

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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(208) 733-6900

October 28, 2020

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 Roper Auditorium, located at 1615 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 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. 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) – Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the agenda with the additional alternate authorization because of time constraints. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegation - Chairman Matsuoka asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. There were none.
- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the consent calendar which included: new certified employees: Daniel Crook and Melissa Trappen; new classified employees: Melanie Matson, Cindy Lancaster, and Antonia Emmons; classified resignations from Claudia Pulido, Rebecca Tschida, Sherry Sarbu, Chris Schmahl, and Pam Free; extra-curricular employees: Karly Hudelson and Heather Holston; extra-curricular resignations from Aaron White as both girls and boys basketball coach, and Joshua Anderson; request for alternative authorizations [The TFSD Board of Trustees declared a hiring emergency for the following positions]: Sean Impomeni as .50 FTE activities director at Canyon Ridge High School, and Melyssa Perez as 4th grade teacher at Oregon Trail Elementary; request for emergency provisional for Daniel Crook as .50 FTE math teacher at Twin Falls High School; student teacher request for Andrea Vollmer-Zamora for elementary and special education at Morningside Elementary and O'Leary Middle schools, from Western Governors University; early graduation request for Timothy Weifel from Canyon Ridge High School; and paper supply bid for \$64,012.63. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lord. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Benjamin Ware with Ware and Associates, auditor for Twin Falls School District #411 shared the 2019-2020 Annual Audit and stood for questions. After his firm reviewed Twin Falls School District books, records, policies, and procedures they found that everything was in good working order. Ware and Associates, CPA gave Twin Falls School District a rating of “unmodified opinion”. Unmodified opinion is the highest opinion given. Mr. Ware shared that pages 6 – 11 report on the health of the district. He reported that currently Twin Falls School District has an excess of 2 million in excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses in general fund. He shared page 77 which showed a 10 year trend of the Districts fund balance. He said if all revenue sources shut down, the district could operate for approximately 24 days. Most school districts don’t run at the 3 month reserve recommendation, however they do run around the 1 month mark. Mr. Ware complemented Twin Falls School District staff, they are exceptional and represent the district very well.
2. Trustees discussed the supplemental renewal levy recommendation introduced at the October 12, 2020 board meeting. The two recommendations are to renew the supplemental levy at \$5.7 million per year for two years or seek to renew the supplemental levy at \$6 million per year for two years. The District is able to hold an election for a renewal of the supplemental levy every two years. The election will be March 9, 2021.

VI. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After discussion and questions from the Board, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Audit as presented. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. After a lengthy discussion on lowering the tax rate and on the levy amount to go out for, Trustee Lord moved to approve the recommendation to move forward to renew the two year supplemental levy in the amount of \$5.7 million. Vice Chairman McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Instruction A. Information Items:

1. Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte gave a 2020-2021 Federal Programs annual update. Mr. Brulotte shared a breakdown of the different funding accounts received for Title IA (Poverty), IC (Migrant), IIA (Teacher Quality), III (Limited English Proficient), McKinney-Vento (Homeless), and Neglected and Delinquent (Incarcerated Students). The district is required to review annually with staff, federal programs requirements and expectations of title schools. The districts’ overall average of free and reduced school lunch program as of March 2020 ranges from our lowest school, Rock Creek Elementary School at 27.5% up to our highest school, Bickel Elementary School at 91.9%. Mr. Brulotte thanked the Board for the opportunity to update them on Federal Programs.
1. Director of Support Services, Kindel Mason began his 2020-2021 Special Education annual update by thanking the Board for being intentional, collaborative and flexible. Mr. Mason shared current numbers of special education students of 1,035 (he corrected the number for specific learning disability to 185 students), continuum of service, staffing numbers, students on 504’s, staffing, and gifted and talented program numbers. He commented that there are 37% of special education student in general ed classes, and the district should probably look

at why more are not in general ed. He is struggling to get paraeducators to come and stay, he is looking at why there's so much turnover and why these positions are so hard to fill. Mr. Mason also shared some program goals: to increase amount of students in general ed.; lower dropout rate; increase proficiency rate; and a compliance piece to look at the timeline for assessing students. After a few minutes of discussion with the Board, Mr. Mason thanked the board for the opportunity to share district-wide information on SPED programs and thanked them for their support. Trustee Lord commented that maybe CSI can partner with the District to work on additional education and next steps for paraeducators as a community college.

VIII. Board Goals A. Information Items: None

VIII. Board Goals B. Action Items:

1. After some discussion and a consensus of the Board on how to tentatively vote on the ISBA 2021 resolutions, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the consensus as discussed with additional actin to take place at the convention. Trustee Lloyd seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Executive Session Action:

With no further business at hand, Chairman Matsuoka expressly identified the specific legal authorization for holding an executive session and provided sufficient detail to identify the general purpose and topic of the executive session. Trustee Lord moved that the Board retire into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b); (b) to consider student discipline and (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Vice Chairman McClintock seconded the motion. Chairman Matsuoka asked Board Clerk Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka – Yes; Vice Chairman Paul McClintock – Yes; Trustee Heidi Casdorph – Yes; Trustee Jayson Lloyd – Yes, and Trustee Jonathan Lord – Yes. Motion carried with 2/3 majority vote. The time was 8:13 p.m.

With the door open, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to return to open session. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:20 p.m.

Student discipline discussed from 8:18 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to expel three (3) students from school as per administration and hearing officers recommendation, one (1) for an indefinite period of time, and two (2) 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 Casdorph seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman McClintock moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lord seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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