

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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December 14, 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 Monday, December 14, 2020. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka; Trustees Heidi Casdorff, Paul McClintock, 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 district 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) – Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the agenda as proposed. 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 eighteen. Peggy Hoy, on behalf of Twin Falls School District Instructional Coaches, addressed the Board regarding the social and emotional concerns of the students and staff especially this year during the pandemic but also all other times.

Randy Kerr addressed the Board and recommend a modification to the current hybrid distance learning. He shared that the hybrid schedule is failing the kids and that kids are only getting 2/5th of the education they were getting before the pandemic.

Dan Thornquest started his address by thanking the Board for being available for the community. His concern was that the students are not getting enough education. He has grandkids that are failing their classes. Mr. Thornquest prayed for the District/Board.

Pam Thornquest started by thanking the school board for their service. She is concerned for her grandchildren and their constitutional rights.

Shane Klaas addressed the Board on the hybrid schedule and mandated masks. He shared some statistics on suicide in teens and shared data about K-12 students being able to be in school safely.

Glenneda Zuiderveld shared total national death statistics and said that deaths are lower this year. She would like kids back in school. She also shared that it's difficult homeschooling students.

Erin Mummert addressed the Board. She echoed what the others have said and stated parents should be allowed to watch and support their kids in person at their sporting events. She added that kids should be in school 5 days a week.

Charlotte McNair shared her concerns about her students' grades and concerns that they won't be able to catch up. She is also concerned about the time and effort kids put into their sports and parents can't watch them.

Tiffany Carter addressed the Board about wanting kids back in school full time. She also shared that her kids are making low grades, and have always made good grades. She gave instances, of poor communications from teachers.

Jordan Norr quoted CDC death rates among high school students and shared objection to virtual learning and the mask mandate.

Trisha Gronenthal shared concerns about the amount of screen time being put on our kids with distance learning and how it can be detrimental to their health. She also asked that kids be in school full time without masks for proper face-to-face instruction

Jeff Glen addressed the Board commenting that there is plenty of science and other models out there that contradict what the District is doing. He requests getting kids back into school and offered to help with what they are doing at Lighthouse. Echoed the comment about not being able to watch kids sporting events.

Ronda Berg commented that she would like the schools to re-open with regular face-to-face learning and that children and parents of children should be allowed to make their own decisions pertaining to mask use.

Kristian Duggan shared that he's a junior at CRHS and that yes, it is different but he had to adjust and has kept up. He thanked the board in everything they are doing and supports their decisions.

Camille Carter commented on sports being ruined, students are failing, un-fair sharing of information, and how kids and parents are being affected in general.

Mark Noorlander shared that he is going to fight for those that can't fight for themselves. Shared information from the CDC website in August that kids are not at risk. He shared

that he has 10 years in the medical field, and addressed student suicides and student grades.

Doran Peck addressed the Board about exposure prevention protocols, solutions and ideas. He asked the Board to step outside of the box. He wants kids back in school 5 days a week and masks off. He feels this will all get disproven and will go away.

Amanda Lyda shared that she feels the school board erred on the side of caution to mandate masks, she's not happy that kids have to wear a mask, but if that's what it takes to get them in school, it's fine. She understands taking one step at a time. Once kids are back in school, then check the data and if not passing within the school, remove the mask mandate.

