

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

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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 board meeting, both virtually in a Zoom online meeting platform (accessible by the public) and at Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Monday, August 10, 2020. The following trustees were present: Chairman, Bryan Matsuoka (via Zoom); Vice Chairman, Paul McClintock and Trustees, Heidi Casdorff, Jonathan Lord, and Jayson Lloyd. There were also present Superintendent of Schools, Brady D. Dickinson; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; as well as directors, interested patrons, employees, and the news media.
- II. Approval of Agenda (Additions and Deletions) –Chairman Matsuoka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was none. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance - The Board of Trustees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board)
O’Leary Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Annette McFarlin was in attendance to express her opinion on face coverings in school and shared her personal story why wearing facemasks is important. She thanked the Board and the HEAL Taskforce Committee for deciding to require facemasks in schools to protect all staff and students from COVID-19. The Board thanked Mrs. McFarlin for her comments.

Community member and parent, Shane Klaas expressed his objection to the district requiring facemasks and shared an idea so facemasks are not needed. He suggested placing glass around each teacher’s desk instead of everyone wearing facemasks. He asked that the Board respect everyone’s rights and let them decide for their children whether to wear facemasks or not. The Board thanked Mr. Klaas for his comments.
- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from July 13, and 27, 2020 meetings; board financial reports; building financial reports; accounts payable and payroll; contracts for private service providers (PSP)/consultants/other: Totem PD, eLuma Therapy, A Caring Hand Health Care, Primary Therapy Source, CSA Consulting, Achieve 3000, Education Northwest, and SeeSaw; new certified employees: Hailey DeMond, Allison Jennings, and Danielle Richardson;

certified release of contract for 2020-2021 school year for Ciara Horner and Jannece Sailors; new classified employees: Leslie Mejia, Dorinda Friez, Dale Richmond, Laurie Seamons, Alysia Beebe, Kennedy Dilworth, Mary Anne Thomas, Rhonda Slagel-Soa, and Kerri Betterman; district transfers: Jessica Leavitt and Alicia Rovelli; classified resignations from Diana Fullmer, Shannon VanHorn; Jody Jones, Kelsey Hunter, Jonalynn Hansen, Yudith Hall, Jolynne Trujillo, Jamie Caudle, Lorretta Adams, and Shay Greene; extra-curricular employees: Wendy Layton, Joe Solosabal, Kyle Miller, Aimee De La Cruz, Richard Beechum, and Patty Webb; extra-curricular resignations from Wendy Layton, Jennifer Vance, Zayne Slotten, Nathan Staker, Joshua Creasey, Sam Geilman, Camille Flournoy, Kaci Deuel, and Nadine Glardina-Twitchell; and requests for alternative authorization [The TFSD Board of Trustees declared a hiring emergency for the following position]: Kathleen Kennedy as resource teacher at South Hills Middle School, Leia Trammel as resource teacher at Harrison Elementary School, Shawnee Zelenka as teacher at Twin Falls Virtual School House, and Nancy Jones as activities director at Twin Falls High School. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lloyd. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report:

- A/B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee of the month from O'Leary Middle School for the month of August as Samantha Mauch, math teacher and the classified employee of the month from O'Leary Middle School as Tom Thompson, head custodian. Superintendent Dickinson read a brief resume' on each; their plaque, pen and gift certificate to Scooter Grillen and Chillen will be delivered to their buildings.
- C. Twin Falls Education Association Co-Presidents, Joe Bartley and David Palmer addressed the Board, thanking them for the COVID-19 operations plan put in place to ensure the safety of the students and faculty.
- D. Superintendent Dickinson shared a letter sent to Twin Falls City Mayor Hawkins and Council members thanking them for their support of our schools. The City utilized some of the city's CARES Act money to pay the salaries of the schools resource officers during the shutdown, and not charging the district. In addition, the City purchased facemasks for staff and students and are making them available to parents as well.

VII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Managing Director of Piper Sandler and Underwriter, Eric Heringer updated the Board and discussed refinance options to save the district and tax payers' money long term. When he updated the Board last the rate was 2.09%, it has now dropped to 1.81%. Mr. Heringer shared estimated refunding savings, an annual savings analysis, tax exempt and taxable interest rate history, and a bond refinancing schedule. The Board will need to take action tonight if they choose to move forward with the bond refinance resolution. Hawley Troxell Bond Counsel, Nick Miller presented the 2020 refunding bond issue legal documents including the Preliminary Official Statement (POS), sequence of events, and action needed by the Board. Resolution by title: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (Sales Tax Guaranty) (Taxable), of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, Authorizing the Manner of Sale of the Bonds to Bob Seaman and Brady Dickinson, Delegating Authority to Approve the Terms, Provisions and Sale of the Bonds, and Providing for Related Matters. Mr. Miller outlined

Board focus areas, new disclosure information, and terms of delegation. Mr. Heringer asked to amend the minimum net from 3% to a minimum of 5%, which is a higher threshold.

2. Twin Falls School District Accountant, Rachel Youren shared Twin Falls School District June 2020 carryover projections. Miss Youren defined and shared funds in restricted carryover, committed funds, assigned carryover, and unassigned carryover. The total projected fund balance for June 30, 2020 is \$3,903,732.96. This amount is projected still because there is one more payroll to run from 2019-2020.
3. Director of Educational Technology and Operations, Ryan Bowman shared the 2020-2021 safety and regular bus routes for board approval. Mid-Columbia Bus Company is still our bus service provider. Mr. Bowman noted that bus routes may be adjusted slightly during the start of the year.

