

Clark County School District 161
School Board Meeting
April 13, 2023
MINUTES

Call to Order **5:32 p.m.**
Pledge

Roll Call Jeri Tavenner, Chair Laurie Small
Tom L. Strong, Vice Chair Amanda Baker
Danette Frederiksen

Attendance Eileen Holden, Superintendent
Sara Winters, Principal
Lisa Shenton, Business Manager/Board Clerk
Dan Hager, Maintenance
Holly Maraist, Teacher
Dee Anne Taylor, Teacher
Tyson Schwartz, Teacher
Jolene Johnson, CCEA
Eric Mortensen, Student
Gabe Smith, Student

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Public Input

No public input.

Employees of the Month

Employees of the month are Connie Barg, she is the bus driver for the Jr./Sr. High School and Lindy Ross Elementary; and Tyson Schwartz, he is the 2nd grade teacher at the Lindy Ross Elementary.

Curriculum Update – Tyson Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz teaches 2nd grade at the Lindy Ross Elementary. He had some slides on some of the projects that they have been doing in his class. He uses Core Knowledge and they have been going over fairy tales, tall tales, war of 1812 and insect units. He said the students have been decoding stories, spelling, and diagramming. He said the favorite topic of the students right now is the solar system which they have been working on for the past week.

Curriculum Update – Holly Maraist

Ms. Maraist teaches English from 8th – 12th grade. She brought a sample of a student papers from 8th to 9th grade showing the improvement in a years' time. She also is teaching speech/debate this

semester. She had one of her students, Eric Mortensen, give a speech/debate to the school board on one of the assignments that they had in class.

Curriculum Update – Dee Anne Taylor

Ms. Taylor is the school counselor and she also teaches Chemistry. She had them build a mechanical hand that needed to pick up a ball and a cup of water. She has been doing other experiments with food and gum. She has helped the seniors get their fafsa completed.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Hager reported that they were able to install the new stoves for the kitchen. The lift came this month. He was also able to order portable bleachers with ESSR money. They will be remodeling the Lindy Ross reception office this summer and he is waiting on bids for the bus cover.

Principal Report

Ms. Winters reported on the math curriculum. They had assistance from the regional math specialist from ISU. They were able to narrow the choice down to 2 math programs. They had a parent meeting and staff to determine which program and they chose I-Ready. Ms. Winters showed the board some of the strategies that are used in this program. She also showed some pictures of the students at the Museum of Idaho.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Holden reported that one of our Junior High Students was selected to be printed in the 2023 Idaho Youth Writing Challenge. There will be a few upcoming field trips for both the Lindy Ross and the High School. She discussed some of the legislation and some of the changes that the district is going to have to adapt to. One is no longer a March election date for schools, also property tax relief which will be taken off of the school levy amount. They will start ISAT testing in the next few weeks.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Senior Trip

Gabe Smith requested permission from the board to attend their Senior Trip in Boise. The advisors are Ms. Taylor and Ms. Maraist. They plan on renting a 15 passenger van.

Motion was made to approve the Senior trip by Ms. Small, seconded by Ms. Baker. Motion passed.

Teacher Contracts

Motion was made to approve issuing teacher contracts upon completion of their final evaluations by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Board Policies 2420, 2420P, 4160

Motion was made to approve the 1st reading of policies 2420, 2420P, 4160 by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

Social Media Class Action Lawsuit

The same attorneys that worked on the JUUL Litigation is filing a lawsuit against all the social media concerning cyber bullying. The school district can join without any money put toward the suit.

Motion was made by Ms. Frederiksen, seconded by Mr. Strong as follows:

Whereas the Board recognizes that juvenile’s access and use of social media is a national and local problem which is alleged to have contributed to the mental health crisis, including students of the District, which likewise impacts the operation of the District; and whereas multi-district litigation is pending against multiple social media companies, in Federal Court; and whereas the Board, having considered the inclusion of the District in this multi-district litigation and having found it to be in the best interest of the District and its students, I hereby move that the Board take all necessary steps to join this lawsuit as a Plaintiff and hereby authorize and direct the Board’s Chairman and/or the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents to that end.

Motion passed.

Federal Program Audit

The federal program audit was completed on March 9th, with a few findings that were enclosed in board packet. Corrective action plan was submitted March 22nd. The plan was accepted and some of the board policies will be updated.

Supplemental Levy

The results of the election were 92.78% for and 7.22% against. With the loss of the March election due to the recent legislative action, the next levy will need to either run November 2024 or August 2025.

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.

Board Chairman Date

Board Clerk Date