

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session, Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Rhonda Hogstad, Trustee Mark Berg, Trustee Billie Bergstrom, Trustee Manny Zuniga, Superintendent Brent Lindgren, and Business Manager Jeanne Carroll.

The chair called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

There were adjustments to the agenda. Variance Request was added under Old Business.

AGENDA ADJ

Manny Zuniga made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mark Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Thank You—Suzie Zentz

Suzie thanked the Board for her retirement party and her years working at Canyon Creek School.

Mr. Lipp reviewed his administrative report with the trustees.

ADMIN REPORT

- SBAC testing starts next week on March 25th or possibly the following week. Some teachers are running through practice tests right now. Testing should be done in one week or a split week. He said we are all ready to go.
- PTO is in full force right now. Combined between the book fair and their reading event, they raised \$5,000. The students had an assembly last Friday where students were in a drawing for bikes and Kindle Fire devices. He said everyone had a good time and the PTO enjoyed doing such a positive event with the kids. He wants to thank the Masonic Lodge for donating some of the items at the assembly. Brent will be meeting with the PTO about large projects for the kids.
- The community dinner is in full force. Thanks to Billie, Tracy and the PTO for getting this going. He said last year, they had a great time visiting with the community.
- It is levy season so he would like to recommend a financial committee meeting in the near future. The budget item is later on the agenda. It is also time for negotiations.
- He has been working with other rural schools to develop stronger professional training for our districts. They will be offering a summer institute to have staff work together, especially the specialists. They will be allowing replacement hours for October. The dates are June 10 and 11th. There will be independent CPR training in August for any staff, and he is asking the board to pick up the cost on that. Brent will document the time for the teachers. He said the benefit of that is that we can pick the topics that specifically meet our needs.
- The Community Newsletter went out with mishaps. A corrected one will be going out today or tomorrow. We are shooting for 3 community newsletters. The next newsletter will be addressing the levy, if we are going to have one. Thanks to Ms. Egan and Mrs. Carroll for all of the help with this project.
- He said we are very excited about the LEGO robotics unit that is being taught in the Jr. High Tech Ed class. He will keep the board informed in regards to how this transpires and hopefully there will be a presentation in the near future. 16 students can work on the unit at one time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve School Calendar for 2015-16

CALENDAR

Manny Zuniga made a motion to approve the 2015-16 school calendar as it was presented. Billie Bergstrom seconded. Brent talked about the few options available. This calendar is almost a replica of District #2 for parents. There are only

two days that don't line up. All voted in favor.

2. *2015-16 Budget Information/Approve Mill Levy Dollars* **2015-16 BUDGET/LEVY**

Jeanne put budget information in the packet. She explained that the highest budget with a vote would put us slightly ahead of this year's budget. Otherwise, the 2015-16 budget will be \$1,476.11 short of this year's budget. The mill levy amount needed is \$49,796.64 or approximately 15.43 mills. *Mark Berg moved to approve asking for the mill levy amount of \$49,796.64 or approximately 15.43 mills. Billie Bergstrom seconded.* Jeanne said she felt the mill levy was more urgent than the Tech Levy at this time. Brent talked about how the deficit gets larger and larger every year every time a mill levy isn't passed. He suggested perhaps we could do the Tech Levy election next year. He listed dollar amounts other districts are asking for. Our \$49,796.64 levy is breaking even for us. He said special projects are on hold. All voted in favor.

3. *Review Applications/Set up Trustee Interviews* **TRUSTEE VACANCY/APPT**

We have applications submitted both from Joel Junso and Kimberly Harper. Brent proposed a special meeting on March 30th. The Board agreed.

4. *Business Manager/Clerk Evaluation Forms* **BUSINESS MANAGER EVAL FORMS**

Rhonda asked to have the completed evaluation forms back to Brent By April 10th.

5. *Special Board Meeting Date* **SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULING**

Brent would like to have a special meeting for staffing concerns, issues with the Personnel Committee before the 26th, and then the Special Board meeting on the 30th. All were in agreement it would be at 6:30 p.m.

6. *Approve Changed Variance Request for Accreditation* **VARIANCE REQUEST CHANGE**

The Board needs to approve the changed variance request for accreditation.

7. *Approve Tetra Tech Proposal* **CORROSION CONTROL SYSTEM**

Brent explained all water adjustments have been done so far, except the increased level of copper readings in our testing. We were over by 1 decibel in one spot in one water fountain that is rarely used. It's not going to hurt anyone or make anyone sick, it just doesn't meet DEQ standards. All copper readings on the other side of the building are always very low. With wells being connected to the entire building, there may be a change. Brent reviewed the proposal with the first part just being testing \$5600 for that time period. The second part is for the actual work, system implementation, if they exceed copper readings, then it forces us to do a corrosion control system to coat the lines so there is no sluffing from the flux that was used from the 1990's and earlier, which is \$4600. So the estimate is close to \$10,000, which would need to come out of next year's budget. *Mark Berg made a motion and Manny Zuniga seconded, to spend these funds if needed.* Brent thanked Pam Reed for all the extra effort she put in and she has gone out of her way to cut costs and keep costs as minimal as possible. She is also a parent here. *All voted in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS

8. *Negotiations Committee Meeting Date March 30th* **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

9. *Approve Changed Variance Request* **VARIANCE REQUEST CHANGE**

Manny Zuniga moved to approve the corrected variance request. Billie Bergstrom seconded. Brent said the variance request is to address having a .07 principal absence in the junior high. Brent said he just put the wrong number on it on the original variance he sent in. *All voted in favor.*

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Committee Updates

Negotiations Updates

Update on Water Sample

There being no further business, Manny Zuniga moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Mark Berg seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

Rhonda Hogstad, Chair