

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 School Board Meeting
February 12, 2014

1. Call to Order:

Trustee Bill Hicks called the meeting to order at 5:05 and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members in attendance: Vice Chairman Joseph Lundquist, Trustee Bill Steffes. Chairman Tara Hicks was absent but was linked in on a cell phone to hear the meeting. Others in attendance: Superintendent Dan Keck and Board Clerk Fran Howell.

3. Patrons in attendance: Amy Sailer, Marie Hammon, Mark Lundquist, Sharon Hunter, Ron Peterson, Laurie Hamlin, Josh Hamlin, Shania Hamlin, Susan Mayberry, Joy Jacobson, Scott Hunter, Daryl Hunter, Tom Walsh, Amy Page, Tristyn Page, Audi Sutheimer, Angel Wilson, Amanda Wilson, Jared Johnson, Kate Johnson, Troy Vias, Destri Vias, Chance Vias, Jamie Pruett, Laura Baarda, Mike Allen, Brandy Urrutia, Matthew Urrutia, Amy Ausland.

4. Two agenda items were added to the proposed agenda. Action Item #1, Approval of School Closure, and Information Item #3 to read High School Bus Information, not Discussion. With the two changes, Mr. Lundquist moved to adopt the proposed agenda. Mr. Steffes seconded. The motion passed

5. The board reviewed the accounts payable. Mr. Steffes asked if the new copy machine was now networked, which it is. Mr. Lundquist moved to pay the bills. Mr. Steffes seconded. The motion passed.

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

7. Information Items:

- a. Mr. Keck presented recent IRI testing scores that showed raised achievement and growth. A winter test was done as a benchmark.
- b. Mr. Keck explained that a committee of staff members and parents had put together a proposed 2014-2015 school calendar based on survey results and other factors. The audience were given copies with the intent the calendar be studied, and to allow comments at the March board meeting regarding the calendar. The proposed calendar will also be posted on the school website.
- c. Mr. Keck gave an explanation of the history of the districts fund balance in recent years, and referenced a board work meeting held last December to discuss ways to trim the budget. He announced that there would be a special board meeting before the March board meeting in which the board will take input from the public about any budget matter. One of those matters will be the consolidation of the high school bus routes, which Mr. Keck hopes will be looked at as not an emotional issue but a financial issue. There were many questions asked by the audience at this point. Mr. Steffes also explained what expenses have occurred to drop our fund balance in recent years.

8. Public Comment:

- a. Ron Peterson asked that the districts current ideas for trimming the budget be posted on the website for a brain tease to get everyone thinking.
- b. Laurie Hamlin asked about the possibility of having a counselor at the school as she feels there's some bullying activity and children would benefit from a

counselor. Mr. Steffes indicated that this issue would be put on the March agenda for board meeting.

c. Audi Sutheimer wanted to know how many grants had been applied for last year. She also wanted to have time to comment on the calendar before adoption by the board, and the process was explained to her that the March meeting would be the time for comment before adoption in April.

d. Tom Walsh passed on commenting as his question concerned the high school busing issue.

9. Action Items:

a. Mr. Steffes called for a motion to approve the emergency closure of school on Friday, February 7 because of impassable roads due to a snowstorm. Mr. Lundquist so moved. Mr. Steffes seconded. The roll call vote was: Mr. Steffes, yes. Mr. Lundquist, yes.

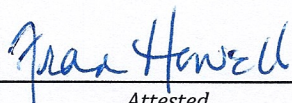
10. Upcoming events include the Book Fair March 10-14.

11. March board meeting was set for March 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

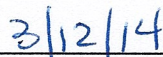
12. The meeting adjourned at 5:55.



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Date