

**KITTITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KITTITAS, WA 98934**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Kittitas School District Board Room

Mike Lowe, Chair
Brian Stickney, Vice Chair
Sharon Damm, Member
Chad Johnson, Member
Jerry Lael, Member

Rich Stewart, Interim Superintendent
Michelle Helgeson, Recording Secretary

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m., by Chairman Mike Lowe. All board members were present with the exception of Brian Stickney.

Call to Order

The following guests introduced themselves: Wendy Hudson, Devin Powers, Stefanie Parker, Cheryl Uceny, Myron Hamilton, Erin Tostenson, Kirsten DeKoning, Rachael Brunson, Carrie Nash, LuAnn Moen, Chris Moen, Travis Wilson, Treyden Wilson, Rick Cole, Jennifer Patteson, Del Heistand, Del Enders, Mark Crowley, Emily DuPlessis, Taylor DeKoning, and Jenna Bare.

Guests

Jerry Lael moved to amend the regular agenda adding Board Retreat to New Business. Sharon Damm moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Jennifer Patteson shared concerns regarding the middle school pod area being closed before the first bell rings, stating students do not have access to their lockers, the middle school bathrooms, nor teachers if they need assistance.

Public Comments

Erin Tostenson gave kudos to the secondary school for the great school culture. Ms. Tostenson shared that she will have another child transfer to Kittitas next school year.

Mark Crowley questioned why the personnel changes are not listed on the public agenda.

Stefanie Parker shared that the middle school baseball team went undefeated.

Mr. Stewart presented Rose Slyfield's resignation as the Elementary Safety Patrol advisor. Sharon Damm moved to approve the resignation as presented. Jerry Lael seconded.

Personnel

Mr. Stewart presented the following hires for approval:

Connor Treat – HS Wrestling Assistant Coach
Drew Lamb – MS 2nd Track Assistant Coach
Billy Gordon – MS Football Assistant Coach
Austin Brothers – Dean of Students/AD
Daniel Robertson – HS Volleyball Head Coach
Joe Mohn – HS Volleyball Assistant Coach
Kirsten DeKoning – HS Volleyball 2nd Assistant Coach
Jamal Weems – HS Football Head Coach
Dusty Hutchinson – HS Football Assistant Coach
Rebecca Posz-Tamez – Fall Cheer Coach
Tim Ravet – HS Boys Basketball Head Coach
Rocky Gibson – HS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
Joe Mohn – HS Girls Basketball Head Coach
Jamal Weems – HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
Jose (Kike) Marin – HS Wrestling Head Coach

Sharon Damm moved to approve the hires as presented, with the exception of cheer coach, which will be tabled for further consideration. Jerry Lael seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rich Stewart presented the following coach volunteers for approval:

Dick Brown – HS Boys Basketball
Cameron Taylor – HS Boys Basketball

Sharon Damm moved to approve the volunteer coaches as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Rich Stewart requested the board approve the transfer of Merle Watkins from Kindergarten to the Elementary Math/PE Teacher. Sharon Damm moved to approve the transfer. Chad Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Jerry Lael moved to approve consent agenda (minutes from April 18, 2018 regular meeting; General Fund A/P warrants #71424-71505 in the amount of \$105,624.87; ASB warrants #6432-6457 in the amount of the amount of \$12,911.34, and Payroll warrants #71383-71421, along with direct deposits, in the amount of \$528,187.47). Chad Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

There was no correspondence.

Correspondence

Students from Emily DuPlessis' Public Relations class provided an update on the District's new website. They explained the need for a consistent brand throughout the website and shared examples of the new logo design

Devin Powers informed the board of the new ASB officers for the 2018/19 school year:

ASB Report

President – Taylor DeKoning
Vice –President – Jenna Bare
Secretary – Haley Kulm
Treasurer – Camryn Mata

Mr. Powers informed the board of the senior breakfast scheduled for Friday, June 8.

Wendy Hudson thanked Devin and the current ASB officers for their hard work.

Taylor DeKoning shared a new fundraising idea of personalized parking spots for students. Students will be able to purchase a dedicated spot in the front parking lot, in which they can decorate, after approved. Ms. DeKoning stated there would be a \$5.00 fine for parking in another student's spot.

