

Tonasket School District #404
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2013
In the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen with Catherine Stangland and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Paul Turner and Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Jeff Hardesty, Liz Stucker, Jeremy Clark, and Jay Tyus. Also present were Debbie Kitterman, Rob Inlow, and Brent Baker. Lloyd Caton arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:35 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular board meeting be approved as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the consent agenda items A., B., D, and E. be approved as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion.

Catherine Stangland moved to amend the motion to remove item A. from the consent agenda. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion.

A vote was called on the amendment to remove item A. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Main motion is to approve items B., D, and E. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SCHOOL REPORT

High School

Jeff Hardesty reported that Kevin Terris started a "Caught Being Good" program in the HS to help create an even more positive learning environment. The program has been working well. An assembly on the "Caught Being Good" will be held on Friday. The HS is in the first POI cycle and are in the second week. Mr. Hardesty attended the outdoor learning Bio-STEM camp at Stehekin and provided information regarding the trip. The second annual Career Fair will be held on October 1, thanks to Tyrone Glanzer. A WOIS training will be held in October. Mr. Hardesty explained that WOIS is a career exploration site that can house student portfolios and resumes. There have been two productive staff meetings on issues of poverty. There will be a Gallup Poll for Juniors that is similar to the Healthy Youth Survey.

Middle School

Jay Tyus reported that fall sports are off to a good start. Mr. Tyus attended the Bio-STEM camp at Stehekin with 8th grade students commenting that it was a good experience. Thanks to Bob Ashmore, Josh Thayer, Brenda Grove and special guests George Thornton and Patti Baumgartner. New staff members are fitting in and working well. TPEP is the center of the staff working together and supporting each other. Challenge Day will be held on October 28-29. Challenge Day about empathy and is a day-long event that helps students to make changes and to view other people differently.

The Gallop Poll is returning and opens in October to measure Hope, Engagement and Well-Being. Professional development has taken off and is rigorous. The first early release day was on team norms. The POI model has moved forward and will start next week. NWEA testing is finished. The first Migrant/Bilingual family night was held last week and was well attended.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark thanked the Board for releasing the students for the Okanogan Fair days. Kim Fitzthum has written five grants and the latest one is for ten iPad tablets. There are new programs starting at the ES, including "Morning Message" is a building-wide announcement that include the pledge, birthdays, and quote about character traits. Local businesses have supported our schools in this. AmeriCorps are working with students to reach those that may be socially withdrawn. Kiwanis will come in and raffle off a bike during an assembly on October 4. Teachers are focusing on instruction that will align curriculum to CCSS and continue to close achievement gaps.

Special Education

Liz Stucker reported that every year there is confusion regarding the funding slots and the preschool notice helps to clarify this. Preschool screening have been completed and are now in the process in placing students. A re-certification class was held on the Right Response training; a second class will be offered in January. The new life skills/ birth to three teachers has met with the county lead agency and is getting schedules together for the high needs students. Administrators have completed the first walk-throughs. Homeless annual training process is available to all staff via and on-line training.

Superintendent

Paul Turner reported that the administrators, through the Washington State Leadership Academy are working with Jeanine Butler and are developing the new step on the Problem of Practice. Admin team walk-throughs are scheduled to do every other week. By spring, the hope is to have a couple teachers do the walk-throughs with them to be able to do some self-monitoring. Administrators and teachers are tracking their time dealing with TPEP so they can see how time is spent on this in a year so a tracking analysis can be done. Strategic planning, there is one person who said they would facilitate and are still looking at two more local people. The start-up of school has been good.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capital and Maintenance & Operation Levies

Discussion was held regarding staffing, class offerings, and building on to the facilities to accommodate the increased classes and how they will be tied to the levies. Board members were encouraged to contact Mr. Turner

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable

Paul Turner and Debbie Kitterman explained the expenses for the month of September.
Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the accounts payable for September be approved. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Non-Represented Staff Pay Scale Adjustments

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to postpone the approval of the non-represented staff pay scale adjustments to the October 14 board meeting. Catherine Stangland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

School Board Meeting Dates

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to add a special board meeting be held on October 7 for the purpose of Capital and M&O levies, to hold a special meeting to approve the consent agenda on December 20 at 12:00 p.m. and to cancel the regular meeting on December 23. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

REPORTS

Paul Turner reviewed the Treasurer's, expenditures, and budget status reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Catherine Stangland reported on the WSSDA School Board class on Equity that she attended, remarking that it was very good and worthwhile.

Catherine Stangland is interested in talking about Data Dashboard. One of the districts has their Data Dashboard up at every board meeting and she is interested in having that available.

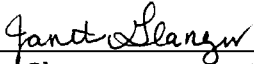
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 30 minutes for negotiations and to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

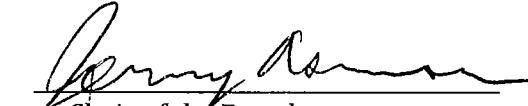


Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the September 23, 2013 regular board meeting (3 pages) were approved at the October 14, 2013 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board