

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District No. 92 School Board Meeting
June 8, 2016

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: Chairman Tara Hicks, Vice-Chairman Jessica Poole, and Trustee Pauline Scholes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Joe Krause and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons in attendance: Rayni Kopp, Chenoa Allen, Mike Allen, Laura Baarda, Mark Lundquist
4. Agenda Adoption: Chairman Hicks called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with the amendment of adding Approval of May 18, 2016 Special Budget Work Session minutes. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. Chairman Hicks also addressed a prior request from Mrs. Poole to amend the agenda to add an executive session. Chairman Hicks read comments from Amy White, the ISBA attorney regarding executive sessions and also read board policy of said subject. Chairman Hicks feels that the request for an executive session has not followed the proper order of grievances, which Mrs. Poole stated was the reason for the request. Mrs. Poole remarked that she would still like to have an executive session. Mrs. Scholes felt like it was not fair to have to follow the grievance order since it involves the administrator. Mrs. Poole stated she is not comfortable going to the administrator and that's why she wants an executive session. Mrs. Poole explained that she met with the school attorney, Doug Nelson, and he had advised her on what to do and how to proceed. Mrs. Poole kept advocating for the session. Mr. Krause suggested to Mrs. Poole that since she had met with our attorney that she might be precluded from any participation with future issues, and also stated that if there was an executive session that he had a right to be in it, and that he wanted the executive session recorded. He addressed further comments to Mrs. Poole and "her cousin", meaning Mrs. Scholes. He stated several times that if patrons have problems with him that they are welcome to come into his office and meet with him, as he has had several people do and come away satisfied. Mrs. Poole responded that people have come to her because they aren't comfortable speaking with him. Mrs. Hicks stated that she wants to table the request for an executive session at this meeting, but did agree to have an executive session within a week. There was no motion made.
5. The minutes of the 5/10/16 and 5/18/16 board meeting minutes were ordered to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. Mrs. Scholes asked Mr. Krause why the district was paying for a \$540.00 tuition payment to Northwest Nazarene University and \$2500.00 tuition payment to Boise State University for an Ed Specialist course when Mr. Krause's contract indicated an annual amount of \$750.00 for professional development. Mr. Krause explained why he had dropped out of the NW Nazarene course, and stated that the board are the ones that want him to be a Superintendent and it would be okay with him to drop out of the course as it would free up more time for him and leave more money for the district, but that he would not pay the money back. Mrs. Hicks called for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Poole so motioned. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The board reviewed the current budget and there were no questions.
8. Information Items:
 - a. The Superintendent Report involved Mr. Krause presenting several videos as his report to the board on technology, as requested by the board at the May board meeting. These videos discussed concepts such as Who then What, Preparing Kids for the Innovation Era, Most Likely to Succeed, and Dreaming or Dreading. These videos led into a presentation of iSchool costs over the last three years, and Mr. Krause also shared a (failed) tech grant application made two years ago. Mr. Krause recommended to the board that we keep the Apple equipment instead of selling it, as well as purchasing Chrome books for grades 3-8. Mrs. Poole asked Mr. Krause why the money that the Fleming Barn Fund Raiser in August is

receiving couldn't go towards technology costs. Mr. Krause replied that there are disgruntled people who will donate to the PTO and not the school so that the PTO will be receiving the Fleming money. Mr. Krause stated that he had asked Ms. Howell to remove his picture off of the school website so that it would not adversely affect the school raising funds. Mrs. Poole then asked Mr. Krause where the newly hired teachers were, as Mr. Krause had indicated that they would be attending this month's meeting to meet the board and none of them were present. Mr. Krause indicated that he suggested to them that they not come as he anticipated a long meeting due to the budget hearing agenda item.

- b. Public Comment: Mrs. Allen commented that she prefers a math curriculum and doesn't like IXL being the sole math-teaching tool. She would to see the structure of a curriculum, would like a textbook and a teacher teaching lessons with paper and pencils. She wondered if Chrome books would be used for teaching math. Mr. Allen came to the meeting curious about the agenda item of selling the Apple equipment, and getting Chrome books. He said he is perplexed as to what Chrome books bring. Mrs. Hicks said she is confused too and wanted to know how they are going to be used. Mr. Krause answered that Chrome books are solid-state drive with 16-32 gigs and that nothing is stored on them. They instantly come on and hold a daylong charge, which is a quick charge. They cost between \$179.00-\$250.00, and that makes the district able to continue to afford and update our technology. Everything is cloud based and makes it affordable for small schools. Jessica Poole asked if we can use iCloud with the iPads. Mark Lundquist asked who is going to the IT person for Chrome books. Mr. Krause replied that this was not the time to answer questions and he would discuss it with Mr. Lundquist after the meeting.

9. Board Action:

- a. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 school budget. Mrs. Poole so moved and Mrs. Scholes seconded. Mrs. Hicks called for discussion. Mrs. Scholes asked that \$14,000 of revenue be taken out of the technology fund as the sale of the Apple equipment was not occurring, and Ms. Howell stated that the said \$14,000 would be added from the fund balance reserve into a transfer from the general fund to technology. Mrs. Scholes also stated that the salary previously earmarked for a full time receptionist, which is no longer a need in the district, be reduced and adjusted to cover the cost of a part time aide. Chairman Hicks called on Clerk Howell to restate the motion with the above changes. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The motion to approve payment to BSU for the Ed Specialist coursework was removed.
- c. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the selling of our Apple equipment. Mrs. Poole so moved, Mrs. Scholes seconded. All three votes were nay, and the motion failed.
- d. The first reading of revised policies 5140 and 5140P was held. Mrs. Hicks read the revised proposed policy 5140. Mrs. Poole asked if all hiring and firing goes through board action. No one answered her question, however Clerk Howell remarked that one line could be interpreted as that. Mrs. Scholes read the revised proposed policy 5140P and there was some discussion. Mrs. Poole feels that the school is a dictatorship and there is a need to change the rules. Mrs. Scholes also remarked that it is a dictatorship, and Mrs. Hicks replied that it's the Superintendent's position that's a dictatorship, not the Superintendent himself. Mrs. Scholes remarked that she didn't understand why the trustees are elected to positions if they can't help the public and do their job. There was also discussion about a possible need to get a 3rd party outside of the district to be the HR Administrator and a Coordinator as our district is too small for those positions. The board all agreed to research more for the second reading. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to approve the first reading of revised policies 5140 and 5140P. Mrs. Poole so moved. Mrs. Scholes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Coming Events include: Summer Reading 5/31-June 13, Idaho Ag in the Classroom Workshop for teachers June 14-15.

11. July Board meeting was set for July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Hicks will be unable to attend.

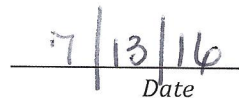
12. Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.



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Date