

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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February 11, 2019

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, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2019. The following were present: Chairman Bernie Jansen; Trustees Mary Barron, Todd Hubbard, and Bryan Matsuoka (via telephone for executive session). There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; as well as directors, interested patrons, and employees. 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 Hubbard moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – Chairman Jansen asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. There was no one.
- V. Consent Calendar – Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from the January 14, 23, and 28, 2019 meetings; building and board financial reports; accounts payable and payroll; monthly long term suspensions report for January; private service providers (PSP)/consultants/other: Hummel Architects, Idaho Digital Learning, Latinos in Action, Starr Corporation, and Cole Educational consulting; new certified contracts for Weston Smith, and Janet Peacock; certified retirements for Marsha Dickinson and Debbie Mason; certified resignation from Jocelyn Stephenson; new classified employees: Morgan Butler, Melissa Shutman, Mireira Munoz-Venegas, Janis Hobde, and Caleigh Fallow; in-district transfer of Daniel Ault; classified resignations from LaDora Owens, Kathy Diamond, Lynnette Tubbs, Becky Rigdon, Cyndia Leon, and Justine Johnson; new extra-curricular employees: Michael Ramey, Jeffrey Bowman, Michael Sato, and Lisa Douglas; extra-curricular resignations for 2018-2019 school year for Sarah Thornborrow and for 2019-2020 school year JJ Stagge; request for emergency provisional [The TFSD Board of Trustees declared a hiring emergency for the following positions]: Arts teacher Weston Smith at Canyon Ridge High School; and an early graduation request for Heather Meininger. Motion was seconded by Trustee Barron. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee of the month from Oregon Trail Elementary School for the month of January as Katelynn Rhoades, 2nd grade teacher and from Pillar Falls Elementary School, Danielle Ashby, K-5 PE teacher.
- B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the classified employee of the month from Oregon Trail Elementary School as Paul Jenkins, head custodian and from Pillar Falls Elementary, Rick Box, playground aide. Superintendent Dickinson read a brief resume' and presented each Ms. Ashby, Ms. Rhoades, Mr. Box, and Mr. Jenkins with a plaque, gift, and gift certificate to either Tomato's or Sizzler. Ms. Ashby, Ms. Rhoades, Mr. Box, and Mr. Jenkins thanked the board for the honor.

VII. Instruction A. Information Items:

1. Building Reports

- a. Principal of Rock Creek Elementary School, Shari Cowger shared a few successes and a few challenges for Rock Creek Elementary School and introduced her Vice Principal, Lisa Honas. Her building report was included in the board packet. One of the many things her and her staff are very proud of is achieving top performer in EL growth. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Ms. Cowger thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about her school.
 - b. Principal of Pillar Falls Elementary School, Nancy Murphy introduced her Vice Principal, LeeAnn Morgan and shared a few challenges and successes for their school. Her building report was included in the board packet. One of many bright spots listed was their IStation growth for 1st – 5th grades. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Ms. Murphy thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about her school.
 - c. Principal of Magic Valley Alternative High School, Roger Keller shared a few challenges and highlights for his school. His building report was included in the board packet. This year Magic Valley has been working on their accreditation and the requirements for being a CIP (school in improvement) which, in hindsight, are challenges that have also been positive experiences. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Mr. Keller thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about his school and thanked them for their support with the expansion of the construction program. He feels it will make a huge difference.
2. Director of Support Services, Mike Gemar presented his 2018-2019 Special Needs Report to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Gemar shared current numbers of gifted and talented students of 211, 356 students on 504's, and their current SPED caseload is up from 1031 to 1193 with no new staff added. He commented that it's difficult to find and hire paraeducators; it's difficult to compete in the market with other jobs available in the private sector. Paraeducators usually only work 5 hours a day and don't get benefits which makes it unappealing. Mr. Gemar reported that an improvement in SpEd reporting is that now 504's can be reported in PowerSchool, which will make a huge difference. The new rules from the passage of the Medicaid bill have not become clear yet however, will be implemented this July. After a few minutes of discussion with the Board, Mr. Gemar thanked the board for the opportunity to share district-wide information on SPED programs and thanked them for their support.

3. Director of Secondary Programs, L.T. Erickson along with Health Teacher, Leah Holloway presented a yoga course recommendation for consideration. If approved for Canyon Ridge High School, this course will be called Yoga Life. This item returns for board action March 11, 2019.

VII. Instruction B. Action Items:

1. Director of Secondary Programs, L.T. Erickson recapped the information presented at the January 14, 2019 board meeting for integrated math curriculum being added at the high schools. Dr. Erickson stood for questions on the proposal. The high schools will offer both traditional and integrated math courses. Dr. Erickson noted that a lot of big districts have gone to this integrated approach and that the ISAT is also written for this approach. District administration recommends approval. Trustee Barron moved to approve the restructuring of math curriculum adding the integrated math curriculum for grades 9th – 12th. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items: None

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items: None

IX. Personnel A. Information Items: None

IX. Personnel B. Action Items: None

X. Board Goals A. Information Items: None

X. Board Goals B. Action Items:

1. After a brief discussion, Trustee McClintock moved to change the July 24th work session to July 17, 2019 because of a conflict of interest during that time. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Future Agenda Items:

1. Superintendent Dickinson reminded the board of the upcoming ISBA Day on the Hill Conference February 18 and 19, 2019 in Boise. Trustees Bernie Jansen, Mary Barron, Bryan Matsuoka, and Todd Hubbard plan to attend along with Superintendent, Dickinson and Director of Fiscal Affairs, Bob Seaman. The Board discussed carpooling arrangements.
2. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2019 at Oregon Trail Elementary School where Mr. Tyler Matlock, Principal at Oregon Trail Elementary; Ms. Cheri McKenzie, Principal at Lincoln Elementary, Mr. Steve Hoy, Principal at Morningside Elementary; and Mrs. Kelli Schroeder, Principal of Bickel Elementary will present their board report and participate in discussions with the board.

XII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Hubbard moved that the Board retire into executive session after a five-minute break as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b) student discipline, and personnel termination and administrative leave issues. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded

the motion. Chairman Jansen asked the Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote is as follows:

Chairman Bernie Jansen – Yes

Vice Chairman Bryan Matsuoka – Yes

Trustee Mary Barron – Yes

Trustee Todd Hubbard – Yes

Trustee Paul McClintock – Yes


Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:19 p.m.

With the door open, Trustee Barron moved to go out of executive session. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board opened to the public at 8:32 p.m.

Trustee Hubbard moved to uphold the hearing officer's recommendation to expel one (1) student from the Twin Falls School District #411, for an indefinite period and that this student be expelled from school as defined in Idaho Code 33-205 and that this student be placed under the purview of the Juvenile Correction Act, Idaho Code 20-510 and 20-511. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hubbard moved to accept administrations recommendation to accept, in lieu of termination, resignation from employee "A" and for the removal of employee "B" from administrative leave to return to the classroom. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Barron seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.


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