

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

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May 13, 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, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 13, 2019. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bernie Jansen, Vice Chairman, Bryan Matsuoka, Mary Barron, and Todd Hubbard. There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; as well as district directors, interested patrons, employees, and the news media. 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. Superintendent Dickinson asked to add Item VIII. 5, Emergency School Closure Notice, as information and action due to the short notice of the closure. Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Matsuoka 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. One request was submitted to Clerk of the Board, Michelle Lucas to address the Board.

Parent of a Twin Falls High School student followed protocol in order to address the Board of Trustees. Ms. Keri Gaus, is requesting to overturn the decision from Superintendent Dickinson denying her request to waive district policy to let her daughter graduate and walk with the Twin Falls High School Graduating Class of 2019. Policy states two (2) math credits must be earned in a student's senior year. Ms. Gaus provided the Board with student records and the letter Superintendent Dickinson sent her in response to her request to waive policy. Ms. Gaus commented that her daughter isn't passing her Algebra II class for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, which Ms. Gaus stated her daughter was forced to take. She has the 54.5 credits to graduate, just not the 2 senior math credits. Ms. Gaus feels her daughter's situation is rare and a unique hardship and requests the Board to waive policy. After a couple clarifying questions from the Board, Chairman Jansen stated that the Superintendent will get back to Ms. Gaus with the Board's decision. Ms. Gaus thanked the board for their time.

- VI. Consent Calendar – Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from the April 8, 9, and 24, 2019 meetings; board financial reports;

building financial reports; accounts payable and payroll; long-term suspensions list; contracts for private service providers/consultants/others: Ventive, IStations, Achieve 3000, Starr Corporation (x2), PowerSchool, and Youth Change; new teacher contracts for: Claribel Castro-Romero, Jeanie, Cullip, Jenny Quinton, Cameron Hoge, Robertson Fox, Tesha Vinson, Laura Suto, Tanna Fajardo, Diane Turner, Alexis Boyle, Cassidy Ferrell, and Nina McVay; certified retirement from Jean Newman; certified resignations from Christine Putman, Sandra Nordquist, Brannon Harmer, Becky Jaynes, Floyd Adams, and Tamara Phay; new classified employees: Candice Gates, and Becky Jaynes; classified resignations: Kiauna Huber, Heidi Thompson, Christina Ault, Julie Biswell, Nicole Swan, Delaney Bergen, and David Crafton; extra-curricular employees: Justin Lineberry as assistant football and head wrestling coach; Jordan Sundquist, Taysa Haroldsen, Michael Easterling, Chloe Gedrose, and Amanda Perrine; extra-curricular resignations from Tysha Clements, Kevin Lovell, Debbie Mason, Leah Holloway, and Hoover Ron Owen; long term leave of absence for Randy Price; student teacher request and administrative internship for Kyle Miller and Stacy Green; extended/out of state travel request for Canyon Ridge High School; and request for alternative authorization [The TFSD Board of Trustees declared a hiring emergency for the following position]: Mari Nelson as counselor at Harrison Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barron. Motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Superintendent's Report

- A/B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee of the month from Canyon Ridge High School for the month of May as Steve Davis, teacher and certified employee of the month from Twin Falls High School as Mark Schaal, business teacher and coach.
- C/D. Superintendent Dickinson announced the classified employee of the month from Twin Falls High School as Kris Guiles, principal's secretary and classified employee of the month from Canyon Ridge High School as Jordan Eldredge, head custodian. Superintendent Dickinson read a brief resume' and presented Mr. Davis, Mr. Schaal, Mrs. Guiles, and Mr. Eldredge each with a gift, plaque, and gift certificate to either Olive Garden or Red Robin.
- E. Katie Kauffman presented a request to approve naming Robert Stuart Middle School's new basketball court "Jack B. Watts" after late Jack Watts who was an educator and coach in Twin Falls School District #411 for thirty-two (32) years. His wife requests the name be Jack B. Watts court and a nice mural painted on the wall at no cost to the district. Ms. Kauffman stood for questions. Chairman Jansen stated that this item will return for action June 10, 2019 and thanked Ms. Kauffman for her time.
- F. Twin Falls Education Foundation Executive Director, Stephanie Hudson introduced herself and shared her background. She noted that this is now a full time position and she will be doing a lot of grant writing, she will still do the Cow Pie event, Red Apple Gala, along with the other traditional events and duties. The Board thanked her for coming to introduce herself and the update.

