

## TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School District No. 411**

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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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January 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - The Board of Trustees of Twin Falls School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in its, properly 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, January 8, 2024. The following trustees were present: Chairman, Eric Smallwood; Vice Chairman, Jayson Lloyd; Trustees, Heidi Casdorph, and Emily Christensen. 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 – Vice Chairman Lloyd asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. Trustee Smallwood moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Casdorph seconded the motion, motion carried.
  2. Vice Chairman Lloyd asked for nominations for the office of chairman of the board for Twin Falls School District #411. Trustee Casdorph nominated Eric Smallwood as chairman. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. With no other nominations, motion carried. With a passing of the gavel to the newly nominated Chairman Smallwood, he called for nominations for the office of vice chairman of the board for Twin Falls School District #411. Trustee Casdorph nominated Jayson Lloyd as vice chairman of the board. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. With no other nominations, motion carried. Eric Smallwood is officially chairman and Jayson Lloyd will remain vice chairman of the Twin Falls School District #411.
  3. Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to appoint Michelle Lucas as Clerk of the Board, Claudia Paredez as Interim Clerk of the Board, Zach Schaal as Treasurer of the Board, and Deborah Ogden as Assistant Treasurer of the Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Casdorph. motion passed unanimously.
  4. Trustee Christensen moved to approve the meeting schedule as submitted for January 2024 – January 2025 board meetings as proposed. The board will meet on the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., work sessions at 5:00 p.m., with the exception of the second meetings of the months of May, June, August, November, and December. The first meeting of each month will serve as the board's business meeting and the second meetings of the month will serve as board building reports or board work-sessions. Meetings will be held

at the School District boardroom located at 160 Gooding Street West, unless posted otherwise. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lloyd, motion carried.

5. Trustee Christensen moved to set the notice and agenda posting locations, as we have done in the past, on the district website and at the administration office. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.
  6. Trustee Christensen moved to keep signatories as recommended for Twin Falls School District #411 when not covered by a specific policy as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Superintendent, Associate Superintendent and/or Superintendents Designee(s). Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.
- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – Chairman Smallwood asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. There were none.
- V. Consent Calendar – Trustee Casdorph moved to approve the consent calendar which included: minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting; board and building financial reports; accounts payable and payroll; certified release of contract for John Scott Minor as resource teacher at Robert Stuart Middle School; and early graduation requests from Twin Falls High School for Michael Nave and Mazie Walter. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lloyd, motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Superintendent's Report
- A/B. Superintendent Dickinson announced the certified employee(s) of the month from Bickel Elementary School for the month of January as Kim Ruiz, first grade teacher and from Pillar Falls Elementary School as Sheli Hulet, instructional coach; and the classified employee(s) of the month from Bickel Elementary School as Kate Milligan, mentor; and from Pillar Falls Elementary School as Gina Black, behavior para. He read a brief resume' on each one and gave them a gift from the Board and a plaque. They all thanked the Board for the honor.
- VII. Instruction A. Information Items:
1. Superintendent Dickinson shared the American Rescue Plan Safe Return to School renewal and presented the submitted written comments received on the plan during the review process. It is required to review this plan every 6 months. July 2024 will be the last time the plan has to be reviewed. The Board acknowledged the 4 comments that patrons submitted. The survey for input goes out to all staff and students, roughly 18,000 people have the opportunity to review and comment.
  2. Superintendent Dickinson introduced Elevate Academy Network Charter School's Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Monica White and Chief Officer and Co-Founder, Matt Strong. Superintendent Dickinson shared that the District has the option to partner with Elevate or send them on to the State Charter School Commission. Ms. White shared Elevates' background, how it arrived here, why a charter, current footprint and governance structure. They focus on finding the genius in every struggling student at risk to not graduate. She explained that they are governed by their own board which are appointed, not elected and consist of partners in local trades, industry workers, and other community members. The school is a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> career tech charter school, which allows students to earn a two industry certificate and a high school diploma. All trades offered will be based on this community. This program is mastery based and meets every student where they are. They are anticipating

enrollment for grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> the first year of 310 and 460 at full capacity with grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Class sizes of 15 to 1, and will have approximately 20% in special education on IEP's. Their plan in Idaho is to have 8 schools. The location is set for across from South Hills Middle School. Ms. White explained the differences of them working with a district vs. working with the Commission and the role of the authorizer, and stood for questions. Superintendent Dickinson shared his concerns with another charter school coming into Twin Falls area. This will return at the next board meeting, January 24, 2024.

VII. Instruction B. Action Items:

1. Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to accept the American Rescue Plan Safe Return to School renewal as proposed. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion, motion carried.

VIII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items: None

VIII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items: None

IX. Personnel A. Information Items:

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

IX. Personnel B. Action Items:

1. Director of Community Relations, Eva Craner summarized the recommended policies/procedures changes, as a second reading. Policies and procedures were: 2335 Digital Citizenship and Safety Education, 3340P Corrective Action and Discipline, 3510 Student Medications, 3518 Treatment of Opioid Overdoses, 3530 Suicide, 3545 Student Questioning and Arrests, 4140 Visitors to the Schools, 4330 Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship for Athletic and Co-Curricular Events, 5280 Professional Standards Commission (PSC) Code of Ethics, and 5500 Personnel Files. Administrative Updates: 2700P Graduation Requirements, 3281 Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation. Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to approve policies/procedures as recommended. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion, motion carried.

X. Board Goals A. Information Items:

1. Twin Falls School Board of Trustees read through and signed their Code of Ethics.

X. Board Goals B. Action Items:

1. Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to approve the removal of item VIII Secondary Curriculum Mapping and add Elevate Academy Request for Authorization (by Zoom) to the work session agenda. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. Trustees reviewed the district committee list for Board members and decided which trustees would take each committee. Trustee Christensen moved to approve the board committee representatives as amended. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion, motion carried.



XI. Future Agenda Items:

1. The next board meeting is a work session and is scheduled for January 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
2. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Idaho School Board Association's Legislative Day on the Hill is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Boise. Registered to attend are: Brady Dickinson, Jayson Lloyd, Heidi Casdorff, Heidi Tubbs, Eric Smallwood, and Emily Christensen.

XII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board in open session, Trustee Christensen moved that the Board retire into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b) to consider disciplining of public school students; (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Vice Chairman Lloyd seconded the motion. Chairman Smallwood asked Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman, Eric Smallwood – Yes;  
 Vice Chairman, Jayson Lloyd – Yes;  
 Trustee, Heidi Casdorff – Yes; and  
 Trustee, Emily Christensen – Yes.

With 2/3<sup>rd</sup> the Boards governing body voting yes, motion carried. The Board convened into executive session at 8:39 p.m.

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Vice Chairman Lloyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Casdorff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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