


Minutes of the Swan Valley School District No. 92 School Board Meeting
August 12, 2015

1. Call to Order: Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:02 and led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Tara Hicks, Jessica Poole, and Pauline Scholes. Also in attendance were: Superintendent Joe Krause and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons in Attendance: Twila Ferguson, Laura Baarda, Ron Peterson
4. Agenda Adoption: Chairman Hicks called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Scholes so motioned. Mrs. Poole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Chairman Hicks called for a nomination for School Board Chairman. Mrs. Scholes nominated Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Poole seconded. Mrs. Hicks remains the Board Chairman. Chairman Hicks called for a nomination for Board Vice Chairman. Mrs. Scholes nominated Mrs. Poole. Mrs. Hicks seconded. Mrs. Poole becomes the Board Vice Chairman. Chairman Hicks called for a nomination for Board Clerk and nominated Ms. Howell. Mrs. Scholes seconded. Ms. Howell remains the Board Clerk.
6. The minutes of the 7/16/15 school board meeting were ordered to stand as read.
7. The board reviewed the accounts payable. A few questions were asked. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The board reviewed the budget. There were no questions.
9. Information Items:
 - a. Superintendent Krause made note of conditions that attracted him to our district, such as the transparency demonstrated and innovative methods he's observed here. He wants to employ open communication within the district. Mr. Krause shared with the board a video to help them understand how he tends to look outside the box and personalize education. This excellent video helped the board to understand the decisions that he makes.
 - b. Public Comment included Laura Baarda asking the board to consider approving school bus drop off at Chapel in the Valley on Wednesdays (for Middle School) and on Thursdays (for Thursday School).
10. Board Action:
 - a. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to hire Susan Beitia as a teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. Mr. Krause discussed the attributes of Ms. Beitia, stating that she's had international experience, and displays a curious nature. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to hire Tom Smith as the high school bus driver for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to extend Kindergarten to a full day with reevaluation at the October 2015 board meeting. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. There was a lot of discussion amongst the board and Mr. Krause. The board wondered if there was data to support all day kindergarten, and wondered what the family's feeling was. Mr. Krause stated his reasons why he supports the concept, but also discussed with the board concerns from other parents. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the elementary and high school bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year, with the addition of the Chapel in the Valley bus drop off on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to accept the 3rd reading of the replacement for Policy 5221 Personnel Work Day. Mrs. Poole so motioned. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Coming Events include: 8/26 Back to School Meet and Greet, 8/31 First Day of School, 9/4 & 9/7 Labor Day Break.
12. September Board Meeting was set for September 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.
13. Chairman Hicks called the meeting adjourned at 7:55.



Approved



Attested



Date