

Clark County School District 161
School Board Meeting
March 14, 2024
MINUTES

Call to Order **5:30 p.m.**
Pledge

Roll Call Jeri Tavenner, Chair Laurie Small
 Tom L. Strong, Vice Chair Rigo Raya
 Deena Williams

Attendance Eileen Holden, Superintendent
 Sara Winters, Principal
 Lisa Shenton, Business Manager/Board Clerk
 Jolene Johnson, CCEA
 Dan Hager, Maintenance Supervisor
 Sheena Hawker, Teacher

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Input

None

Employees of the Month

Lindy Ross Elementary – Jolene Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher
Clark County Jr. /Sr. High – Holly Maraist, English Teacher

Curriculum – Sheena Hawker

Ms. Hawker teaches 4th grade at the Lindy Ross Elementary. She has 8 students this year. This semester they have been studying Idaho History. She has a historical marker guide on Idaho where Ms. Hawker is having them identify and then find on the map of Idaho. They will be making a map of Idaho and using clay for the topical mountains on the map. They have been doing lap quilts, using measurements to match the material. They have been doing research on and applying the who, what, why and where to their essays.

Curriculum – Eileen Holden

Ms. Holden teaches first hour and in that hour she teaches PreCalculus, Algebra II, and Dual credit Algebra II. She demonstrated a word problem that she places on the board before the students come to class that they solve during the class period. A lot of it is review to keep their skills they have learned. The Dual Credit Algebra II class has the tests weighted heavier than the students in Algebra II.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Hager presented the board with some plans for the Lindy Ross playground. In the past the district has been marked down for safety violations at the playground. The cost is high so will have to do the playground in parts. He will purchase some of the equipment at the end of this year and then next year he will be able to correct some of the playground safety issues. The district is hoping to use some of the ESSER (COVID) money for the project. He has been keeping up with all the other projects that need to be done in the schools.

Principal Report

Ms. Winters started out with happy Pi Day. Mr. Schwartz received an award from IDLA and they had a district assembly for him. She stated that the Lindy Ross just finished the safer, smarter kids program. I-Ready has a free reading program for EL students, so she was able to download that program for them. They had the math coach there this past month and had a PBIS assembly. In February they had a project called "What you love about you." They celebrated 100 days of school with a black out learning party in the old high school gym.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Holden has been monitoring the budget on the food service and maintenance. She was on a webinar with Ms. Christenson after the completed audit on the food service. Our district has qualified for Provision II again, which means we qualify to serve free breakfast and lunch to all the students in the district. We are required to keep all of the records for Provision II qualifications. After 4 years we need to provide the documents that were saved to be able to renew for another 4 years. Board training will be March 19th with Monica Pauley. Ashley Resendiz received the Sportsmanship Award for girls' basketball and received a \$400 scholarship. There will be a Norcan training at the school on Monday, March 18th. Ms. Holden approved flag football practices to be held at our football field this spring, with a signed liability release. SAT test are now digital so they were taken today at the school. Professional Development was held last Friday for the teachers.

Consent Agenda

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

Discussion held concerning having to pay taxes back to the county due to a lawsuit with the State Tax Commission and the hydro power companies. The district had to pay back around \$4500.00

Securing our Future Phase 2 Grant Application

Ms. Holden would like to apply for the grant to build an enclosed walkway between the High School and the shop.

Motion was made to approve applying for the Securing our Future Phase 2 Grant with an enclosed walkway by Mr. Strong and seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed

FY 24 & FY35 Audit Agreement

Our current auditor, Quest, submitted a two year renewal proposal for the district. Ms. Holden went back to 2015 to look at past charges. With the small increase over the next two years, Quest will still be less than what we have paid in the past to different auditors.

Motion was made to approve the 2 year extension with Quest by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Certified Salary Adjustment 22/23

The district received back \$3000 more than anticipated for certified salaries. The teachers took a lesser amount during negotiations to maintain staff. Ms. Holden is asking of the board if they would approve approximately \$200 back to each certified teacher, excluding admin.

Motion was made to approve paying the teachers approximately \$200 knowing that this will not happen annually by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

Request to Open Negotiations

Motion was made to open negotiations after spring break, with Ms. Williams and Mr. Strong as representatives by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Board Budget Priorities for 2024-25 Planning Purposes

Ms. Holden asked the board some of the items that they would like to see on the budget or a direction they would like to see for the coming year. Some discussion was the track program, new telephone system at both schools, and having a 3 month set aside in the budget.

Legislative update/discussion

Ms. Holden discussed several bills that are still on the floor. One of the concerns in the facilities bill that will adversely affect the smaller districts. Other bills discussed was the concealed weapon, and the 4 day school week. She also stated there will be a training on May 6th presented by other districts on how they are improving their IRI scores in low income schools.

Adjourn: 7:12 p.m.

Board Chairman _____ Date _____

Board Clerk _____ Date _____