## VIII. Instruction A: Information Items: None

## VIII. Instruction B. Action Items:

1. Bill Brulotte, Annette McFarlin, Ryan Ellsworth, and Tana Schroeder explained a change to the committee's Early Release Collaboration Monday recommendation. This change was

based off a parent's suggestion to take 5 minutes from the end of A.M. kindergarten and 5 minutes from the beginning of P.M. kindergarten to allow for their early release on Collaboration Mondays. The committee is seeking final board approval pending the outcome of negotiations. The committee did a lot of research, surveying staff, parents, and grade level teachers, etc. and has developed comprehensive guidelines. It's imperative that the time is productive collaboration time for teachers. The committee stressed that there will be no more than one professional development activity per month during collaboration time. Teachers will be asked to show evidence to make sure this time is used productively. The committee representatives and the Board discussed having an update from the committee a couple times a year to celebrate what went right and to review what might have gone wrong, etc. Trustee Hubbard represented the board on this committee and he commented that he hopes the intent of the committee is followed and that teachers are excited about this collaboration time. Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the recommendation for Early Release Collaboration Monday's as submitted pending the outcome from negotiations. Trustee Barron seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. Director of Secondary Programs, L.T. Erickson, Language Arts Teacher, Matt Coleman, and Master Sergeant, Steven Stephens recapped the information presented at the April 8, 2019 board meeting requesting to add an Art and Science of Military Leadership course at Twin Falls High School for school year 2019-2020. After a brief discussion, Trustee Barron moved to approve this Art and Science of Military Leadership course for Twin Falls High School as submitted. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IX. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Director of Fiscal Affairs, Bob Seaman highlighted several critical topics within the preliminary 2019-2020 budget. His report reflects amount to carryover of .5%; current expenditure budget of \$61,533,017 exceeding the revenue budget of \$59,596,592, less one time commitments and revenue offsets; and TimeClock Plus net offset to replace AESOP is \$68,700. Mr. Seaman shared that the other unidentified and unmeasurable things like donations, etc. are not in this budget report. There are early literacy funds in the amount of \$1,844,443 that is available to help with shortfalls if we don't qualify for the emergency levy. Mr. Seaman is hoping for a 2% growth in student enrollment for 2019-2020 school year. Next month Mr. Seaman will present the 2019-2020 budget and 2018-2019 amended budget.
2. Although we didn't have any school closures due to inclement weather, we did however suffer from some severe road conditions in our outlining rural areas and severe episodes of the flu at our schools and with teachers. Dr. Dickinson asked the board to adopt the resolution to request an adjustment to our average daily attendance (ADA) for the weeks outlined in the breakdown worksheet provided. Per Idaho Code 33-1003A, the superintendent may make a request to the State Department of Education to have the average daily attendance (ADA) adjusted because of unusual circumstances and this year our circumstances included inclement weather and severe rounds of the flu. This requires board approval and is listed as an action item tonight.
3. The board discussed in detail the 13.62 acre property south of town that administration is recommending for purchase in the amount of \$305,860 for a future elementary school site. This property is located on the West side of Kenyon Road, between Pheasant Road and

Southwood Road, Twin Falls. Mr. Bowman proposed to use the \$182,546 from the sale of the 9.39 acre property next to South Hills Middle School and the remainder of the funds would come from the payback we will be receiving from the Sackett Farm Subdivision (Pillar Falls Improvements) which is due by June 1, 2020 in the amount of \$203,350. Total remaining after the purchase will be \$80,036. This item is also listed on the agenda for action.

4. Director of Educational Technology and Operations, Ryan Bowman shared bid information to re-asphalt Robert Stuart Middle Schools track and District Office parking lot. We received two (2) bids with the lowest bid coming from Idaho Materials and Construction at \$99,466. Administration recommends approval.
5. Superintendent Dickinson reminded the board that on Friday, May 10th, 2019 we had to call off school at Twin Falls High School due to a threat to only that school which was posted on social media. 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 was actually in session or when attendance was not impacted. This also requires board action this evening.

