

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 School Board Meeting  
September 10, 2013

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:06.

2. Roll Call

Board members in attendance were Chairman Tara Hicks and Trustee Bill Steffes. Vice Chairman Joseph Lundquist was delayed and joined the meeting at 7:45. Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dan Keck, Board Clerk Fran Howell.

Patrons in attendance were: Joy Jacobson, Sheri Poulsen, Laura Baarda, Tom Walsh, Chenoa Allen, Joy Ghetia, EllaRae Hasselstrom, Linda Sargent, Marie Hammon, Pauline Scholes, Amy Sailer.

3. At this time, Mrs. Hicks explained to the audience that there would be new procedures at board meetings to make the meeting more formal and professional.

4. Agenda Amendment

Mrs. Hicks called for a motion to adopt Board Action, #5, Scheduling of 2013-2014 School Board Meetings. Bill Steffes moved that the agenda be so amended. Chairman Hicks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. The board reviewed the minutes of the August 14, 2013 regular board meeting and the August 19, 2013 Special Board Meeting. These minutes were ordered to stand as read.

6. The board reviewed the September accounts payable and there was no discussion.

Chairman Hicks called for a motion to pay the bills. Bill Steffes so moved and Chairman Hicks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. The board reviewed the budget. Clerk Howell explained the transfer that had been made in the technology budget. There were no other questions.

8. Information Items

Mr. Keck presented an update on the iSchool implementation. He stated that the wiring was done and access points were done, and anticipates completion on Thursday with full deployment on Friday.

Mr. Keck also updated the board on the library consolidation matter. He reported that the CHC Foundation had given a \$20,000.00 grant to upgrade our library shelving, and that there will be two computer stations as well. We anticipate going public sometime in October, with public hours at a proposed 3:30-6:30. There will also be a locking gateway across the hallway to prevent access throughout the building.

The board gave approval for Mr. Keck to go ahead and purchase a security system from Peak Alarm for \$2500.00.



Before allowing Public Comment, Chairman Hicks stated that public comment is encouraged and that students are the first priority. After asking permission, Mr. Keck stated that patrons should address the Chairman as Madame Chairman or Chairman Hicks, and that patrons should state their name.

#### 9. Public Input

Tom Walsh addressed concerns before the board about the proposed policy readings. One of his concerns was that the public and their input were excluded from certain timelines outlined in the new policies. Mr. Keck responded that there was no intent to exclude the public.

Chenoa Allen addressed the board and expressed appreciation for the boards' efforts to improve professionalism. She also appreciates their effort to get training. She felt that communication has been poor in the past. She also expressed concerns about the new proposed policy.

#### 10. Action Items

Sheri Poulsen, representing the firm of Jensen Poulsen, presented to the board the financial highlights of the recent audit. There was not as much of a decline this year as there was last year. She cautioned the board to watch that fund balances do not get too low. She also suggested some tools to be used with the 2M Data system, and suggested that both revenues and expenditures be closely watched. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to accept the audit for the 2013-2013 school year as presented. Bill Steffes so moved, Joseph Lundquist seconded. The motion carried. The roll call vote was: Tara Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes.

Mr. Keck, in discussing the discarding of old technology equipment, that board approval is needed to do some kind of sale or auction, and that if the equipment is valued under \$500.00, the board can just sell. PC Plus appraised our old computers at \$200.00, and therefore Mr. Keck would like to offer the computers to the community at that price. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to allow the sale of any old technology and/or classroom equipment. Bill Steffes so moved. Joseph Lundquist seconded. The motion carried. The roll call vote was: Tara Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes.

Laura Baarda requested from the board that a bus stop at Chapel in the Valley is allowed for after school classes. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to allow our us to drop off students at the Chapel in the Valley for grades K-4 for Thursday School and grades 5-8 on Wednesdays for the Wednesday Middle School Group. Bill Steffes so moved. Joseph Lundquist seconded. The motion carried. The roll call vote was: Tara Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes.

The board held the first reading of proposed Policies 1550, 1550F, 1510. Chairman Hicks called for a motion as the first reading of Policies 1550, 1550F,



and 1510 to replace existing policies. Bill Steffes so moved. Joseph Lundquist seconded. The motion carried. The roll call vote was: Tara Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month for school board meeting for the 2013-2014 school year. Bill Steffes so moved. Joseph Lundquist seconded. The motion carried. The roll call vote was: Tara Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. Mr. Keck expressed thanks to the public for input, and stated that we need a stronger policy for public input.

11. Upcoming events include: PTO 5K Run 9/14, Girls VB home vs. Teton 9/17, Girls VB @ Teton 9/23, Girls VB @ Ririe 9/24, Girls VB home vs. Ririe 10/1, In-Service/No School 10/3, 10/4, Girls VB home vs. faculty 10/7.
12. October board meeting was set for October 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
13. The board then adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

  
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Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 School Board Meeting  
Special Board Meeting  
September 27, 2013

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

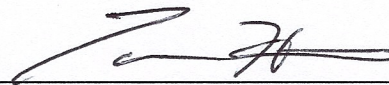
Board members in attendance were Chairman Tara Hicks, Trustee Bill Steffes, Vice -Chairman Joseph Lundquist. Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dan Keck, Board Clerk Fran Howell.

Patrons in attendance were: None.

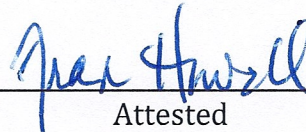
3. At this time, Mr. Keck presented the proposed Differential Pay Plan for the district. The board discussed and studied it in length, asking several questions. Chairman Hicks felt that the growth percentage should be higher than presented, and Mr. Lundquist agreed. Mr. Steffes would also like to see higher achievement in the students and provide a strong motivation for teachers to accomplish that achievement, but is okay with the following percentages of students showing growth: 75% for a full share, 70% for  $\frac{3}{4}$  share, 65%  $\frac{1}{2}$  share, and 60% for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  share. Mr. Keck stated that most districts' plans are similar to this plan.

Chairman Hicks called for a motion to accept the Swan Valley School Districts' Differential Pay Plan for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Steffes so motioned. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The roll call was: Chairman Hicks, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

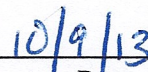
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.



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