

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY MULTI PURPOSE ROOM 6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**CLEVE SWANDAL, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REX TERNAN, BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
GRAHAM GILMOUR
NICK JERKE
JON CROSTON
DANNY JOHNSTON, SUPERINTENDENT
GREG SAGER, JH/HS PRINCIPAL
RHONDA LAHAYE, DISTRICT CLERK**

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose room for an executive session for the review of the Superintendent Evaluation. The executive session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE The regular school board meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose Room in Wilsall with five trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Cleve Swandal, Board Vice-Chairperson Rex Ternan, Graham Gilmour, Nick Jerke, Jon Croston, JH/HS Principal Greg Sager, and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC There were 9 visitors present, Shields Valley FFA Chapter, who brought pizza and pop for the Board members as it was School Board Appreciation Month.

CONSENT AGENDA The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) Dec. minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #29482 through #29508 and claims warrants #65680 through #65721, current expenditure report and athletic/activity expenditure report

The Board made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Rex Ternan

Seconded: Jon Croston

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE The Board received a graph showing the statistics of the web page usage.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS District Clerk Rhonda Lahaye discussed with the Board a “high-risk” letter that was received from the Office of Public Instruction. It stated some issues that needed to be resolved per the audit information they received. It was discussed with the Board what steps were going to be taken to help with these issues.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including school board appreciation month, extreme cold temperatures, Elementary holiday program, staff holiday party, Elementary students of the month, REC days, high speed internet,

Administrative intern, restructuring the elementary secretary position.

**JH/HS PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

Mr. Sager presented the JH/HS Principal Report including Elementary/JH girls basketball beginning Jan. 2, 2023, YAM program, 2 student teachers: 1 in English and 1 in Agriculture Education, MHSA annual meeting and upcoming events – Please see attached formal report.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

There is a maintenance update and report included in the Board packets.

**TEACHERS
REPORT**

Lacey Arthun was the teacher rep and presented the teachers reports. Please see formal reports attached.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consideration of Retirement Incentive (due Feb. 1st)
Item was tabled.

Consideration of SVTO's request to open negotiations
Rex Ternan made a motion to accept the letter of intent from the SVTO to open negotiations, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Appoint a negotiation team
Graham Gilmour made a motion to appoint Jon Croston and Nick Jerke as the negotiation team, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
Jon Croston made a motion to accept Calendar Option "C" as presented in the board packet, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Declare a State of Emergency
Due to the extreme weather conditions that occurred on December 22, 2022, school was cancelled for grades K-8, high school students attended for ½ day to complete their semester tests before the break. Rex Ternan made a motion to Declare a State of Emergency, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

PERSONNEL

None

**ACTION ITEMS -
FIRST READING**

Consider Updates to SVSD Plan for Reopening
Mr. Johnston presented the updated plan with only minimal changes. This is a plan that is supposed to be reviewed every six months. Jon Croston made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

**ACTION ITEMS -
SECOND READING**

Reconsider Changes to Policy 7336 (travel allowances and expenses)

This policy was brought back to the Board for reconsideration with concerns about the policy. After discussion, Rex Ternan made a motion to approve the policy with the changes, Jon Croston seconded the motion, vote failed unanimously 0 for and 5 against.

**DISCUSSION AND
REPORTS**

There was a report submitted from Core Control to put heat into the white building, informational only.

Discussion on the purchase of the property adjacent to the school that is for sale. Informational only

Special Board Meeting on January 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm to decide on a plan and direction to move forward with strategic planning for facilities.

School Board Elections, we have 2 positions up for re-election, Cleve Swandal and Rex Ternan. Deadline to apply to run the election is March 23, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, 8:45 pm, the Board convened into an executive session with Mr. Johnston to review the Superintendent evaluation.

The Board re-convened out of the executive session at 9:55 pm with no motions being made.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at the Wilsall Elementary Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 pm.

1/12/2023
Date

Rhonda Lahaye

District Clerk

Board Chairperson