VII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to move forward with the bond refinance titled: "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (Sales Tax Guaranty) (Taxable), of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, Authorizing the Manner of Sale of the Bonds to Bob Seaman and Brady Dickinson, Delegating Authority to Approve the Terms, Provisions and Sale of the Bonds, and Providing for Related Matters" with the correction outlined by Mr. Heringer to section 209 changed to 5% net savings threshold. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Vice Chairman McClintock moved that the Board approve the 2020-2021 safety and regular bus routes as submitted. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Instruction A. Information Item:

1. Superintendent Dickinson shared that South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) approved their COVID-19 Regional Risk Level Plan which outlines guidelines which coincide with the Twin Falls School District Operation Protocols. This is now available on their website. The SCPHD matrix determines if we are in green, yellow, orange, or red risk level. This matrix looks at case numbers, where the cases are, hospital capacity, and other considerations. A concerning spike of cases along with hospital capacity is one factor that will change the color level. SCPHD will release their level weekly. Superintendent Dickinson stated, the district's intention is to not move back and forth each week. The district will plan ahead and give parents and teachers time to make plans and prepare. He informed the Board that as of today SCPHD has Twin Falls designated at the yellow level. At this level the district will plan to have an everyday schedule of face-to-face instruction. Orange is when we would have a reduced capacity with students doing three days online and two days face-to-face. The Board discussed if they would like to delegate Dr. Dickinson to make the call to change to another color (level) once determined by SCPHD or call a special board meeting, unless an emergency arises, to have the Board make the color change formally. If there is a need to close one classroom or one school, those will be called/set by Superintendent Dickinson like

snow days. The district will try to give at least 5 day's notice to parents and staff before changing color/levels.

2. Director of Secondary Programs, L.T. Erickson and Vice Principal, Shaun Walker shared the proposed Twin Falls School District Opening Up Plan for High School/Middle School Athletics and Activities. It's required that the Board approve an activities plan before fall sports can begin. Activities directors worked on this with Idaho High School Activities Association. Everything the district does will be with the safety of everyone involved and will also consider what's best for the social and emotional health of our students. Guiding principles, health and safety measures for all conditioning, practices, and contests, and each phase guidelines were shared. If approved, this plan will also go out to other teams/opponents teams, they will need to know what's required as well. Mr. Walker and Dr. Erickson stood for questions from the Board. Regionally, it was decided to have activities unless in red. This item is also listed for action because it's very time sensitive.
3. Superintendent Dickinson shared dates for this year's homecoming weeks for Canyon Ridge High School: August 31- September 4, 2020 and Twin Falls High School: October 12 - October 16, 2020. He will give the Board updates as more is decided.
4. Opening Day Ceremony is set for August 12, 2020 with guest speaker, Todd Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker is an American educator, writer, motivational speaker, educational consultant, and professor. This will be posted if the Board wishes to attend. Chairman Matsuoka will be a guest speaker as well.

VIII. Instruction B. Action Item:

1. Trustee Casdorff moved to approve the athletics and activities opening plan as presented. Vice Chairman McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. After much discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve opening school on August 19, 2020 in yellow as long as SCPHD has Twin Falls in Yellow. After clarifying comments, Vice Chairman withdrew his motion. Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the school district adopting the SCPHD's color/risk level codes in our school plan and open August 19, 2020 at whatever level SCPHD has us in, with today being yellow. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. If the color/level changes, Dr. Dickinson will notify the Board and schedule a special board meeting to change/set the new color/level.

IX. Personnel A. Information Item: None

IX. Personnel B. Action Item:

1. Director of Community Relations, Eva Craner stood for questions on the second reading of policies and procedures: 1120 Taking Office, 1120P Oath of Office, 2425 Parental Rights, 2520 Curricular Materials, 2540 Selection, Adoption & Removal of Curricular Materials, 3000 Entrance, Placement, and Transfer, 4175 Required Annual Notices – NEW, 4260 Records Available to the Public, 4260F District Record Request Form, 5110 Criminal History & Background Checks, 5340 Evaluation and Probation of Certificated Employees, 6400 Administrators, 8160 Contracting for Transportation Services. Vice Chairman McClintock

moved to approve policies and the procedures as submitted. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. The job description for Educational Sign Language Interpreter returned for Board action. Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the job description for educational sign language interpreter as submitted. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Board Goals A. Information Item:

1. Chairman Matsuoka shared the Idaho School Boards Association's by-law proposal for discussion. ISBA is looking for borderline large district representation. The proposal will offer opportunity for nominees from small district, if no nominations it will be opened up to the floor. This is also listed as action because the executive committee meets before our next board meeting virtually.
2. ISBA has canceled the face-to-face Annual Convention set for November 11th – 13th, 2020 and is entertaining doing an online version option. Trustees will notify Michelle Lucas if they wish to attend.
3. The board discussed agenda items for the September 23, 2020 work-session. This agenda will be finalized at the next board meeting, September 14th. Benefits of the Bond Refinance was removed from the draft agenda.

X. Board Goals B. Action Item:

1. After a brief discussion, Trustee Lord moved to approve the 2020 proposed amendment to ISBA bylaws as presented. Vice Chairman McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Future Agenda Items:

- A. The next board meeting will be September 14, 2020.
- B. The next board work-session will take place September 23, 2020 at Canyon Ridge High School at 5:00 p.m.
- C. TFEA/TFSD breakfast meetings begin September 15th and will continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Chairman Matsuoka and Vice Chairman McClintock represent the Board at these meetings and they are posted accordingly.
- D. ISBA Summer Leadership Institute and Region IV Meeting has been postponed until possibly March 2021.

- XII. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to adjourn. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. The time was 9:10 p.m.


Chairman Bryan Matsuoka

ATTEST:


Clerk, Michelle Lucas