TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

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September 10, 2018
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 Monday, September 10, 2018. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bernie Jansen, Trustees Bryan Matsuoka, Mary Barron, Paul McClintock, and Todd Hubbard. There were also present Superintendent of Schools, Brady Dickinson; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; as well as district directors, patrons, and the media.

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 was none. Trustee McClintock moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – There were none.


VI. Superintendent's Report

A/B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee of the month from Morningside Elementary School for the month of September as Misty Olson-Roche, 3rd grade teacher and classified employee of the month as Tammie Wilcox, computer teacher. Superintendent Dickinson read a brief resume’ and presented Ms. Olson-Roche and Ms. Wilcox with a gift, plaque, and dinner certificates to Jakers. Both Ms. Olson-Roche and Ms. Wilcox thanked the board for the honor.

C. TFEA Co-Presidents Peggy Hoy and Mike Wilkinson addressed the board commenting that they look forward to another year of continued positive communication between the district and the TFEA. They shared one of their 2018-2019 TFEA goals is to encourage teachers to advocate for themselves. Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Wilkinson thanked the Board for their time.

VII. Instruction A. Information Item: None

VII. Instruction B. Action Item: None

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Superintendent Dickinson reminded the board that on August 30, 2018 we had to call off school at Lincoln Elementary School due to loss of power to the entire building. Idaho Power
found the problem under the sidewalk where the cable had corroded away. Idaho Power will take care of all the costs to replace the electrical wire, transformer, sidewalk, and any landscaping that was lost. In compliance with Idaho Code 33-1003A the Board of Trustees must declare that closure was an emergency. The district will then send a Certificate of Closure to the State Department of Education (SDE) and the average daily attendance for that day will be considered by the (SDE) as being the same as the days when school actually was in session or when attendance was not impacted. This also requires action tonight.

2. Superintendent Dickinson presented Twin Falls School District current enrollment figures and shared that additional staff was hired in August based on earlier projections. The projections were very close and the district doesn’t need to hire any more staff at this time to help with the additional students. Total student enrollment as of 9-6-18 is 9,678.

3. Director of Fiscal Affairs, Bob Seaman shared that the Budget Advisory Committee recommends taking the full amount the district qualifies for with the emergency levy to meet the needs created by the increase in enrollment. Using the State Department of Education computation sheet, the full amount the district qualifies for is $2,504,556. Mr. Seaman stated that the calculation is based on our third day districts average daily attendance (ADA) which shows that we had 522 more students attending school this year as compared to last year during this same timeframe. Mr. Seaman reiterated that most of the money we get will go towards teachers that were already hired based off the projections. Mr. Seaman shared that the Budget Advisory Committee is comprised of business owners, retired financial advisor, retired teacher, a few district employees, TFSD board member, a member of the press, students, and parents. Mr. Seaman commended the committee for their work evaluating and considering all the information to make a responsible recommendation.

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After a brief explanation of when the district would have to make up emergency closure days, Trustee Barron moved to declare and certify August 30, 2018 as an emergency closure day for Lincoln Elementary school because of complete building power outage. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to approve the emergency levy for $2,504,556 as recommended by the TFSD Budget Advisory Committee. Trustee McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel A. Information Item: None

IX. Personnel B. Action Item: None

X. Board Goals A. Information Item:

1. Director of Public Relations, Eva Crancer shared and stood for questions on the administrations’ recommendations for board tasks for the annual 2015-2020 strategic plan update. This year’s board goals align with Superintendent Dickinson’s goals. The Board discussed these tasks and how to quantify these tasks in the plan, especially quality teachers.
These will return for approval and/or modification at the next board meeting September 26, 2018.

2. Vice Chairman Matsuoka asked if the board would like to attend this year’s Annual Idaho Positive Behavior Network Conference. In the past the district has sent teams of teachers and administrators to this conference. Conference information was shared. The conference this year is February 8th at Boise State University. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in attending.

X. Board Goals B. Action Item:

1. The board finalized the September 26, 2018 board work-session agenda. The Board asked to add a middle school panel of approximately 5-7 students to attend and have a school topics discussion with the Board. The board will send questions they want to ask the students to Dr. Dickinson in advance. The Board also discussed having the Director of Operations update the Board on how the security aide’s position is working and what they do at each building, at the next board work session January 23, 2019. After a brief discussion, Trustee McClintock moved to approve the final agenda as amended. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Future Agenda Items

A. TFEA/TFSD breakfast meeting will be September 18, 2018 at 6:45 a.m.

B. The next board meeting will be a work-session to take place September 26, 2018; dinner will be provided.

C. ISBA Region IV fall meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2018 at Magic Valley High School to begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is being catered by our very own MVHS Culinary Arts students.

D. ISBA Annual Convention is set for November 14th – 16th, 2018 in Boise.

Trustee McClintock moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chairman Bernie Jansen

Clerk Michelle Lucas