- V. Consent Calendar – Trustee McClintock moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from the November 9, 2020 meeting; board and school financial reports; accounts payable and payroll reports; contracts or private service providers: Gardner & Associates, The Core Project, Istations, South Central Public Health District, Go Guardian, and PBIS Rewards; new certified employee: Jodie Crockett; certified resignation from Don Hunzeker; certified release of contracts for 2020-2021 SY: Mike Ridgeway, Michael Oliverson, and William Hartley; new classified employees: Jennifer James, Josefina Capos, Carolyn Jennings, Shannon O'Brien, Sean Hubbell, and Adelle Giles; classified resignations from Randalyn Barrow, Lilsa Harmison, Antonia Emmons, Melanie Matson, and Wendy Diede; extra-curricular employees: Nolan Amundson, Anthony Standlee, Vernon Ursenbach, and Leanna Magee; extra-curricular resignations from Marty Grindstaff, Mark Schaal, and Averie Schroeder; extra-curricular resignation for 2021-2022 SY: Andria Harshman and Kevin Stellingwerf; student teacher requests for Heather Dockstader as third grade teacher at Oregon Trail Elementary, Mathew Johnson as English teacher at Twin Falls High School, and Carly O'Connor as kindergarten teacher at Rock Creek Elementary School; and early graduation requests from: Samantha Weg, Ryann Swope, Kylie Schilz, Benjamin Weaver, Prisila Villaswnor, Isaac Escobedo, and Megan Buscher. The 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 Morningside Elementary School for the month of December as Ethan Stokes, school counselor. Superintendent Dickinson announced the classified employee of the month from Morningside Elementary School as Lara Tanner, secretary. He read a brief resume' and shared that a gift, plaque, and gift certificate to The Gyro Shop will be sent to each recipient.
- C. TFEA Co-Presidents, David Palmer and Joe Bartley addressed the Board and thanked them for all that they do. The TFEA also wants what's best for students, and wants students and teachers back in school safely. For the safety of student and staff they encourage TFSD to continue listening to the data gathered. They too are concerned about

the emotional health of the students. They added that educators are doing their best with these unprecedented times.

VII. Instruction A. Information Items:

1. Superintendent Dickinson presented a recommendation after careful consideration of TFSD case data and the new recommendations of the CDC, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) and St. Luke's to have all students (PK-12) return to school for 4 days a week of face-to-face instruction (Tuesday-Friday); Mondays will be a distance learning day for all grade levels. This will allow additional time for teachers to prepare materials for students who are out due to sickness or quarantine; short term schedule modifications will be made on a school-by-school or even a level-by-level basis. This could be a result of staffing challenges or numbers of cases within the school; and authorize the superintendent to make short term schedule changes between Board meetings as needed to address high case counts, staffing shortages, etc. All other mitigation strategies (i.e. face coverings, limiting large events, etc.) are recommended to continue as dictated by our back to school protocols. These protocols are aligned to the guidelines of the CDC and SCPHD. Superintendent Dickinson also shared the rationale behind the recommendation and shared updated case numbers for students and staff. He added that as of December 13th district and Twin Falls County caseloads are down from where they were.
2. Because of the threat on campus on December 9, 2020 at Twin Falls High School students were released early, we are required to get Board approval on the emergency closure to send to the State Department of Education. Students lost 2.5 hours of instructional time. This is also listed as action this evening.
3. Superintendent Dickinson presented two draft 2021-2022 school district calendars. Dr. Dickinson shared that one calendar is rolled straight over from last year's calendar that begins August 16, 2021 and the other starts one week later on August 23, 2021. He outlined the main difference is that the calendar starting August 23rd will have 1st semester end after Christmas break because an initial survey showed a close split vote. An all-inclusive survey will be conducted. A recommendation will return to the Board at a later meeting.

VII. Instruction B. Action Items:

1. After some deliberation and comments from trustees, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the recommendation to return to a four day face-to-face schedule for all students and to authorize the Superintendent to modify the schedule as needed on a school-by-school and/or a level-by-level basis between board meetings as needed. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the emergency closure as submitted for December 9, 2020 for Twin Falls High School. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items: None

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After a few clarifying questions, Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendation and to adopt a resolution which states: whereas, in accordance with Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, as amended, the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho (the "District") has determined there is a need for a supplemental levy in the amount of \$5,700,000 per year for two (2) years, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. This election will be held March 9, 2021 at your normal polling locations. Vice Chairman McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel A. Information Items:

1. Director of Public Relations, Eva Craner shared this month's ISBA and administrations policy and procedure recommendations. She highlighted some of the most significant changes to policies/procedures: 3085P, 3085F, 3285, 3290, 4120, 4120F, 5240, 5275, 5620, 5800P, 8605, and 3340. These will return next month for approval.

IX. Personnel B. Action Items: None

X. Board Goals A. Information Items:

1. The board reviewed the draft agenda for their January 27, 2021 board work session.
2. Trustees shared their experience at the 2020 virtual ISBA Annual Convention.

X. Board Goals B. Action Items: None

XI. Future Agenda Items:

- A. No second meeting in December.
- B. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2021 at Canyon Ridge High School auditorium.
- C. Day on the Hill event is scheduled for February 15th and 16th, 2021.

