregon Trail because of cutbacks.
3. Director of Support Services, Mike Gemar gave his annual report for district wide special education services. Mr. Gemar shared an overview of the different support services programs

and things covered by special education. He also explained differences between 504's and IEP's. Currently the district has 67 elementary and 126 secondary students in the gifted and talented program; 341 students on 504 plans; 1013 students in special education; and a quickly growing population of 72 preschoolers. Age three is the eligibility age for preschool so students register throughout the year. Two current challenges are finding qualified staff and Medicaid reimbursement shortcomings.

VIII. Future Agenda Items:

1. 2017 Legislative Tour will be held November 29, 2017 starting at Nine Beans and a Burrito at 8:00 a.m. and is scheduled to visit a few district schools. This year's focus is on advanced opportunities; career pathways; and will talk about leadership skills.

IX. Executive Session

With no further business at hand, Trustee Barron moved that the Board retire into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b); (b) to consider student discipline; and termination of classified employee. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion. Chairman Jansen asked the Clerk Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Bernie Jansen – Yes

Vice Chairman Bryan Matsuoka (via phone) – Yes

Trustee Mary Barron – Yes

Trustee Todd Hubbard (via phone) – Yes

Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:13 p.m.

Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to return to open session. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:20 p.m.

Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to expel five (5) students from school as per administration and hearing officers recommendation, one (1) for an indefinite period of time, and four (4) for "Time Served" and that these students be expelled from school as defined in Idaho Code 33-205 and that these students be placed under the purview of the Juvenile Correction Act, Idaho Code 20-510 and 20-511. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to approve administrations recommendation to terminate classified employee "A". Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Barron moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

  
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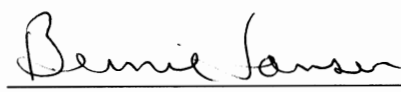
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