

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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April 26, 2023

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 properly noticed/posted, regular monthly meeting at South Hills Middle School library located at 1550 Harrison Street South, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The following trustees were present: **Chairman, Jonathan Lord; Vice Chairman, Jayson Lloyd; Trustees, Heidi Casdorff, Heidi Tubbs, and Eric Smallwood.** There were also present Superintendent of Schools, Brady D. Dickinson; Interim Board Clerk, Claudia Paredez; 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) – Chairman Lord asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda was amended and re-posted on April 21, 2023 at 9:13 a.m. with the addition of approving an administrative contract in the consent calendar. Trustee Smallwood moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – Chairman Lord asked the Interim Clerk of the Board if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. There were none.
- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to approve the consent calendar items A-E, which included: certified retirements for 2023-2024 school year from Judy Black and Cindy Braun; certified resignations for 2023-2024 school year from Victoria Francis, Justin Burch, Abby Snow, Ronald Withers, and Cara Hilles; administrative contract for Michelle Larson, as principal of Harrison Elementary School; extra-curricular employee supplemental contracts for Cassandra Merkley, Joseph Bartley, and Emily Coats; certified extra-curricular resignations from Katie Kauffman, Christopher Harrington, Eric Bauman, Jordan Sundquist, Justin Lineberr, Mike Easterling, and Justin Burch; and extended out-of-state travel request from Twin Falls High School and Canyon Ridge High School. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion, motion carried.
- VI. Board In-Service A. Reports on Building Goals
  1. Vice Principal of South Hills Middle School, Jason Kiester shared a few challenges and highlights for his school. Mr. Kiester's building report was included in the board packet. He

shared a few of the listed challenges such as increased student behaviors and the need for consistency to help with behaviors. He also shared bright spots for his school such as the fact that their staff have been trained in so many great programs such as Thinking Maps, SIOP, Trauma Informed, and etc. He commented that the staff at South Hills Middle School has a great culture and cohesive leaders stepping up while Sarah has been out on maternity leave. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Mr. Kiester thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about his school.

2. Principal of O'Leary Middle School, Ace Marcellus shared a few bright spots followed by some challenges for O'Leary Middle School. His building report was included in the board packet. Mr. Marcellus shared that the biggest challenges this year are having more student conflicts. He shared that he feels they are finally starting to rise out of the COVID related stress and his staff are asking for additional trainings. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Mr. Marcellus thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about his school.
3. Principal of Bridge Academy, Araceli Huicochea shared a few challenges and celebrations at her school. Her building report was included in the board packet. A few of the bright spots from a long list Ms. Huicochea shared included a decrease in student behaviors, student advocating for meeting needs and growth plans; getting a half-time instructional coach has been great; and having a full time counselor. A couple challenges included lack of regular substitutes to cover classes and high number of student absences. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Ms. Huicochea thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about her school.
4. Principal of Robert Stuart Middle School, Amy McBride shared a few challenges and bright spots for Robert Stuart Middle School. Her building report was included in the board packet. Mrs. McBride shared a major challenge this year has been student behaviors leading to more discipline. She also shared some bright spots that included the positive culture they have in her school even with large staff turnover, and getting more positive feedback from Facebook posts. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Mrs. McBride thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about her school.
5. Principal of Canyon Ridge High School, Kasey Teske shared a few bright spots and followed up with some challenges for his school. Dr. Teske's building report was included in the board packet. Dr. Teske shared his building goals, growth indicators, instructional focus, school improvement initiatives, interventions, and leadership premium use. The biggest challenge he shared was student's having COVID complacency, more failing grades, higher absences, and more apathy in classrooms. Some bright spots Dr. Teske shared are that all fall sports qualified for State; having a first championship in girls soccer and volleyball; and the award as one of ESPN's Top 5 Schools of Unified Sports in the Nation. After a few minutes of roundtable discussion with the Board, Dr. Teske thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about his school.

## VII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Smallwood moved that the Board retire into executive session, after a five minute break, as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b), (d) and (j): (b) to consider the dismissal or disciplining of public school students; (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; and (j) to

consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206 (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion. Chairman Lord asked the Interim Clerk Claudia Paredes to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows: Chairman Jonathan Lord – Yes; Vice Chairman Jayson Lloyd – Yes; Trustee Heidi Tubbs – Yes; Trustee Heidi Casdorph – Yes; and Trustee Eric Smallwood – Yes. Motion carried. With 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Boards governing body voting yes, motion carried. The Board convened into executive session after a short break from 8:48 p.m. to 8:58 p.m.

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Trustee Smallwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Casdorph seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time was 9:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Interim Clerk, Claudia Paredes

  
Chairman, Jonathan Lord

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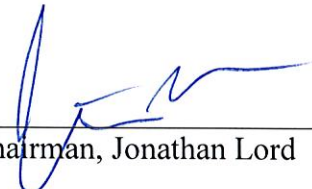
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