

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 Board Meeting
February 20, 2018

1. Call to Order: Chairman Scholes called the meeting to order at 7:01 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Pauline Scholes, Vice-Chairman Jessica Poole, Trustee Diane Hulse. Others in attendance: Superintendent Michael Jacobson and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons Present: Mark Lundquist, Laura Baarda, EllaRae Hasselstrom, Melanie Jacobson, Chenoa Allen, Joseph Lundquist
4. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Poole moved to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Scholes ordered the minutes of the 1/16/18 board meeting to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. There were several questions. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. There was no discussion on the current budget.
8. Information Items:
 - a. There was some discussion between Mrs. Hulse and Mr. Jacobson as to the purpose of having a board work meeting. Mrs. Hulse wants to meet as a board to discuss identifying and working towards goals. Mr. Jacobson feels that the teachers should be involved directly with the board as he doesn't want to be the middle-man between the board and teachers. Mrs. Hulse explained again that she wants to meet just as a board, and Mrs. Scholes agreed. A board work meeting to discuss goals was set for 3/13/18 at 6 PM, prior to the regular board meeting. Mrs. Hulse stated that teachers' attendance at the work meeting can be optional, but that she really wants to work together as a team among the board members.
 - b. The board chose to use utilize the current Ririe/Melba Superintendent's Evaluation Form as our district's form.
 - c. The Superintendent's Report included Mr. Jacobson sharing that our on-site transportation audit went well, and that the Red Cross appointment had been canceled and moved to the end of this week. Mrs. Hulse asked how the Valentine's Dance went and he stated that it was good with good attendance.
 - d. Public Comment included:
 - i. Laura Baarda stated that she is very concerned about our high school students in Idaho Falls who aren't getting the same accommodations that others do and wants a formal agreement with Teton, Ririe, and Idaho Falls regarding taking our students. She feels that the odds are stacked against them and wants our kids treated the same. She doesn't want them to feel at risk all of the time. Mrs. Poole stated that she feels that Idaho Falls is protecting themselves by not taking our students because of over-crowding. Mrs. Scholes stated that not having a formal agreement with Idaho Falls has been on her radar and she's brought it up to Mr. Jacobson several times. Chenoa Allen shared some recent experiences with her son regarding Idaho Falls and how she felt due process wasn't given her son regarding a recent incident. Mr. Jacobson said that he was meeting with the State Department of Education about how elementary districts should deal with utilizing neighboring districts for high school. There continued to be more discussion among all of the patrons. Mrs. Scholes stated that Mr. Jacobson has something in the works.
 - ii. Joseph Lundquist asked the board to consider how to integrate our students into the social, sports, and academic realm of Ririe, and wondered if students should start going to Ririe for Middle School. He asked that the board discuss this at the March Work Meeting as he feels there should be a plan to integrate these students faster. Mrs. Hulse suggested that Mr. Jacobson talk to Chad Williams, the Superintendent of Ririe, and work together for possible integration. Mrs. Scholes commented that not everyone wants to go to Ririe and that she wants options other than Ririe available.

9. Board Action:

- a. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to approve a bus stop change. Mrs. Poole so motioned. Mrs. Hulse asked the question as to when it was discussed because it had been tabled at last month's board meeting. Mrs. Scholes told Mrs. Hulse that Mr. Jacobson had taken a number of steps, which Mr. Jacobson then outlined. He quoted an outline from a document discussing best selection of bus stops, which guidelines eliminated the corner of Highway 26 and 31 which is the current stop, and also showed a map to the board. He stated that all of the bus drivers unanimously suggested stopping at the Swan Valley Post Office instead. Mr. Jacobson said the Angus parking lot doesn't work, and that going up Highway 31 isn't feasible either. Mr. Jacobson took the SDE area transportation consultant down to Swan Valley and his recommendation was also the Swan Valley Post Office. Mr. Jacobson said that he tried to visit with Mrs. Walker with all of this information. He also referenced some of our transportation policy and said that we need to fix some of the policies with stronger wording. He also indicated that he had visited with the state transportation department that they will be doing a study of that intersection and how to make it safer for children. Mrs. Scholes changed the motion to state changing the bus stop from Rainey Creek Country Store to the Swan Valley Post Office. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Scholes called for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar. Mrs. Poole so motioned. At this point Mrs. Hulse interjected that she hadn't seen the parent survey that's been widely discussed until after last board meeting and feels that the majority of parents don't want school to go after Memorial Day. Mrs. Scholes stated that the percentages all even out. Mrs. Hulse then stated that she feels good communication with the parents is important and doesn't think this is the way to go with extending the calendar. She wants the parents happy and feels it warrants a little more discussion. Mrs. Scholes stated that she's spoken with the teachers and that's what they want. Mrs. Hulse said that the bottom line is if we represent the parents in the district we should listen to them. Mrs. Poole said that she wants to give it a try for next year and if it doesn't work out we can revert back to being out before Memorial Day. Mrs. Hulse reiterated that she doesn't feel good about it. Mrs. Scholes called for a vote and the motion carried 2-1 (Mrs. Scholes, Mrs. Poole: Yay. Mrs. Hulse: Nay)
 - c. Mrs. Scholes called to open the e-Rate Category 2 bids. Mr. Jacobson gave out 3 bids to the board. They rated the bids on a matrix. Mrs. Scholes called for a motion to accept Silver Star's bid based on the vendor's selection rubric. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Hulse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Coming events include: 3/1 On-Site Special Ed audit, 3/1 Final boys' basketball game, 3/2 Read Across America Activity.
11. March board meeting was set for 3/13/18 at 7 PM with a work session at 6:00 PM and an Executive Session at the end of Open Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation.
12. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Scholes at 8:15.


Approved


Attested


Date