

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 Board Meeting
November 14, 2017

1. Call to Order: Chairman Scholes called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 in Attendance: Laura Baarda, EllaRae Hasselstrom, Melanie Jacobson.
4. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Hulse so moved. Mrs. Poole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Scholes ordered the minutes of the 10/10/17 board meeting to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. There were a few questions. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. 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. The board and Mr. Jacobson discussed Policies 5321 (Leave of Absence) and 5334 (Vacation Days). Mr. Jacobson explained how various districts approach leave of absences and bereavement leave and feels like he has come up with a fair approach to put forth in policy.

In discussing Policy 5334, some board members felt that year-round employees were given too generous of vacation days, and instructed Mr. Jacobson to do some study about the issue. There was a lot of discussion with varying opinions among the board.

- b. Mr. Jacobson presented to the board a revision he had made on Policy 9320 (Key Policy) and discussed the changes. The board felt assured that these changes would help in dealing with community requests, and were good with the changes.
 - c. The Superintendent Report included Mr. Jacobson stating that for the 1st Quarter we had 95.6% attendance. He also encouraged board members to see if there were some kind of civic allowance with their employment to attend board training meetings. He mentioned that the recent ISBA conference he and Mrs. Hulse had attended had been very good and beneficial. Mr. Jacobson informed the board that the school has boiler issues, and Mrs. Poole thinks we should look into a new heating system. He mentioned that he is keeping watch on car auctions through the NW Farm Credit Services with the hopes of perhaps getting a district car to alleviate some of the district's travel expenses. Mr. Jacobson concluded with the information that he plans on sharing 18-19 calendar ideas with the board in December, with public information to be available in January with adoption of said calendar in February.
 - d. Public Comment included Laura Baarda remarking that she's hearing people are concerned about our dropping student population and was wondering if funding would require the district to drop from 4 to 3 teachers. Mr. Jacobson discussed upcoming student numbers. There was also discussion about rumors of students leaving for Ririe earlier than their 9th grade year and possible reasons were discussed. One board member stated that our school needs to be marketed so that we can retain students, and discussed the possibility that perhaps we should be a K-6 school and allow our 7-8 graders to move on for various opportunities. This board member also felt that rumors need to be addressed, and that we need a good path of consistency and need to do what's best for our students.
9. Board Action:
 - a. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to table the 1st reading of Policy 5334 (vacation days). Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to approve and adopt Policy 5321 clarification with an effective date of July 1, 2018. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to approve and adopt amended Policy 2306, amended Policy 5222B, amended Policy 7332, amended Policy 8200, amended Policy 8230, Policy 8235, and 9320. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Upcoming Events include: Teton Science School In-Service Training 11/15, Thanksgiving Break 11/20-11/2.
11. December board meeting was set for 12/12/17 at 7 PM.
12. Chairman Scholes adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Pauline Scholes
Approved

Frank Howell
Attested

12/12/17
Date