

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District No. 92 Board Meeting  
4-11-17

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Jessica Poole called the meeting to order at 7:10 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Vice Chairman Jessica Poole, Trustee Pauline Scholes. Others in attendance: Administrator Judy Thomas and Board Clerk Fran Howell. (Chairman Tara Hicks arrived at the meeting mid-way through Ms. Thomas's administrator report)
3. Patrons in attendance: Lanae Jacobson, Melanie Jacobson, Diane Hulse, Chenoa Allen, Mike Allen.
4. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Scholes so motioned. Mrs. Poole seconded. Motion passed.
5. Vice-Chairman Poole ordered the minutes of the 3/8/17 board meeting to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. There were several questions. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Scholes so moved. Mrs. Poole seconded. Motion passed.
7. The board reviewed the budget and there were no questions.
8. Information Items:
  - a. Lanae Jacobson presented a report to the board on how the Pre-K program was run this year. She stated that it has been very successful and gave several instances of noted growth. She also expressed that her aide, Chelsea Lundquist, has been wonderful help and is very needed. Mrs. Jacobson also showed the board two short videos of classroom activities.
9. Administrator Report:
  - a. Ms. Thomas expressed that she really supports the Pre-K program and stated facts of growth from a recent Early Growth Indicator test given to the students. She recommended keeping the program at 4 days a week for 2 ½ hours a day from October-April for the 2017-2018 school year. She discussed reasoning to make Kindergarten next school year a full day kindergarten. She gave the board results from a recent parent survey. Ms. Thomas also discussed with the board that teachers are requesting an extension of 15 minutes a school day added to next years' calendar. She then stated that SD91 in Idaho Falls has changed their policy as to defining who in-district students are and that Swan Valley high school students now need to make an application if they want to attend school in D91. Mrs. Scholes stated that a transition plan needs to be in place and that our district needs to have a in place a written agreement with Ririe and Teton to accept our students. Ms. Thomas mentioned that three applicants have been interviewed for the open teaching position. (At this point, Chairman Hicks joined the meeting as a trustee and not acting chairman) Ms. Thomas finally advised the board that they will be responsible for making decisions about the allowance of the PTO to install a walking path using the Fleming Barn Fund Raiser monies, and how the school budget will be impacted at the May board meeting.
10. Public Comment included Mike and Chenoa Allen expressed concern about the change in open enrollment with D91 and that the board needs to recognize what happens now? Mrs. Allen stated that all schools face overcrowding and our district needs to advocate for ourselves with District 91. Mrs. Scholes suggested talking to Arbon Valley about how they utilize American Falls for their high school students. Mrs. Thomas also stated that she's been discussing with the District attorney Doug Nelson about open enrollment statute as well as to what our district boundaries are.
11. Board Action:
  - a. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 calendar with adding 15 minutes to each school day. Mrs. Scholes so moved, Mrs. Hicks seconded. There was some discussion about the impact of adding 15 minutes a day. Mrs. Poole expressed concern about the impact towards sport programs and appointments. Discussion was held on where to add the 15 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to approve an 11:30 early release on Thursday, May 25. Mrs. Hicks so moved, Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to adopt a full-day Kindergarten session for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Hicks so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to accept the third reading of revised Policies 2221, 3110, 7332, 8220, 5331, and proposed new Policy 8210. Mrs. Hicks so moved, Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Coming events include: Idaho Dance Theatre Workshops 4/12, Pre-School & Kindergarten Round-Up 4/14, Book Fair 4/17-4/21, Art Fair 4/21, Last day Pre-K 4/28, 8<sup>th</sup> grade car wash and pancake breakfast 4/29, ISATS 5/1-5/11, 5K Fun Run 5/6
13. May Board Meeting was set for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7 PM.
14. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b) to consider hiring a staff member, and to consider offering letters of intent to existing certified and classified staff. Mrs. Hicks so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. Roll Call vote: Tara Hicks, yes. Jessica Poole, yes. Pauline Scholes, yes. The board moved into executive session at 8:02.
15. At 9:22 Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to return into open session. Mrs. Hicks so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. Motion passed.
  - a. Mrs. Scholes called for a motion to hire Amy Page as the K-8 teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Hicks seconded. Motion passed. (Jessica Poole recused herself from the vote as well as being present in the discussion in executive session as Amy Page is her sister) Motion passed.
  - b. Vice-Chairman Poole called for a motion to extend contracts for 3 existing certified staff members, and continuation of employment letters to existing classified staff. Mrs. Hicks so moved, Mrs. Scholes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Vice-Chairman Poole adjourned the meeting at 9:25.

  
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Date 5/9/17