IX. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After board discussion, Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to approve the resolution by name only "Twin Falls School District #411 Resolution for ADA Adjustment Request for Bickel Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Oregon Trail Elementary, Perrine Elementary, Pillar Falls Elementary, Rock Creek Elementary, Sawtooth Elementary, Vera C. O'Leary Middle School, Robert Stuart Middle School, South Hills Middle School, Bridge Academy, Twin Falls High School, and Canyon Ridge High School" as proposed. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. After Board discussion, Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the land purchase of 13.62 acres south of town west side of Kenyon Road, between Pheasant Road and Southwood Road, Twin Falls in the amount of \$305,860 as proposed. Vice Chairman Matsuoka seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
3. After Board discussion, Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to approve the bid to re-asphalt Robert Stuart Middle Schools track and District Office parking lot to Idaho Materials and Construction in the amount of \$99,466. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to declare an emergency closure due to a threat made to the Twin Falls High School students and staff on May 10, 2019 in compliance with Idaho Code 33-1003A. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Personnel A: Information Items:

- 1/2. Director of Community Relations, Eva Craner shared the annual School Climate Policy 3720 checklist showing the required policies that need reviewed annually and the first reading for recommended changes to policies/procedures: 2305, 7310, 8210, 8240, 8250, 3563, 7270, and 9100. These will return next month for board action.

3. Director of Support Services, Mike Gemar shared changes made to the special education manual as they require board approval. Mr. Gemar stated that the changes are semantical changes based on 2019 legislation and stood for questions. This item will return next month for board approval.

X. Personnel B: Action Items:

- 1/2. Amendments to policies/procedures: 2700, 2700P, 1313, 1500, 1525, 3530, 7235F1 and F2, 7237, 7320P1/P2/P3, 7450 and 7450P2, as presented last month returned for board action. After Board discussion, Trustee Hubbard moved to approve these policies/procedures as amended. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Board Goals A. Information Items: None

XI. Board Goals B. Action Items: None

XII. Future Agenda Items:

- A. The retiree reception will be May 15, 2019 at Twin Falls County West Building in Suite 1600, located at 630 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- B. The ISBA Summer Leadership Institute is set for July 11, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Canyon Ridge High School in room #301.
- C. The next school board work-session is scheduled for July 24, 2019. A draft agenda was shared. Consensus was to add an update on the security aides and the new ALICE program.
- D. Graduations: CRHS - May 20<sup>th</sup>; TFHS – May 21<sup>st</sup>; MVHS – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dickinson reminded the Board that this year's Twin Falls Education Association Retiree Breakfast is Friday, May 24, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. at the Turf Club. This event has been posted so you all can attend.

XIII. 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) & (j): (b) to consider student discipline; and to conduct superintendent evaluation; and (j) to discuss labor contract matters. 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 – Yes

Trustee Mary Barron – Yes

Trustee Todd Hubbard - Yes

Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:32 p.m.

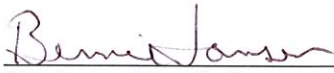
The Board opened to the public at 9:06 p.m. Trustee Hubbard moved to go out of executive session. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to uphold the hearing officer's recommendation to expel four (4) students from school, two for an indefinite period of time and two 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 and was passed unanimously.

Chairman Jansen presented Superintendent Dickinson with his evaluation letter from the Twin Falls School #411 Board of Trustees. After a brief discussion, Trustee Hubbard moved to extend Superintendent Dickinson's contract for another year for a three-year contract through SY 2021-2022 and approve an increase consistent with the administrations salary schedule increase for school year 2019-2020. Trustee Barron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Matsuoka moved to uphold the decision of Superintendent Dickinson to not waive district policy to allow student A to graduate/walk with her class and for the Superintendent to work with student A on a plan for graduation after summer school.

Trustee Barron moved to adjourn. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion carried. The time was 9:09 p.m.

  
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ATTEST:

  
Clerk Michelle Lucas



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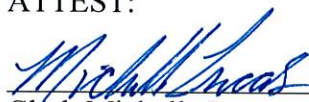
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