

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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April 12, 2021

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, April 12, 2021. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka; Vice Chairman Jonathan Lord; Trustees, Jayson Lloyd, and Heidi Casdorff. There were also present Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; and Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas, as well as district directors, interested patrons, employees, and the media. Trustee Paul McClintock and Superintendent Brady Dickinson were 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 Matsuoka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was none. Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Vice Chairman 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 two (2).

7:03 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.: Ms. Breanna Abram addressed the Board sharing a petition (with comments) titled “No More or Optional Masks” signed by 543 people. Ms. Abram stated that the petition was signed by both community members and commented on others from other districts (non-Twin Falls-community members). She also addressed what the community was told would happen if the green level was achieved; how kids wear masks and interact with each other; and toughed on the availability of vaccines. Ms. Abram thanked the Board for their time.

Trustee Casdorff arrived a 7:05 p.m.

7:06 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.: Ms. Amy Hansen began her address to the Board by thanking them for their service to the community. She shared that she feels her civil liberties are being taken away and that it’s her body and should be her choice to wear a mask or not. She feels everyone should make this decision for themselves and people shouldn’t expect

others to wear a mask to protect others. She was dismayed by the Boards decision. She also felt there was a change of written meeting notice and wants further clarification on that.

- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman Lord moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from March 8, 16, and 31, 2021 meetings; board financial reports; building financial reports; accounts payables and payroll; private service providers (PSP)/consultants/and others: Cognia, Star Autism Support, The Core Collaborative, Raptor Technologies, and PowerSchool; new certified employees Brittany Maikranz, Sarah Albright, and Robin Cluff; certified retirement for 2021-2022 Kathy Dabestani; certified resignation from Chelsey Martin-Wilson; new classified employees for 2020-2021: Deborah Rydalch, and Peggy Hymas; in-district transfer for 2020-2021 Tiffany Douglas; classified resignations for 2020-2021 Addie Hall and Gary Radmall; and extra-curricular employee Tiahna Burbank. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lloyd. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A./B. Associate Superintendent Brulotte announced the certified employee of the month from Perrine Elementary School for the month of April as Heather Lusk, PE teacher and from Rock Creek Elementary School, Nicole Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Associate Superintendent Brulotte announced the classified employees of the month from Perrine Elementary School for the month of April as Garrett Johnson, night custodian and from Rock Creek Elementary School, Bobbi Larson, ERC paraeducator. Associate Superintendent Brulotte read a brief resume' about each recipient and a gift, and plaque, will be delivered to their school.

VII. Board In-Service – A. Building Reports

1. Ace Marcellus, Principal of O'Leary Middle School began his report with a few positives which included great staff support for students this year. They have stepped up to the challenges and made sure each student was taken care of. O'Leary has a pass rate of 93% last semester. Challenges with the pandemic have given his staff a chance to make changes to some curriculum that they wouldn't have had a chance to do otherwise. Another positive is that there has been a 10% decrease in PBIS, this has been a long term goal and each year they are seeing improvement. Mr. Marcellus thanked the Board for the opportunity to tell them about his school.
2. Amy McBride, Principal of Robert Stuart Middle School began her report by expressing her appreciation for the board and their leadership. She stated the first half of the year has felt like survival mode and the second half has been more focused. Her staff are making curriculum accessible for all students at home. Robert Stuart's pass rate improved this year. They have heard from Canyon Ridge High School that students have come to them from Robert Stuart at higher reading levels. Her staff have come together with the same vision; to get a higher success rate out of their efforts. Mrs. McBride thanked the Board for their time.



3. Araceli Huicochea, Principal of Bridge Academy began her report by thanking the Board for their hard work and for the hard decisions this challenging year. Her and her staff have been focused on their collective efforts for students in the areas of safety, love, and understanding. They have also been fostering resilience. Her and her staff have had professional development on the subject of trauma and coping strategies this year. Bridge has also created a mindful space, a type of “tap out” system for students and staff when needed. Ms. Huicochea also shared a bright spot which is a restorative discipline system. Ms. Huicochea shared that one challenge at Bridge is having a 1/8 of an instructional coach and ½ counselor. Ms. Huicochea thanked the Board for letting her share information about her school.
4. Ryan Ellsworth, Principal of South Hills Middle School began his report with some bright spots such as their lunch and a movie program and their PBIS program. He shared that his Associate Principal Issac Goodrich has been a huge part of their success. Another bright spot is their Juntos program, which means together in Spanish. It’s kind of a go-on career centered program partnered with 4-H and U of Idaho. He also noted that parents have been fantastic this year; they’re understanding and patient. He said one of his brightest stops would have to be the staff becoming so resilient, being flexible, and learning to teach online. Mr. Ellsworth thanked the Board for the opportunity to share both bright spots and challenges with them.

VIII. Instruction A. Information Items: None

VIII. Instruction B. Action Items: None

IV. Budget & Finance A. Information Items: None

IV. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

- 1./2. Trustee Lloyd moved to set the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing for July 12, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. and to set the 2020-2021 Amended Budget Hearing for 7:10 p.m. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Personnel A. Information Items:

1. Associate Superintendent, Brulotte informed the Board that because the Superintendent isn’t in attendance tonight his goals report is for them to read prior to the next meeting when the Board will conduct the Superintendents evaluation.

X. Personnel B. Action Items:

1. After a brief recap of the policy recommendations from last month, Trustee Lloyd moved to approve the following policies/ procedures: 3060 Education of Homeless Children; 3290 Sexual Harassment and Intimidation of Students; 3570 Student Records; 4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 4150F Request to Address the Board; 7218 Federal Grant

Management System; 7450P1 Timely Obligation of Funds; 7455 Federal Debarment and Suspension; 8605 Retention of District Records. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Board Goals A. Information Items:

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

XI. Board Goals B. Action Items: None

XII. Future Agenda Items:

- A. Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte informed the Board that at the April 28, 2021 board meeting Principal of Canyon Ridge High School, Kasey Teske; Principal of Harrison Elementary School, Melissa Ardito; Principal of Sawtooth Elementary School, Mickey Combs; Principal of Perrine Elementary School, Tammy Rodabaugh; and Principal of Twin Falls High School, Ryan Nesmith; will be in attendance to update the board on their building goals.

XIII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Lord moved that the Board retire into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsections (b) to consider student discipline; (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; and (j) to discuss labor negotiations. Trustee Casdorph 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 Jonathan Lord - Yes

Trustee Jayson Lloyd - Yes

Trustee Heidi Casdorph - Yes


Motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:13 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

Student discipline was discussed from 8:13 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. Trustee Lloyd 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 Casdorph seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Labor negotiations were discussed from 8:25 p.m. to 8:26 p.m. No action was needed.

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