

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

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April 13, 2020

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - The Board of Trustees of School District 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in its regular monthly meeting virtually in a Zoom online meeting platform (accessible by the public), Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 13, 2020. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka, Vice Chairman Paul McClintock, and trustees: Heidi Casdorph, Jonathan Lord, and Jayson Lloyd. There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; as well as directors, interested patrons, employees, 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 Matsuoka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was none. Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – Chairman Matsuoka asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. There were no requests submitted/mailed to the Clerk of the Board prior to the deadline.
- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from March 9, and 18, 2020 meetings; board financial reports; building financial reports; accounts payables and payroll; administrative contract for Sean Impomeni as Activities Director for 2020-2021 school year; administrator resignation for 2020-2021 school year for Ted Reynolds; new certified contract for Marshall McDowell; certified resignation from Janessa Wilson; classified retirement from Candice Young; classified resignations from Andrea Vollmer Zamora, Aaron Spencer, James Carlock, and Rhydan Juno; extra-curricular resignations from Emily Lewis, Mike Ewaniuk, Regan harr as both JV assistant volleyball coach and freshman basketball coach; and Heather Darrow; student teacher request for Melissa Trapper; an extended out of state travel request for Canyon Ridge High School; and requests to use high school football equipment for summer camps for Canyon Ridge High School and Twin Falls High School. The motion was seconded by Trustee Casdorph. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Dickinson announced that O'Leary Middle School Teacher, Kelley Ramirez earned the Twin Falls Education Foundation Teacher of the Year award. Congratulations Kelley!

VII. Instruction A. Information Items:

1. Director of Elementary Programs, Teresa Jones updated the Board on a tentative plan to implement Write Tools at the elementary level next year. This framework can be used hand in hand with other curriculum and is already used for grades 6-12 in our district. This program has been a pilot in K-5 already. This is the first common program for grades K-12 in the district.
2. Superintendent Dickinson gave a COVID-19 update to the Board providing an update on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included a variety of topics including instruction, grading, attendance, and the school calendar. The district will remain in a soft closure indefinitely, however, in all likelihood we will remain in a soft closure for the remainder of this school year. The recommendation from the State Department of Education and Idaho School Boards Association is to continue with an indefinite closure. This is the start of week three with online instruction for students. Dr. Dickinson, Dr. Erickson and Ms. Jones shared grading plans and shared that special education accommodations students are entitled to, are still taking place. Teachers are getting creative in order to meet these accommodations in the digital realm. Dr. Dickinson commended food service for providing 3000-5000 meals per day. Superintendent Dickinson opened up for questions from the Board.
3. Superintendent Dickinson shared that because the first three days of the COVID-19 days, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, were considered emergency closure days; in compliance with Idaho Code 33-1003A the Board of Trustees must declare that closure was an emergency. The district has sent a Certificate of Closure to the State Department of Education (SDE) and the average daily attendance for those days 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.
4. Due to the fact we will not meet the minimum number of instructional hours in some grade levels for the 2019-2020 school year because of COVID-19 and the stay at home order, the District has to submit a letter requesting this rule be waived for the year. Every district in the state will be required to complete this waiver as per Idaho Code. This also requires action tonight.

VII. Instruction B. Action Items:

1. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the emergency

closure dates listed as March 16, 17, and 18, 2020. Trustee Casdorph seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to authorize the request to waive the required instructional hours. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Superintendent Dickinson gave the Board an update on the reduction plans due to the 1% holdback from the State. Currently the district identified 22 positions that are scheduled to be eliminated on June 30, 2020, so far 10 of those individuals have been moved to other vacant positions within the district. We are hopeful that the Cares Act funds from the COVID-19 pandemic will help backfill and offsets some of this 1% holdback. For Twin Falls School District the holdback of 1% equals approximately \$600,000 over and above the reductions we were already working towards. The State is looking at a 5% holdback for 2020-2021 school year. The State will try to do the reductions at the state level by claiming a financial emergency. Superintendent Dickinson commented that we can't make solid projections for next year's budget until we get some final numbers from the State. He also noted that normally we would have had our first negotiations meeting by now. ISBA and IEA sent out a letter asking districts to take it slow for starting up negotiations discussions on funding issues. Superintendent Dickinson stood for questions.
2. Superintendent Dickinson shared the request to increase school lunch prices \$.05 which is less than 105% for school year 2020-2021. This recommended school lunch fee increase amount didn't require the district to conduct a hearing because it's less than the 105% rule. The fee increase request is due to an increase of food/non-food costs, and Federal Government regulations. Administration recommends approval of this fee increase. This is also listed as an action item tonight.

