

Tonasket School District #404
"Focused on Learning, Linking Learning to Life"

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
In the Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joyce Fancher called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with Sharron Cox, Ernesto Cerrillo, Jennie Wilson and Rac'qel Plank present. Superintendent Kevin Young and secretary Anitra Atchison were also present. Also in attendance was Trisha Roach, Kelwy El-Haj, Kristi Krieg, Bobbi Catone, Ron Parker, Jack Denison and others in person and remotely.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Joyce Fancher led the flag salute at 6:03 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – Yes – Updated consent agenda and Jack Denison, transportation Supervisor, to give a verbal report.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – Yes

Jeannette Holocher, Outreach Director, spoke about her roll and duties she has in her position, expressed her thoughts about the future of the Outreach Program and answered questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Ernesto Cerrillo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

REPORTS

Financial

Bobbi Catone reviewed the year end and monthly financial reports.

Maintenance

Ron Parker, maintenance supervisor, reviewed the year to date and his future goals before the school year's end for the facilities and maintenance.

Transportation

Jack Denison transportation supervisor, discussed the current grants that have been applied for that would pay for electric buses. He talked about the benefits and cons of the electric bus system and what it would take to implement one in the district.

Administrator

Trisha Roach discussed the struggles that the HS staff has dealt with over the winter months, from personal issues to sickness, and they have shined through to support students and each other. The counseling office is offering personal appointments for families needing help with financial aid. The student-led art auction in December was very successful, and the Teen Kitchen program cooked and served the dinner for the event. The music concert was very well attended by families, staff, and community members. The pep band started in January and is making steady improvements and fans are really enjoying having them perform at games again. Mrs. Roach gave a comparison between multiple years of Algebra numbers and statistics. The HS is sending out progress reports at the halfway mark of the quarter. Online math tutoring through a free program of Microsoft has started.

Kelwy El-Haj reported on the enrollment numbers in the middle school. The MS staff development was a GLAD (guided language Acquisition Design) refresher training. April Cole has begun 6th grade camp preparations and has received an outdoor school grant which will be used to improve the conditions of the campground for 6th grade camp. It will be used to purchase mattresses and dishes. Brian Ellis received a grant for improvements to the existing greenhouse. There is a Migrant meeting on February 21 at 6 pm. The middle school has been actively working on its vision and mission.

Superintendent

Kevin Young discussed the Kiwanis groundhog brunch happening on Saturday. Mr. Young also talked about MTSS director Kristi Krieg applying for and receiving a Healthy School Healthy Kids grant for building a sizeable multi-use structure down by Outreach and Tennis courts that can be used for physical education, wrestling room, etc.

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NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the 180-Day School Year Waiver for family conferences and received input from the superintendent and administrators. They agreed to pursue the 180-day waiver and prepare the resolution for approval at the next board meeting.

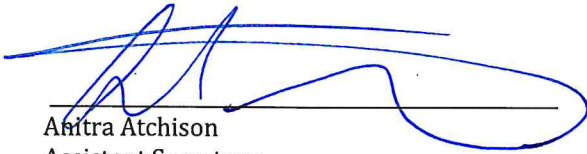
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION - Yes

The Board moved into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for 20 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 8:19 p.m.

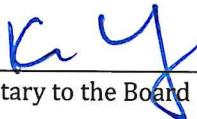
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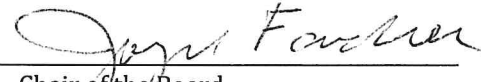
Chair Joyce Fancher adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.



Anitra Atchison
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the January 31, 2024 regular board meeting (two pages) were approved at the February 27, 2024 special board meeting.



Secretary to the Board

Chair of the Board