XII. 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. Vice Chairman McClintock moved that the Board retire into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b) and (d). (b) to consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, an employee and public school student; and (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion. Chairman

Matsuoka asked the Clerk Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka – Yes, Vice Chairman Paul McClintock – Yes, Trustee Jonathan Lord – Yes, Trustee Jayson Lloyd – Yes, and Trustee Heidi Casdorph – Yes. Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:45 p.m. with over $\frac{3}{4}$ present, motion carried.

The Board convened into executive session from 8:45 p.m. to 8:53 p.m. Student discipline was discussed from 8:46 p.m. to 8:51 p.m. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to expel one (1) student from school as per administration and hearing officers' recommendation, 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 Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative leave was discussed from 8:51 p.m. to 8:53 p.m. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to uphold administrative leave with pay for employee "A" from November 11th through November 23rd, as recommended by administration. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Matsuoka adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.


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ATTEST:


Clerk, Michelle Lucas

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411
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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, as amended, the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho (the "District") has determined there is a need for a supplemental levy in the amount of \$5,700,000 per year for two (2) years, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the District as follows:

SECTION 1. That a supplemental levy election be and the same is hereby called to be held in the District on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question set out in the form of the ballot appearing in Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 2. That the Election Clerk of Twin Falls County, Idaho shall administer the election (the "Twin Falls County Clerk") pursuant to and in accordance with Title 34, Idaho Code.

SECTION 3. That the form of the official ballot will be substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411,
TWIN FALLS COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**

March 9, 2021

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy in the amount of Five Million Seven Hundred Thousand and No/Dollars (\$5,700,000.00) per year for two (2) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of financing any lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District; all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 14, 2020?

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$118 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. Currently, the District collects a supplemental levy that costs \$104 per \$100,000 that will expire when the proposed levy goes into effect. The District also collects a bond levy that is expected to decrease by \$21 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value. Therefore, the overall estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value will decrease by \$7 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value.

IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,700,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS	_____
AGAINST AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,700,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS	_____

(End Form of Official Ballot for Supplemental Levy Election)

SECTION 4. That the form of notice of the election shall be substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, adopted on December 14, 2020, a Supplemental Levy Election will be held on March 9, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following question and proposition of authorizing a levy:

Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy in the amount of Five Million Seven Hundred Thousand and No/Dollars (\$5,700,000.00) per year for two (2) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of financing any lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District; all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 14, 2020?

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Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34, Idaho Code.

(End Form of Notice of Supplemental Levy Election)

SECTION 5. That the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the District is authorized to convey to the Twin Falls County Clerk the forms of the Official Ballot and the Notice of Supplemental Levy Election, appearing in Sections 3 and 4 hereof, for election preparation and publication pursuant to Title 34, Idaho Code. The Clerk shall submit these forms to the County Clerks prior to January 19, 2021.

SECTION 6. That the County Commissioners of Twin Falls County, Idaho, shall act as the canvassing board pursuant to and in accordance with Title 34, Idaho Code, and will convey the results to the Board of Trustees of the District as provided therein.

SECTION 7. That if at the election a simple majority of the qualified registered electors of the District authorize such levy, the supplemental levy shall be approved and become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-802, Idaho Code.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2020.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 411, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, STATE OF
IDAHO

By 
Chair

ATTEST:

By 
Board Clerk

SCHOOL YEAR

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

In compliance with I.C. 33-1003A, certify the cause and duration of each incident of emergency school closure.

For each emergency closure, show the number of instructional hours missed for each grade grouping.

If the missed instructional hours in each grade grouping for all buildings in the district were the same, then fill one line listing "All"

If the emergency closure was for 2 or more consecutive full days, show on one line the date(s) of the closure

Report instructional hours to 2 decimal place.

Change the ISEE calendar to show Emergency Closure for the days listed.

Do not delete an entire week from the ISEE calendar if the District/Charter was closed for the week for the Emergency Closure

Submit a copy of the school board minutes showing approval for each emergency closure stating the cause and duration

[illegible]

Please submit the day of the closure or as soon as

possible by fax 208-334-2228 or email to

pbrewer@sde.idaho.gov

I certify that this information is accurate. If requested.

*Be sure to reduce your instructional hours on your school calendars to reflect the closure.

**** In closures for flu please give the anticipated date of re-opening the school**

Superintendent's Signature