Stefanie Parker shared that the May Bingo Night was the most successful bingo to date. Mrs. Parker reminded the board of the Elementary field day and color run, sponsored by the parent group and Advantage Dirt.

Parent Group Report

Travis Wilson informed the board of the \$500 Booster Club scholarship, stating the deadline for applications was May 16.

Booster Club Report

Del Enders introduced the intermediate teachers who gave a brief recap of their PLC time. Rachael Brunson thanks the board for allowing this time and also thanked Rich Stewart and Del Enders for the assistance. Carrie Nash shared the importance of the PLC time as a new staff member. Mrs. Nash stated this allowed them to set goals and develop as a team. Kirsten DeKoning shared information on the 3rd grade pilot of the Walk to Read program. Mrs. DeKoning stated there have been 20-35% gains in fluency since spring break. LuAnn Moen shared that the PLC time was helpful to be able to make a schedule for state testing to make sure students were prepared.

Elementary Principal Report

Rich Stewart introduced Rick Cole to the board. Mr. Cole was hired last summer to assist with staffing issues at the Elementary School. Mr. Cole explained the Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team survey and compared results from the spring of 2017 to the spring of 2018, stating the great improvements have been made in the past year.

Del Heistand introduced several secondary staff members to share their thoughts on the PLC time. Cheryl Uceny and Myron Hamilton provided a copy of the CTE Growth Goal and sample meeting agendas. Joe Mohn explained that the content specific time with Mr. Farthing allowed them to plane the scope and sequence for the Social Studies program and they appreciate the collaboration time. Wendy Hudson informed the board that the MS and HS ELA team were able to use their time to align curriculum. Mrs. Hudson stated the PLC time allowed teachers to work on their strengths and weaknesses, develop effective communication between teachers, and provide accountability. Mrs. Hudson also shared that her team was able to spend time researching new curriculum and textbooks. Mr. Heistand informed the board of graduation on June 9 at 7pm.

Secondary Athletic Director Report

Mark Crowley shared that there were nine state qualifiers from the West Valley Equestrian team. Mr. Crowley stated Wyatt qualified in four events.

Athletic Director

Del Heistand share the AD report on behalf of Ryan Hastings. Boys track and baseball were recognized as Distinguished by the WIAA for their collective GPAs of 3.035 and 3.186 respectively. Girls track and fastpitch were also recognized as Distinguished by the WIAA for their collective GPAs of 3.537 and 3.581 respectively. Mr. Heistand gave an update of the state brackets for baseball and fastpitch, as well as sharing that Jonathan Charlton qualified for state in golf.

Michelle Helgeson gave the budget status report for April 2018, reporting that we are 67% into our fiscal year, have collected 70.5% of anticipated revenues, and have spent 68.05% of budgeted expenditures. The cash ending balance for April was \$1,258,157.97.

Budget Status

Michelle Helgeson stated the enrollment report for May is 641.04 fte Michelle stated our annual average is currently 650.62.

Enrollment

Antonio Dominguez gave a presentation to the board on options for a tablet or laptop for their use. Mr. Dominguez expressed that his preference would be the Microsoft Surface.

Superintendent's Report

Del Heistand reviewed the 2018/19 secondary master schedule.

Master Schedule

Rich Stewart presented the revised 2018/19 academic calendar with late-start Mondays for PLC time. Jerry Lael moved to approve the revised calendar as presented. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

Academic Calendar

Michelle Helgeson requested the June board meeting be moved to Tuesday, June 26. Sharon Damm moved to approve the change as presented. Chad Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

June Board Date

Rich Stewart informed the board of Brian Stickney's leave of absence request until September 2018, due to work conflicts. Jerry Lael moved to approve the leave as requested. Chad Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Board Leave of Absence

Mr. Stewart requested the board schedule a special meeting to review the SWOT analysis results and continue with the District's vision, mission and core beliefs. Sharon Damm moved to schedule the special board meeting for May 24 from 5-8pm. Chad Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Special Board Meeting

The board recessed into executive session at 9:50pm, for fifteen minutes, to discuss personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

Executive Session

The board reconvened at 10:05pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Mike Lowe, Chairperson

Rich Stewart, Superintendent

Michelle Helgeson