

Minute of the Swan Valley School District #92 School Board Meeting
August 13, 2014

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call:
Board Members in Attendance: Chairman Tara Hicks, Vice-Chairman Joseph Lundquist, and Trustee Bill Steffes. Others in attendance: Building Administrator Judy Thomas and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons in Attendance: Ron Peterson, Lanae Jacobson, Joy Jacobson, Tom Walsh, Jaason Pruett, Jen Ozburn, Amy Sailer, Kelly Jacobson, Marie Hammon, Melanie Jacobson, Mark Lundquist, Pauline Scholes, Rayni Kopp, Shannon Anderson, Laura Baarda, Mike Allen, Peter Zwagerman.
4. Agenda Adoption: Chairman Hicks called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. §67-2345(a) to discuss personnel. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. Roll Call: Tara Hicks, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. Joseph Lundquist, yes. The board moved into executive session at 7:03.
6. At 9:18, Chairman Hicks called for a motion to move back into Open Session. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Chairman Hicks ordered the minutes of the July 9, 2014 board meeting to stand as read.
8. The board reviewed the accounts payable and there were no questions. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. The board reviewed the budget. There were no questions.
10. Information Items
 - a. Ms. Thomas informed the board that both the custodian and (former) bus technician feels that the bus barn floor can be repaired without resurfacing the entire floor. She also asked the board for approval to do a formal recognition and thank you to Mike Yasuda for his 21 years of service to the District, to which they agreed.
 - b. Ms. Thomas also advised the board that the district was dropping PowerSchool due to costs and too much program content and will replace it with Schoology.com, a free web based program.
 - c. Ms. Thomas spoke about the districts' math curriculum and the desire of the teachers to adopt a digitally designed program called Go Math, which includes both print and digital components. Ms. Thomas recommended postponing a decision due to budgetary concerns, and that the teachers can start with Saxon math. Ms. Thomas will research whether the new State Professional Development monies can be used for math curriculum.
 - d. Ms. Thomas told the board that there had been no applicants for the bus technician position. Mrs. Pauline Scholes suggested that the school contact her husband for possible employment for that position.
 - e. Ms. Thomas spoke about the upcoming Plant Facility Levy on August 26, 2014, and the need and uses of the money. It was decided that information flyers would be placed at businesses around the valley, as well as having some information available at Art in the Park this weekend.

- f. Public Comment included: Jen Ozburn reading a letter she prepared for the board and community about the changes in the school. Amy Sailer also read a her letter, and Marie Hammon read her letter as well. Laura Baarda expressed appreciation to the board for continued support of dropping off students at Chapel in the Valley for their Middle School and Thursday School programs. She requested bus service again for this upcoming school year. At this time Chairman Hicks called for a motion to amend the agenda to include #3 Action Item Chapel in the Valley Drop Off. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Steffes at this time also stated that every action now has a dollar sign attached to it, and that financing and enrollment needs to change in this district. He stated that finances are ugly and that changes are coming. He thanked everyone for hanging in there.

11. Action Items

- a. Ms. Thomas shared the recently created District Strategic Plan that will be placed on the District Website and explained the components of it. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to accept the Strategic Plan. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Board Action Item #2 Realignment of Staff was tabled until the September 2014 board meeting.
- c. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to drop students off at Chapel in the Valley on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


12. Upcoming Events include: 8/25-28 Teacher Work/Professional Development Days, 8/26 Levy Election, 8/27 Back to School Night, 9/2 First Day of School, 9/8 School Picture Day.

13. September School Board Meeting was set for September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

14. Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.



Approved



Attest



Date