

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

Present: Chairman Tara Hicks, Vice Chairman Joseph Lundquist, Trustee Bill Steffes, Superintendent Dan Keck, Clerk Fran Howell
Patrons: Joy Jacobson, Tom Walsh, EllaRae Hasselstrom, Laura Baarda, Chenoa Allen, Pauline Scholes, Rayni Kopp, Jenny Lundquist

Mrs. Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00, and she led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Steffes moved to adopt the agenda with the inclusion of Accounts Payable after the Approval of the Minutes. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tara Hicks was sworn in by clerk Howell as Zone 3 Trustee for a period of 4 years.

Mrs. Hicks opened nominations for school board chairman. Mr. Steffes nominated Mrs. Hicks as school board chairman. Mr. Lundquist seconded. Mrs. Hicks opened nominations for school board vice-chairman. Mr. Steffes nominated Joseph Lundquist as vice chairman. Mrs. Hicks seconded. Mrs. Hicks opened nominations for school board clerk. Mr. Steffes nominated Fran Howell. Mr. Lundquist seconded.

At 7:04 the board recessed into executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 in order to discuss the hiring of school personnel. The board returned into open session at 7:14 and reported the action of hiring an elementary teacher under Action Item #1 on the agenda.

The minutes of the 6/12/13 board meeting were ordered to stand as read.

The board reviewed the accounts payable. Mrs. Hicks asked a question about PowerSchool. Mr. Steffes moved to pay the bills. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the current budget and there were no questions.

Before public comment, Mrs. Hicks reminded the public that comment was for input only and not questions. Mrs. Allen commented about the amendment to the May 2013 board meeting she had submitted via email and had not heard back on. She also wanted an update on the security system proposal. Mr. Walsh asked about the status of the technology grant. Mr. Walsh also asked about the gifted and talented program and wanted to know if there was a program in place. Mr. Walsh also asked about in-service training that the board of trustees put together for the staff. Mrs. Allen expressed frustration about the lack of communication from the school board. Mr. Walsh recommended to the board that the board meetings be tape recorded for accurate representation. Mr. Keck asked permission from the chairman to reply to some of the questions. He stated that the security system would be looked at in the next month or two. He stated that the district was not awarded the technology grant. He stated that there is a deadline of October for the gifted and talented plans to be submitted. Joy Jacobson thanked the board for all the work that they do.


Mr. Keck stated that a teacher had resigned, and that the committee for last month's hire looked at the other candidates that had applied. He said that Shirlee Hunter, Rayni Kopp, Tom Walsh, and himself recommend Amy Sailer to be hired. Mr. Lundquist moved to hire Amy Sailer as a teacher for the 13-14 school year. Mr. Steffes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keck stated that purchasing PowerSchool needs board approval. Mr. Steffes moved to purchase PowerSchool. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There are no upcoming events. August board meeting was set for August 14, 2013 at 7 PM. Mrs. Hicks adjourned the meeting at 7:26.



Trustee



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Clerk

Dear Trustees,

Mike and I have reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2013 school board meeting. We appreciate Fran's efforts in reporting all comments made at the meeting. It could not have been easy, but she did a great job. However, because the meeting minutes create an official record of our statements, we respectfully ask that the minutes be amended to more closely convey what we said at the meeting. Our proposed edits are as follows:

On page 2:

Mike Allen: ~~He stated that no one disagrees that quality and quantity are mutually exclusive. He stated that everyone should agree that quality and quantity are not mutually exclusive.~~ He feels that both quality and quantity are important more time equals a better education. He questioned that recesses were being cut out. He said that after two hours kids are zoned out, and that it's important to have breaks.

Chenoa Allen: ~~She feels that taking our afternoon recess away is not working. She stated that we already tried to take away afternoon recess for 4th graders this year and it did not work—4th graders still participated in afternoon recess. She is afraid that the kids are falling behind because they won't have a break.~~ The fourth graders need recess. She is also afraid that the implementation of the core curriculum and the introduction of iSchool ~~will not work and will not be seamless~~ and extra time is needed to aid in transitioning to the new curriculum. ~~She thinks kids will lose out with the time it takes to implement.~~ She feels a need for more excellence in education.

Also, please note the following correction in the first paragraph on page 6:

~~2/10~~ 1/17 is a teacher contract day and not a student contact day, and the calendar listed ~~2/10~~ 1/17 as both.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

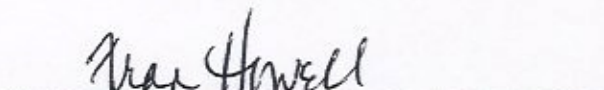
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