PLUMMER-WORLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular March 9, 2020 meeting of the Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Paul Daman at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Ryan Ortivez, Tami Gauthier, Ida Gustin, Paul Daman, Sara Allen, and Marlow Thompson. Absent was Jan Mitchell.

Also present was Superintendent Judi Sharrett, Karyn Stockdale, Marcia Hoffman, Tucker Sanchez, Stacey Sonder, Russ Mitchell, Tim Florin, Jennifer Gates, Blake Faber, Glory Olson, and Alicia O'Dell.

Consent Agenda

Tami Gauthier moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Exhibit "A") as presented. Ida Gustin seconded. All members voted yes. Paul Daman commented on the food service report and appreciates the 2021 planning.

Communications

The board received a thank you card from the elementary staff (Exhibit "B") for the cinnamon rolls.

Recognition of Guests

Tucker Sanchez reported from ASB.

- ASB is holding Kindness Week this week. This includes window stickers, motivational posters, etc. that are hanging around the school.
- Last week ASB students attended the ASB Leadership conference in Boise. They learned a lot of new stuff and gained new resources. Mrs. Hall was able to attend a couple of the events because it was the same time as girls' state basketball.
- ASB heard a motivational speaker called the Tatted Ninja. They would like to bring him in for an assembly.
- There is a community assembly tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the boys' championship.
- ASB is working on Link Crew in which the freshman will mentor 6th graders for transition into middle school. They will be taking students under wing to help with the adjustment. 10th – 12th grade will work with 8th graders. This will start in the summer, with training, and will be implemented in the fall.

Senior Project Update

Glory Olson and Blake Faber reported on the Senior Project. The draft for the final portfolio and paper are coming due. The seniors invited the board members to attend the Senior Showcase on March 25 at Miller Court from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All fundraisers are complete and the water fountains are going to be installed.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Sharrett provided the Superintendent's Report (Exhibit "C").

- Mr. Mitchell, Marlow Thompson and she attended a community conversation sponsored by the Vollmer Foundation in Coeur d'Alene last week. There was a breakfast at the Kroc Center to start a positive conversation about public schools. It was very Coeur d'Alene centered, and not a regional effort. The philosophy is that communities need to be a unit of change, to include scholarships and raising the graduation rate. It doesn't seem to be a great fit for us to join this effort but it provided some thinking about how to form some community-wide focus groups. Marlow Thompson talked about the forming of a foundation, which requires a number of big businesses with a large amount of available funds. Currently, we need the businesses we have just to support the district as it is now. He did like the idea of having a vision of the very best education system within our district that we can possibly have. We want our graduates to find their niche in life, whether it be post-secondary education, vocational pursuits, etc. Their idea was to make sure that money is available for student pursuits.

  Mrs. Sharrett said there are three important questions:
  - Where were we ten years ago? We were in financial Crisis, needing a new elementary building, changing leadership, poor relationship with the PWEA, and revolving door on student enrollment with students leaving the district to go to adjoining districts. Morale was low in the buildings. The district had a weak relationship with the Department of Education, Marimn, and the CDA Tribe.
  - Where are we now? Students have returned to the district. Financial circumstances have improved. We have a new elementary school. We have a solid relationship with the PWEA. Education has improved for our students. Morale is improved in the buildings for staff and students. The district is able to pass supplemental levies. Teacher retention is still a challenge due to location. Board elections are still uncontested. Students are presenting at board meetings and are confident in doing so. The board has a strong strategic plan. The district has a solid relationship with the Department of Education, Marimn, and the CDA Tribe.
  - Where do we want to be ten years from now? This will be discussed with Mr. Mitchell at a future time.
- Discussion was held on the draft questions for the parent survey. Marlow Thompson commented on #3 and all of the statements are generalizations. He believes that all generalizations can be false. The question will be changed to a fill in the blank. Discussion was held. The question will be reworded.
- An artistic rendering of the elementary playground equipment was provided. It is expected to be installed by the first part of summer. The equipment is being purchased with funds from the tribal education donation. Mr. Mitchell explained the process, what is to be installed, with the goal to be installed before school is completed but it is all weather contingent. All equipment is ADA compliant and will be accessible for wheel chairs, as will some of the existing equipment. We want to do something to thank the CDA Tribe with a ceremony at that time. This has taken longer than we thought but it is getting finished.

- Mrs. Sharrett provided an update on pending legislation:
  - House Bill 393 has been sent to the Senate Education Committee. This would remove the March and August election dates previously given to school districts during the election consolidation. This

would dramatically affect school districts because of the timing and importance of supplemental levies. Mrs. Sharrett spent time today lobbying against the legislation.

- SB 1384 would force bills to allow any employee with an enhanced carry permit to concealed carry on school property. This is a bad bill and goes against our safety plans.
- JFAC came out with a budget and proposed 4.4% increase in 78.7 mil, $1 to social emotional learning. They took the 18 employees that work for IT at the State Department of Education and moved them to the State Board of Education. This appears somewhat political.

Board Business

- **Board Tours/Walk Throughs** – No one was available for a walk-through last month. Board members are encouraged to schedule their annual walk through if they haven't already done so. Paul Daman commented he intends to do his walk-through soon and he believes he has someone interested in walking through the building with him. He would like to see more patrons walk through.
- **Board Activities** – Upcoming opportunities for board involvement in student activities include Dr. Seuss Night on March 12 at the elementary, Community Celebration Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., the middle school job fair on March 13, and the Senior Project Showcase on March 25.
- **2020-21 School Calendar** – Clerk Karyn Stockdale presented a draft calendar for 2020-21. The administration has met with a community committee to coordinate calendars and will meet again in April. A final calendar will be available for approval at the April meeting.

Items for Future Agenda

ASB Report	Senior Project Update	Budget Discussion/Staffing
Board Activities	Legislative Update	District Data
Senior Project Manual	Humanities Approval	

Personnel

Sara Allen moved to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ida Gustin seconded. Ryan Ortivez voted yes; Tami Gauthier voted yes; Ida Gustin voted yes; Sara Allen voted yes; Marlow Thompson voted yes, and Paul Daman voted yes. (7:10 p.m.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 recess from public session pursuant to Section 74-206(b), Idaho Code, for the purpose of discussing personnel, upon advice of legal counsel that it is appropriate to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the executive session the Board of Trustees reconvene into public session for the purpose of conducting further business or for the adjournment of the meeting. (7:18 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Paul Daman, Chairman Karyn Stockdale, District Clerk

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