

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 Board Meeting

January 16, 2018

(Amended 3/13/18)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Scholes called the meeting to order at 7:05 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Pauline Scholes, Vice-Chairman Jessica Poole, Trustee Diane Hulse. Others in attendance: Superintendent Michael Jacobson and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons Present: Laura Baarda, EllaRae Hasselstrom, Melanie Jacobson, Mark Lundquist, Teresa Walker, Steve Walker, Dusty Jacobson, Chenoa Allen.
4. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Scholes ordered the minutes of the 12/12/17 board meeting to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. There was only one question. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The board reviewed the budget and there were no questions.
8. Information Items:
 - a. Teresa Walker requested that the board consider altering the high school bus route to include a pick up and drop off at their business on Highway 31 for their daughter. She explained that is a safety issue and that the intersection of Highway 31 and 26 has become dangerous, which is where the bus stop is located. A board member felt that if we pick up one student at home the district would have to pick up everyone at home. There was a lot of discussion on how to approach a resolution, some of which was Mr. Jacobson was to discuss with Tom on how to solve the safety issue. A decision was tabled until the February board meeting.
 - b. There was discussion about having a board work meeting or a board retreat. Mrs. Hulse indicated she felt a work meeting would be productive in a relaxed atmosphere, and Mr. Jacobson felt that a retreat that includes the teachers would be beneficial. Mrs. Poole felt like after March 1 on a Monday or a Tuesday would be a good time to schedule, and Mr. Jacobson will get a consensus from the teachers what would work best with them. Setting a date was tabled until the February board meeting.
 - c. The board reviewed 3 possible Superintendent Evaluation forms, one of which was the current one the district has used, the second being Ririe's evaluation form, and the third being a principal evaluation form provided by Mr. Jacobson. The board will individually review the forms and will decide at the February board meeting which one they would like to utilize.
 - d. Mr. Jacobson read an email from Jenny Lundquist with her concerns about the 2018-2019 school calendar and stated she isn't in favor of extending the school year past Memorial Day, which is in the proposed calendar. Both Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Scholes are supportive of the extension. Mr. Jacobson asked Chenoa Allen how she felt about the calendar, and she stated that she approved of the calendar, particularly that it included more instructional days than past years. She also said that the number of days was more important to her than where particular breaks and start/end dates fall. Mr. Jacobson also stated that he had visited the home of Dusty and Melanie Jacobson over the holidays to discuss their concerns. Dusty Jacobson also expressed several concerns at this meeting, including wanting to know what it is that will be done on the extended days, that those who are against the days should have some weight considered, and that those involved should have an opportunity to voice their opinion. He also expressed that quality of education should be considered over quantity of days taught. Dusty finally stated that he would love to hear from the teachers why they feel that they need more days. He was somewhat supportive if the days do help the quality of education. Mrs. Hulse stated she would like to make the days more meaningful and doesn't see the point of more days. Melanie Jacobson was concerned about the survey from last year where the results were that the majority of parents did not want to extend past Memorial Day. She wanted to know if that had been considered, which she was told it had been. There was more

discussion among Mr. Jacobson and the board, and after some small tweaks, Mr. Jacobson will present to the board the final version for adoption at the February board meeting.

e. The Superintendent's Report included Mr. Jacobson giving the board a report from the PTO meeting that was held prior in the day, that he is working with the Red Cross on their proposal to use the school as an emergency center, and that our e-rate application is all filed. He concluded that the PTO is amazing.

f. There was no public comment.

9. Board Action:

a. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to adopt Policy 2155 Pre-Kindergarten Program revision. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to adopt Policy 5222B revisions. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. A motion to change the high school bus stop was tabled until February.

10. Coming events include: This week: IRI Benchmark Testing, 1/18: End of 2nd Quarter, 1/22: Visit to Teton Science School, 1/31: Fuel Up to Play Kickoff, On-going Ski School on Mondays.

11. Because of scheduling conflicts, February Board Meeting was set for Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7 PM.

12. Chairman Scholes adjourned the meeting at 8:04.


Approved


Attested


Date