

*Swan Valley School Mission Statement*  
*"Committed to Excellence in Teaching and Learning for All"*

## School Board Meeting Minutes

*Swan Valley School District 92 Irwin, Idaho*  
*School Board Meeting in School Library*  
*Monday September 16, 2019*  
*7:00 PM*

- I. **Chairman Poole called meeting to order at 7:00 PM**
  - a. Chairman Poole, Vice-Chairman Scholes, Trustee Hulse, Superintendent Jacobson, and Clerk Hagan all present.
- II. **Chairman Poole let the Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS:** Vice-Chairman Scholes Motioned to approve the Consent agenda. Trustee Hulse Seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
  - a. Approval of Agenda
  - b. Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2019
  - c. Payment of Bills September 2019
- IV. **INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS**
  - a. Superintendent Report
    - i. First Day of School went great. Our current student enrollment is 59. We are up 4 students from last spring.
    - ii. Back to School Night was September 10. There were 4 stations setup consisting of; Accelerated math, Accelerated reading, OLC, and a presentation on advanced opportunities. Each station was 20 minutes. Kasi presented on advanced opportunities for students to start earning credits for college while still in High School and explained how the program works. A link for the website will be sent out in the Tuesday newsletter for parents to do more research on these opportunities further if they are interested.
    - iii. Swan Valley Elementary recently received a \$3,500.00 music grant to purchase smaller instruments for our younger students. Janis Allison, our music teacher, has been working with Chesbro Music to get those instruments purchased.
    - iv. Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Abigail Kurt-Mason will be onsite for Mental health training in each of the classrooms. She will be spending 45 minutes to an hour with each classroom.
  - b. Plant Levy Committee Report: Dave Palmer brought in sample posters that the committee is going to hang up in the valley. Dave Palmer also requested to have access to the gym and some equipment on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM for a town hall meeting. Dave Palmer, Audi Sutheimer and the committee will have a presentation and will answer questions after the presentation. This meeting will not be a board meeting. A notice of Quorum will need to be posted. The board requests that the notice of the town hall meeting be put in the Tuesday newsletter.
  - c. Swan Valley School District #92 4000 level policies: The board has no questions.
  - d. Swan Valley School District #92 5000 level policies: The board has no questions.
  - e. 2019-20 School Bus Route: Presented the High school and elementary bus routes to the board. The board has no questions about the routes that are in place.
  - f. Ririe student pick up on HS Bus: Ririe approached Swan Valley Elementary about working on a few things together last spring. We are currently sharing a bus mechanic and we are using their SpEd Director. Ririe reached out to us in August about potentially picking up some of the Ririe students along HWY 26 in the morning on our way to the High School. They also would like us to pick up the students on the Birch Creek road (the one closest to swan valley). All the students on the bus would be insured regardless of district enrollment. The State wouldn't allow us to track any of the mileage added onto the bus if the bus leaves the normal route on HWY 26. Tom Smith, the High School Bus Driver, ran the route last week on the way home to see what the time difference would be, and it would add on 20-30 minutes in dry conditions. Mr. Jacobson went to Ririe and asked if the families up Birch Creek would be interested in driving their kids up to HWY 26 so the bus could stop and pick them up, and the parents are not interested in doing this. The board discussed it and all three board members do not agree with picking up Ririe students at their houses because we don't do that with our High School kids. The Board also does not want the bus to leave HWY 26. There are great risks with leaving Hwy 26 in the wintertime. If the Ririe parents would be willing to meet the bus at HWY 26 then the board would be more willing to pick up Ririe students.

Tom Smith adds comments to this discussion: Winter may be a big concern with the big hill at the back of the Birch Creek road. Since Swan Valley won't transport the Swan Valley Elementary grade school kids on this bus from swan valley to Ririe to attend Ririe Elementary, we may have some issues if we are picking

up Ririe elementary grade schoolers to take them to Ririe. There would be 17-19 total students on our bus if we followed through with this pick-up route. 7-9 of these students will be elementary age. William Steffes adds Comments to this discussion: Does not want his kids to be subjected to going down Birch Creek road. The School Board has set a precedence that the HS bus stays on Hwy 26 only and it needs to stay that way. Several years ago, when approaching the board about picking up his daughter a half a mile off of HWY 26 the board told him no. Why would we do this for another school district?

- g. In Lieu of Request for Transportation: Renewing the In-Lieu agreement with Ben and Chelsea Lundquist. The School does not drive on the River Road. We will pay Ben and Chelsea for everyday that Sonora is in school to bring her down the River road to HWY 26.
- h. Leadership Premium: STEM Coordinator – Daniel Lundquist, Parent Communications Coordinator – Darcy Lundquist, Testing Coordinator – Becky Vordermann, Community Involvement Coordinator – Amy Kerr. The board has no questions.
- i. Lincoln School District #2 Border Tuition Agreement: 6 border students at \$14950.72 each for a total of \$105,931.30 for 2019-2020 school year.
- j. 2020 Ski School: Originally Ski School was set up for 6 ski days in January and February with MLK and Presidents day off. Jenny Lundquist is asking for Ski School to use the bus on MLK day and have a total of 7 days of skiing 2019/2020 calendar year. The board has no questions.

**V. PATRON INPUT:**

**Jessica Jacobson:** On the topic of the Ririe student pick up on High school bus: A student concern is that they would be on the bus for an extra hour a day which would lead to less time for breakfast and sleep with all of the homework that the students already have. Long commutes have shown increases in stress levels. This longer route would take time out of our already shortened evening. Family time is important, and the route would shorten that time we have together. All these things will lead to a tired, hungry stressed and depressed student. Birch creek is not a great upkept road. Adverse weather would cause our students to be late for school. Why would we deviate from HWY 26? We don't go off HWY 26 for our students. Please don't make a rash decision tonight at this meeting. Would agree with picking up students along HWY 26 but not off HWY 26.

**Kaylyn Jacobson:** Agrees with everything that has been said already. Those kids should have to follow the same rules as the swan valley kids. The bus ride is long enough as it is and its not fair to make us ride it longer.

**Haylee Jacobson:** She agrees with everything that has already been said. Already tired from the bus ride and a longer bus ride would be more tiring. It will cut into homework time. Can't do homework on the bus because she gets car sick.

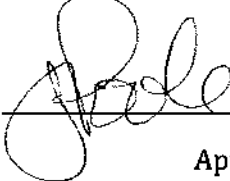
**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

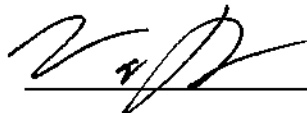
- a. Vice-Chairman Scholes Motions to approve the Plant Levy Committee to have gym use and equipment use for a Town Hall Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- b. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the Swan Valley School District #92 4000 level policies – Second Reading. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- c. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the Swan Valley School District #92 5000 level policies – First Reading. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- d. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the 2019-20 School Bus Routes. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- e. Vice-Chairman Scholes Motioned to deny the Ririe student pick up on HS Bus. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- f. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the In Lieu of Request for Transportation. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- g. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the Leadership Premium. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- h. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the Lincoln School District #2 Border Tuition Agreement. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.
- i. Vice-Chairman Scholes motioned to approve the 2020 Ski School. Trustee Hulse seconded. 3 in favor. 0 opposed.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS-**

- a. Board Member Input for future agenda items: Level 5000 policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
- b. Wednesday October 9, 2019 7:00 PM – Plant Levy Town Hall Meeting
- c. October Board Meeting – Monday October 21, 2019 7:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Scholes will be absent.

**VIII. Chairman Poole adjourned meeting at 7:44PM.**

  
Approved

  
Attested

  
Date