

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019
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
Anita Mata, 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: Stefanie Parker, Mark Crowley, Heather Burfeind, Del Enders, Taylor DeKoning, Mike Nollan, Julie Carlson and Austin Brothers.

Guests

Sharon Damm moved to approve the regular agenda as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

Mr. Stewart presented the following resignations for approval:

Personnel

- Chris Richards – Secondary Music Teacher
- Tim Ravet – HS Boys Basketball Head Coach
- Ron Goodrich – MS Football Head Coach

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

Mr. Stewart presented the following new hires for approval:

- Joshua Cox – MS Girls Softball Assistant Coach
- Somer Calahan – Elementary SPED Paraprofessional

Sharon Damm moved to approve the new hires as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Rich Stewart recommended Joe Mohn as a volunteer coach for HS golf. Sharon Damm moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Sharon Damm moved to approve consent agenda (minutes from March 26, 2019 regular meeting; General Fund A/P warrants #72780-72857 in the amount of \$186,859.09; ASB warrants #6620-6631 in the amount of \$15,318.55; and Payroll warrants #72737-72774, along with direct deposits, in the amount of \$595,495.19). Jerry Lael seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

There was no correspondence.

Correspondence

Taylor DeKoning updated the board on the following ASB events: WE Day conference, Bikes for Tykes which paid for ASB officers to attend We Day.

ASB Report

Stefanie Parker updated board on the following Parent Group events: Staff Appreciation week April 15-19, end of school Color Run, Popcorn fundraiser and a possible donation of a Buddy bench from Parent Group.

Parent Group Report

Austin Brothers gave an update on secondary spring sports. HS Fastpitch off to a great start and HS Baseball even with a small team. HS Track hosted K-Valley rally with 14 teams. MS spring sports just started. HS will begin spring football and will attend CWU football camp in hopes to get bigger numbers for fall. Regarding open coaching positions still no applicants for HS Boys Head Basketball coach or MS Head Football coach.

Athletic Director Report

Del Enders gave an update on elementary school. We are still a target 3+ school. Our school improvement goals are: Improving vocabulary strategies for EL and SpEd students, implements and leverage a formalized assessment system, plan and train for MTSS implementation and revise 2-5 math curriculum. Student enrollment is 286. Kelly Kilts will move up with the class of 2030 (current 1st grade) and Nicole Slyfield will stay in place as third Kindergarten teacher. Established a building leadership team with a goal to grow leadership capacity and problem solving capacity. The team serves as student study team and MTSS implementation team. Completed leadership training with Kathryn Page from OSSI on April 16th. Developing a 2 years school improvement plan with building leadership team. Summer school design and communication. Parent requests will be sent out by end of the week. Data- new WSIF has been issued and spring progress monitoring complete. Smarter balance testing May 7th-25th. Currently working on building newsletter. Kinder roundup dates have been set and sent to parents. Old items: Math centers are fully implemented, new start and end times have been working well this school year. Teacher evaluation process is 85% complete. PLC's are thriving. Celebrations: Champion Inclusive Education grant- \$24000. Intercom system is much improved thanks to Michelle and Bryan. WSIF- EL scores have improved in ELA, attendance and progress rate.

Elementary Principal Report

Heather Burfeind gave an update on Secondary school. New enrollment 389. New items: HS diploma proposal. Currently KSD required 27.5 credits for graduation compared to WA state requirements of 24 credits. Over the years school administration has begun to experience situations where the KSD credit requirements has created a barrier to a handful of KSS students with a variety of different at-risk circumstances from graduating on time or at all. The school administration started to work during the 2017-18 school year on a differentiated

Secondary Principal Report

diploma proposal to allow graduation equity to all students and to address situation where students would not graduate as a result of being credit deficient. The administration also saw a need to recognize those students that earned above and beyond the 27.5 credits with a different diploma designation. These are the three different levels of diplomas for graduating. Core “KHS Diploma, “KHS” Diploma and “Extended” KHS Diploma. 6th grade orientation to start early with current 5th grades to take the anxiety out before 6th grade orientation before the new school year. 8th grade parent transitional meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18th to present important graduation requirements, class information, CTE pathways, and other important information to help each student transition successfully into the high school setting next 2019-2020 school year. 9th grade success program: STAND out of Chicago, IL. Intensive training for staff to make our students more successful. Open teaching positions: 2 – half time Music/Band and 6th Grade ELA, 6/7 Math- full time. Student Leadership Raising Student Voice and Participation: 40 students from advisory gave feedback on changes they would like. EL Parent group meeting was a success. 50 plus turnout and created an EL Advisory parent group to keep parents updated on what is happening in each building. Celebrations: FCCLA going to National competition with 17 students. Conference structure changes received a great response from parents. Being able to meet with the teachers of the classes that students are struggling in.

Rich Stewart stated the K-12 enrollment for April was 645.88 fte, up slightly from March’s enrollment of 645.40 fte.

Enrollment

Rich Stewart gave the budget status report for March 2019, reporting that we are 58% into our fiscal year, have collected 55.66% of anticipated revenues, and have spent 58.76% of budgeted expenditures. The cash ending balance for March was \$750,514.09.

Budget Status

Mr. Stewart presented Policy 2418, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, along with the corresponding procedure and form, for second reading. Jerry Lael moved to approve the second reading of policy, procedure, and form 2418 with modifications. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

**Policy
2418/2418P/2418F –
Second Reading**

Rich Stewart presented Policy 2410/2410P, High School Graduation Requirements, including Differentiated Diploma plan, for second reading. Jerry Lael moved to table the policy, procedure, and differentiated diploma plan until the May meeting. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

**Policy 2410/2410P –
Second Reading**

Austin Brothers recommended continuing the athletic co-op with Thorp School District for the 2019-20 school year. Sharon Damm moved to approve the co-op as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Athletic Co-op

Austin Brothers presented the new HS golf program for board approval. Jerry Lael moved to approve the new sport as presented. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

HS Golf Program

Austin Brothers presented the MS softball uniform donation for board approval. Sharon Damm moved to approve the donation as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Uniform Donations

Austin Brothers presented information on the HS Track uniform donation. Sharon Damm moved to approve the donation as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

The board recessed into executive session at 9:02pm, for fifteen minutes, to discuss personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g).

Executive Session

The board reconvened at 9:17pm. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Adjournment

Mike Lowe, Chairperson

Rich Stewart, Superintendent

Anita Mata, Recording Secretary