

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

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September 11, 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 Twin Falls School District Boardroom located at 160 Gooding Street West, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2023. The following trustees were present: Chairman, Jonathan Lord; Vice Chairman, Jayson Lloyd; Trustees, Heidi Casdorph, Heidi Tubbs, and Eric Smallwood. There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Associate Superintendent, Ryan Nesmith; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas, 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 – Chairman Lord asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Smallwood moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board)
There were none.
- V. Consent Calendar – Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to approve the consent calendar which included: Minutes from August 7, 2023 board meeting; board financial reports; school financial reports; accounts payables and payroll; private service providers (PSP)/consultants contracts: Journeys DDA and Pro Active Behavioral Health; new classified employees: Heather Walker, Joshua Wilson, Janie O'Toole, Jamie Glover, Dusty Futrell, Mireira Munez Venegas, Lauren Jones, Stefanie Swindler, Jerome Hunt, Kambra Hayes, Sue Wade, Jesse Clark, Jonnel Coley, Patricia Eiler, and Julianne Grimm; certified release of contracts: Adelia Mancari, Shannon Hyde, and Terina Konrad; extra-curricular resignations from John Davis, Brodie Parrott, and Mike Wilkinson; requests for alternative authorizations for Juan Alvarado, Ariana Bails, Michael Bourlotos, Darbie Chocker, Jonnel Coley, Patricia Eiler, Dusty Futrell, Joanna Gunnell, Tiffany Harrison, Kambra Hayes, Jerome Hunt, Lauren Jones, Jessica Mathes, Tyler Mildenberg, Mireira Munoz Venegas, Brittany Nielson, Megan O'Connor, Janie O'Toole, Stefanie Swindler, Joshua Tate Wilson, Heather Walker, Amanda White, and early graduation requests for Cameron Isenber, Savannah Freeman, and Jude Owens. Trustee Tubbs seconded the motion, motion carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A./B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee of the month from Canyon Ridge High School for the month of September as Jeremy Belliston, U.S. history teacher and from Twin Falls High School, Peter Hillman, graphic communications teacher. Superintendent Dickinson announced the classified employee of the month from Canyon Ridge High School as Erin Kelley, attendance secretary and from Twin Falls High School as Laurie Rierson, athletic secretary. Superintendent Dickinson read a brief resume' on each recipient and presented Mr. Hillman with a gift and a plaque from the Board. Mr. Belliston, Ms. Rierson, and Ms. Kelley were unable to attend.
- C. Superintendent Dickinson gave a brief staffing update on current open positions. He explained that there are contingencies in place with some long term guest teachers where needed and stood for questions from the Board.

VII. Instruction A. Information Item:

1. Superintendent Dickinson gave a brief update on enrollment numbers and attendance percentages. Enrollment as of 9-6-2023 is at 9,348. Dr. Dickinson clarified that 4th and 5th grades at Bickel Elementary do not have 32 and 39 students in a class with only one teacher. These are split classes that have both a certified teacher for core instruction subjects and a non-certified person. The District expected, with the opening of another charter school, fewer students this year and budgeted accordingly. Kindergarten has noticeably lower numbers than years past. He shared that we are about 130 less students overall from this time last year. Dr. Dickinson stood for questions from the Board. The Board asked questions and discussed class sizes, support for new and inexperienced teachers, and the accreditation for the Twin Falls Virtual Schoolhouse for online students.

VII. Instruction B. Action Item: None

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Director of Operations, Ryan Bowman made a request for a memorial bench at Lincoln Elementary School to honor Sharon Lombard a retired special education teacher that worked for the District from 1978 to 2004. Her daughter is asking permission to place a memorial bench in Ms. Lombards honor. Mr. Bowman shared that there won't be any costs to the District and no maintenance required for the bench. The bench is a heavy-duty commercial type bench that should last for many years.

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After a brief discussion, Trustee Smallwood moved to approve the memorial bench at Lincoln Elementary School honoring Sharon Lombard as presented. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion, motion carried.

IX. Personnel A. Information Item:

1. Most recent classified personnel new hires and resignations were shared with the Board.

2. The Board reviewed and discussed the job description for an ESL (new term is ML-Multilingual Learners) Clerical Assistant. Mr. Nesmith informed the Board that this position was created to help our current ESL Specialist with the over 800 multilingual learners' students in our district and will be housed at South Hills Middle School. Our District currently has 40 different languages spoken. About 9% of our student population are multilingual learners' students. This position will be paid with half state ELL funds and half general funds.

IX. Personnel B. Action Item:

1. After a brief discussion, Trustee Tubbs moved to approve the job description for ESL/ML Clerical Assistant as presented. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.

X. Board Goals A. Information Item:

1. Director of Public Relations, Eva Craner shared the administrations' recommendations for the board's 2023-2024 yearly action plan for the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and stood for questions. The board's plan aligns with Superintendent Dickinson's goals and the entire strategic plan. These will return at the Board Work Session for action. The final document has to be finalized and sent in by October 1st. She explained that some of the targets have been changed from proficient to rate of improvement. Mrs. Craner asked if the Board has any additional input after tonight to please get in touch with her before the next board meeting when this is up for approval.

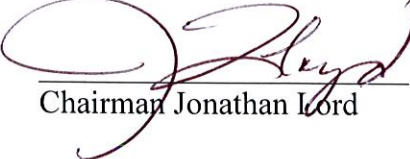
X. Board Goals B. Action Item:

1. The Board finalized the September 27, 2023 board work-session agenda. After a brief discussion, Trustee Smallwood moved to approve the agenda as discussed. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion, motion carried.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- A. The next board meeting will be the Board Work-Session to take place September 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.
- B. The next TFEA/TFSD breakfast meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 6:45 a.m. at Idaho Joe's. Chairman Lord and Vice Chairman Lloyd are scheduled to attend.
- C. ISBA Annual Convention is set for November 15th – 17th, 2023 in Boise, Idaho.

- XII. Trustee Smallwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


Chairman Jonathan Lord

ATTEST:


Clerk Michelle Lucas