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to set the 2020-2021 Budget Hearing for June 8, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. Trustee Casdorph seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to set the 2019-2020 Amended Budget Hearing for 7:15 p.m. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. With no further discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the increase to school lunch prices as proposed. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel A. Information Items:

1. Community Relations Director, Eva Craner requested the board approve a resolution to suspend policies/procedures through December 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



In accordance with Twin Falls School District #411 Policy Number 1300, it is resolved by the Twin Falls School District #411 Board of Trustees:

To the extent that any policy of the Board of Trustees previously approved and adopted conflicts with a policy, order or resolution of said Board, the Idaho State Board of Education, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor of the State of Idaho and/or the federal government, regarding or related to the coronavirus and COVID-19, including but not limited to orders, statutes, administrative rules and regulations, such conflicting policy or part thereof is hereby suspended and shall have no force or effect until such time as the Board shall determine appropriate.

In the event that any contract or provision thereof to which the District is a party conflicts with any of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Board of Trustees will make reasonable efforts to resolve such conflict by mutual agreement but will in all cases comply with all applicable statutes, administrative rules, and regulations, directives, etc. which have been promulgated or enacted by state and federal governments and political subdivisions thereof in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

This resolution shall stay in effect until December 31, 2020, and shall suspend portions of TFSD policies including but not limited to the following as they relate to measures referred to in paragraph 1 above. In addition, as other policies are identified that are in need of suspensions based on measures described in paragraph 1 above, the board will ratify those suspensions:

- a. Policy 2700 and 2700P Graduation Requirements
- b. Policy 2945 Grading Keys
- c. Policy 5401 Sick Leave
- d. Policy 5405 Proof of Illness for Sick Leave
- e. Policy 5410 and 5410P Family Medical Leave Act
- f. Policy 5420 and 5420P Long-Term Illness/Temporary Disability
- g. Policy 7218 Federal Grant Financial Management System
- h. Policy 7235 Fiscal Accountability and IDEA Part B Funds
- i. Policy 7235P Written Compensation Procedure (Time and Effort)
- j. Policy 7320 Allowable Uses of Grant Funds
- k. Policy 7320P1 Determining Necessity and Reasonableness of Expenses
- l. Policy 7320P2 Selected Items of Cost
- m. Policy 7400P Procurement under a Federal Award
- n. Policy 7430 Travel Allowances and Expenses
- o. Policy 7450P1 Timely Obligation of Funds

2. Community Relations Director, Eva Craner shared revision recommendations to policies: 3381 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation and 7236 Employees Paid with Federal Funds and Unexpected or Extraordinary Closures. These policies will return next month for board action.

3. Superintendent Dickinson shared his 2020-2021 Superintendent Goal Report and stood for questions. He shared his progress towards each goal and how each goal aligns with the strategic plan.

IX. Personnel B. Action Items:

1. After a brief discussion, Trustee Casdorph moved to approve the following policies/procedures: 1250 Board Advisory Committees, 1250P1 Board Advisory Committees, Remove 1250P2 Advisory Committee Assignments, 2600P Promotion and Retention of Students, 2600F Retention Recommendation Form, 3340 Corrective Actions and Punishment, and 3340P Corrective Actions and Punishments. Vice Chairman McClintock second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. After a brief discussion, Trustee Lord moved to approve the resolution to suspend listed policies/procedures as submitted. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Board Goals A. Information Items:

1. The Board discussed Community Partner in Education nomination suggestions. In order to keep it a secret and surprise recipients with recognition at the high school graduation ceremonies the Board asked administration to make the final choice.

X. Board Goals B. Action Items: None

XI. Future Agenda Items:

- A. Superintendent Dickinson informed the Board that at the April 22, 2020 board meeting Principal of Harrison Elementary School, Melissa Ardito; Principal of Perrine Elementary School, Tammy Rodabaugh; Principal of Sawtooth Elementary School, Mickey Combs; Principal of Twin Falls High School, Dan Vogt; and Principal of Canyon Ridge High School, Kasey Teske will be in attendance to update the board on their building goals.

XII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman McClintock moved that the Board retire into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsections (b) to consider student discipline; and to consider personnel issue for superintendent evaluation/goals; (c) to discuss labor negotiations; (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Chairman Matsuoka asked the Clerk Michelle Lucas to verbally poll the board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Bryan Matsuoka - Yes

Vice Chairman Paul McClintock - Yes

Trustee Jayson Lloyd – Yes

Trustee Heidi Casdorph – Yes

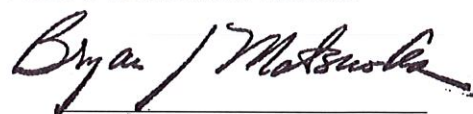
Trustee Jonathan Lord – Yes

Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:37 p.m.

After leaving the virtual executive session meeting, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to return to open session. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The time was 9:09 p.m.

Vice Chairman McClintock moved to uphold the hearing officer's recommendation to expel one (1) student from school for an indefinite period of time; 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. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman McClintock moved to adjourn. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion carried. The time was 9:11 p.m.



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