

Minutes of the Swan Valley School District #92 School Board Meeting
May 13, 2015

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 were: Building Administrator Judy Thomas and Board Clerk Fran Howell.
3. Patrons in Attendance: Ron Peterson, Lee Smith, Tom Smith, Brandy Urrutia, Laura Baarda, Pauline Scholes, Jessica Poole, Joy Jacobson.
4. Agenda Adoption:
Chairman Hicks called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The minutes the 4/8/15, 4/23/15, and 4/28/15 board/work meetings were ordered to stand as read.
6. The board reviewed the accounts payable. There was a question about IDLA. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The board reviewed the budget. There were no questions.
8. Information Items:
 - a. In her Building Administrator Report, Ms. Thomas stated that the recent IDFY Workshop had gone well and that she was going to sign up the school again for next year. She also stated that all testing is completed and that she will have a better picture in June to present to the board when all results are complete. She indicated that the teacher hiring committee, consisting of herself, Peter Zwagerman, Kelly Jacobson and Chenoa Allen, had interviewed candidates on 5/13 and had two strong candidates.
 - b. Clerk Howell discussed with the board a preliminary budget for 15-16. There was discussion and several questions asked.
 - c. Ms. Thomas shared with the board updated job descriptions and indicated that they are in use now.
 - d. Ms. Thomas felt that the district shouldn't pursue leasing a third party for contract busing and thinks the district should put out a bid for a new bus. The board considered this, but would like some figures given next month at board meeting of the cost of third party contract busing vs. purchase of a new bus. Ms. Thomas is also to check into leasing a new bus vs. buying a new bus.
 - e. Public Comment included Brandy Urrutia expressing her disappointment with the board concerning the non-issuance of a contract with her son's teacher. She challenged the board to look at her son's scores and to look at what his current teacher has done for him. She is sad to see the teacher go, and feels very passionate about it.
9. Board Action:
 - a. Ms. Thomas recommended to the board that as a result of interviews that the district hire Christine Krause as a teacher and Paula Gordon as a teacher. She expounded on their credentials and indicated that their references were good. She also discussed legal counsel with Doug Nelson and that there is not

nepotism in this case. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to hire two new teachers, Mrs. Krause and Mrs. Gordon for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Ms. Thomas at this time also asked for permission to exchange the May 28 scheduled work day for the teachers as a comp day, due to the numerous in-service days that the teachers have had this year. The board approved the request.

10. Upcoming events include: "Rapunzel" 5/15, Trustee Election 5/19, Badger Creek Field Trip 5/19, Palisades Field Trip 5/21, Last day of school 5/22.

11. June Board Meeting was set for June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

12. Chairman Hicks called for a motion to move into executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 for the purpose of issuance of classified contracts. Mr. Steffes so moved.


Mr. Lundquist seconded. Roll Call vote: Joseph Lundquist, yes. Bill Steffes, yes. Tara Hicks, yes. The board moved into executive session at 8:15.

13. At 9:43 Chairman Hicks called for a motion to move back into open session. Mr. Steffes so moved. Mr. Lundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Chairman Hicks stated that contracts to classified personnel do not take board action, and adjourned the meeting at 9:44.



Approved



Attested

6/10/15

Date