

**Tonasket School District #404**  
***"Focused on Learning, Linking Learning to Life"***

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
At the Aeneas Valley Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Catherine Stangland with Lloyd Caton, Ernesto Cerrillo and Joyce Fancher present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Jeremy Clark and Brian Ellis. Also present were Jack Denison, Jackie Gliddon, Rene Maldonado, Bertha Villa, Gene Jones, Andres Maldonaldo and Alex Maldonaldo.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***New Bus Financing***

Jack Denison presented information regarding an early purchase of two buses and the financing of them. The board approved the purchase of two new buses in December from Bryson Sales and Service; the buses were ordered and were to be delivered and paid for in September 2017. The buses ordered are in Spokane and ready for pickup. One of our current buses that is being replaced has had continued mechanical issues so Jack recommended replacing it right away. Bryson set the district up to finance the two buses through Santander Bank.

Board Action: Joyce Fancher moved to approve the early purchase of two buses, financing them through Santander Bank for the amount of \$205,738.23. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**WORK SESSION**

***Community Chat***

Bertha Villa read a letter expressing concerns regarding the HS Spanish teaching position. A discussion was held on how the decision is made to hire a foreign language teacher and which language(s) to offer. Part of the discussion included which languages have been offered in the past. Rene Maldonaldo shared that he understands the difficulty in making hiring decisions.

Gene Jones, community member of Aeneas Valley thanked the board for coming to the area to hold a board meeting. A discussion was held about the Aeneas Valley community.

Gene Jones commented that there are approximately 4000 people in Aeneas valley and Jack Denison added that about 60 students ride the bus. The community consists of a number of retired people with an increase in younger people moving in. There are also some people who have chosen to live off the grid. The younger people most likely work in Tonasket.

Regarding bonds and levies, Gene responded to the question on what the Aeneas Valley community needs from the school for better communication. He stated that the people in this area do not get the newspaper, they look at the bulletin board at the local store and some listen to the radio, but information is mostly by word of mouth. People in the valley need to be more informed. Ways to do that were discussed, such as sending flyers home with students and possibly using the automated calling system.

The Aeneas Valley store and the fire hall is the center of gathering for the area. An Aeneas Valley community church is being built and once the church is finished, that will also become a place to gather. About 30 people attend the church. There are also two airports in Aeneas valley.

***Middle School***

Jackie Gliddon, middle school science teacher, mentioned that middle school testing starts in May. Teachers are working with science curriculum to match with the activities at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and with the Island Wood migrant student science field trip this summer.

***Board Governance***

No discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss a complaint against a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 8:18 p.m.

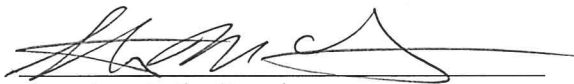
**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Catherine Stangland adjourned the meeting at 8: 18 p.m.



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Janet Glanzer  
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the April 12, 2017 regular board meeting (2 pages) were approved at the April 26, 2017 board meeting.



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Secretary to the Board



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Chair of the Board