

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District No. 92 School Board Meeting
March 11, 2015

1. Call to Order: Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:34 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Board Members in attendance were: 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: Mike Allen, Stephanie Grover, Laura Baarda, Marie Hammon, Melanie Jacobson, Pauline Scholes
4. Agenda Adoption: With the tabling of Action Item #1, Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the amended 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 for the purpose of considering the evaluation of the building administrator and to consider a grievance filed by an employee. Mr. Lundquist so moved. Mr. Steffes seconded. Roll Call vote was: Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. Tara Hicks, yes. The board retired into executive session at 6:36.
6. At 7:16 the board moved back into open session and there were no actions to be taken.
7. The minutes of the 2/12/15 board meeting were ordered to stand as read, with the correction of making a "@" to a "&" under item #4.
8. The board reviewed the accounts payable. A couple of questions were asked. 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. The Building Administrator Report included: Ms. Thomas informed the board that the Continuous Improvement Plan had been approved by the SDE and that it's effective until November 2015. She further informed the board that the SDE had extra federal dollars for Title 1 and that we had successfully made an application for an additional \$3000.00. Ms. Thomas stated that the math professional development coach was coming for an after school session for teachers on April 9. Finally, the 3rd Quarter reading challenge is ending soon, and the 4th Quarter Reading Challenge will be an excursion pay off with a picnic and hike up Palisades Creek. The criteria will be the same as it was last year.
 - b. Ms. Thomas discussed information, which she has received from Hank Povey; SDE, about what specs the district should bid for the new bus. Mr. Povey is also checking out whether our district can piggyback with another district for the purchase. The board instructed Ms. Thomas to have a price for an "auto-chain" included in the bid.
 - c. The board was told that there have been 11 applicants for the Building Administrator position. Ms. Thomas suggested that the board create a committee and timeline to use for this search. The board will be on the committee, and they will choose two more members. A meeting was scheduled for 3/16/15 to determine the criteria for rating and scoring the applications, and a preliminary read of the applications. The board would like the salary to be where it is now.
 - d. Ms. Thomas presented to the board 2 calendars to consider for the 2015-2016 school year. The calendar committee, consisting of herself, Melanie Jacobson, Pauline Scholes, and Marie Hammon, were in attendance, and the board asked Ms. Hammon about having quarters vs.

trimesters. Ms. Hammon stated that one teacher had a concern about changing her quarter units to trimester units, and the board asked Ms. Hammon if it would be difficult for Ms. Hammon to change her units. Ms. Hammon stated that it would be very easy for her to do that. At this time, the board allowed Ms. Hammon to give public comment about why she feels trimesters are better. Different ending times were factored into each calendar, and Ms. Hammon felt strongly that the district should stay with the 3:15 dismissal time vs. a 3:30 dismissal time. The board directed Ms. Thomas to put both calendars on Survey Monkey for patron preference.

11. Public Comment:

Speaking as a parent, Bill Steffes shared his thoughts and impressions on the Mars Rover Challenge that some of our students are participating in after-school groups. He feels that it is important to keep the kids involved and that maturation has to come about from this experience. He stated that it is an awesome project, and encouraged it to be carried on.

12. Action Items:

Item #1 (Motion to accept 1st reading of revised Policy 5221 & 3110) was tabled for a later date, and Board Action Item #2 (Motion to approve Calendar #? for the 2015-2016 school year) was tabled until the April Board Meeting.

13. Coming Events: Spring Break 3/20-3/27, Parent Teacher Conferences 4/1, Art Show & Book Fair 4/1-4/3.

14. April board meeting was set for 4/8/15 at 7:00.

15. Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 8:44.



Approved



Attested



Date