

Tonasket School District #404
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2013
In the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen with Catherine Stangland, Lloyd Caton, and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Paul Turner and Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Liz Stucker, Jeff Hardesty, Jeremy Clark, and Jay Tyus. Also present were Brent Baker, George Hill, Patty Hill, Bob Ashmore, Rochelle Chaska, and Debbie Kitterman.

FLAG SALUTE

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:10 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the changes to the agenda be approved. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular board meeting and the February 12, 2013 special meeting be approved as corrected. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Patty Hill asked about the federal forest dollars wondering if community members can do anything.

COMMUNICATIONS

Classified School Employee Week

Paul Turner read the proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee declaring the week of March 11-15, 2013 as Classified School Employee Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the consent agenda be approved and Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SCHOOL REPORTS

High School ASB

Megan Beyers provided a report of the various club activities for the high school. Winterfest will be the week of March 4 – 8. Megan gave an overview of the activities planned for the week.

High School

Jeff Hardesty reported that the high school is working well to serve students. Randy Dorn sent out an announcement identifying schools that are leading the reform and improvement efforts in Washington State and Tonasket High School has been identified as a Reward School. Navigation 101 schedules are being enhanced. A Career Planning Day will be held on March 22 and has been set up by Tyrone Glanzer. A successful career and interest survey was sent out with 90% return. The results have not been studied yet, but it was in tandem with GEAR-Up and the STEM Vista AmeriCorps.

Middle School

Jay Tyus reported that the new ASB officers for second semester are off and running and will be participating in the fun night with the high school. Winter sports are finished. A dance was held last week and was well attended. The staff is busy with morning classes, Wednesday early releases are focused and staff are practicing and are busy with TPEP. Profile meetings for the middle school will be completed this Friday. Title 3 plan will be finished and will be ready for review. The policy review and changes are showing up in the plan along with TPEP. Migrant Summer School Grant will be available this Friday and work will be done to submit the proposal for the grant. The goal of the master schedule will be to offer the classes that students need. The team is working hard to meet the needs of students and keep balance.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark gave a public thank you to the PTO for a great winter carnival. The PTO was able to raise \$2,500. The Dr. Seuss reading assembly will be held on Friday. Staff is continuing their work around the use of data. The mid-winter progress monitoring is showing good growth. The staff is working to ensure that every child is receiving viable instruction. Staff is beginning their work around CCSS for reading and language arts in March.

Special Education

Liz Stucker reported that Wally Richards, who has been involved in Special Olympics for a long time, made the preschool a "Name Train" which is a hand-made alphabet letter system that children can use to spell their names using the letters that hook together behind a "train engine" to make their individual "Name Train." Laurie Davisson and Cherie Wahl will be attending the GLAD training this year. The high school SPED have been working with Canfields for students to work in the community.

Superintendent Update

Paul Turner reported that the final TPEP training at the ESD will be tomorrow. The district continues to work with the local entities for our safety drills to improve our safety procedures. The drill on Wednesday is being coordinated with the Tonasket Police Department to help us fine-tune our radio communications. The Director Area 7 Regional Meeting will be held on April 30 in Soap Lake. There will be a TPEP training session preceding the Regional Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Third Reading 6000 Policies: 6022, 6212, 6230, 6512, 6513, 6570, 6600, 6700

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third and final reading of policy 6513 with changes. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third reading of policy 6700. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third and final reading of policy 6022. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third reading of policy 6570. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third reading of policy 6512. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third and final reading of policy 6212. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the third and final reading of policy 6230. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Stem/GEAR-Up Report

Bob Ashmore provided a report on the items he is involved in. He spoke first about the school garden commenting that the garden committee is enthusiastic and motivated to take on tasks to establish the garden. The GEAR-Up grant was approved with emphasis in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) awareness. Mr. Ashmore reported on the STEM Professional Visitation Program and on the non-GEAR-Up grants developed-to-date. Mr. Ashmore received an invitation to assemble a STEM leadership to attend a week-long institute in Seattle in June to participate in professional development to develop a strategic plan for implementing STEM at TSD and to access state level expertise in the area of STEM.

NEW BUSINESS

Sixth Grade Camp Contracts

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the sixth grade camp contracts for Jan Ottman as camp director, Val Kauffman and Jody Terris as camp staff. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Field Trip Request

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the field trip request for Desirae Coe to take students on an Upward Bound trip to Seattle. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

State Achievement Index Status

Paul Turner reported that the State Achievement Index Status is the identification of schools under Washington's ESEA flexibility request. The elementary school has been listed as an "Emerging Priority" school. At this time we are not sure of the ramifications for the district. The high school has been listed as a "Reward" High Progress school.

March 11 Board Meeting

Paul Turner remarked that a work session will be held on March 11 where the administrators will report on the Problem of Practice and what is being done. Also on the agenda will be Voc Ed information regarding a proposal to shift the Voc Ed program from Family Consumer Science to Ag Science.

REPORTS

Paul Turner reviewed the enrollment, Treasurer's, expenditures, budget status, and lunch reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Reports

Catherine Stangland sent a response to an email from Diane Hershing who sent a letter giving feedback about the longer school day.

Catherine Stangland provided a tech committee report commenting that the tech plan needs to be done this year and is being currently worked on. A VOIP plan was approved last year, but the vendor was not approved by the state, currently three new vendors are submitting bids. The clock and bell system needs to be updated and might need to come out of the levy. Data and testing needs a work session before the end of the year.

There are problems with NWEA testing regarding the tech office. With continual changes in technology the ES computers can no longer be used for AR. The use of clickers that Scott Olson uses might be interesting to investigate. Testing in the ES tech lab is not the best location for students to test. Concerns were discussed about not enough tech professional development without the E2T2 grant so maybe an early release training should be considered.

A webpage for each class would be burdensome, but parents need more access. We are moving toward online textbooks, but that requires training for teachers and issues for students who don't have online access at home. A discussion was held about cell phone use in the classrooms because some classes are using them, do we need to look at our policy. Giving more Gaggles accounts to students was discussed. It's important for the Board to receive tech updates and that information is clear in what is happening in technology.

A Voc Ed meeting was held last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for 30 minutes for negotiations and for the review of a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.

The Board moved back in at 9:40 to continue the executive session for one hour.

The Board moved out of executive session at 10:40 p.m.

The Board moved back in at 10:40 to continue the executive session for 30 minutes.

The Board moved out of executive session at 11:10 p.m.

The Board moved back in at 11:10 to continue the executive session for 10 minutes.

The Board moved out of executive session at 11:20 p.m.

The Board moved back in at 11:20 to continue the executive session for 10 minutes.

The Board moved out of executive session at 11:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Personnel

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved approve the superintendent's recommendation to suspend Debbie Kitterman for three days. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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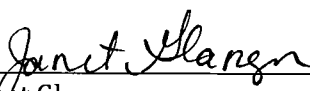
Superintendent Contract

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to table the vote for the superintendent contract until Monday, March 4, 2013 in a special meeting. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to add a contract addendum to the superintendent's contract to postpone the contract extension vote. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

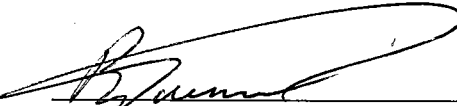
ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

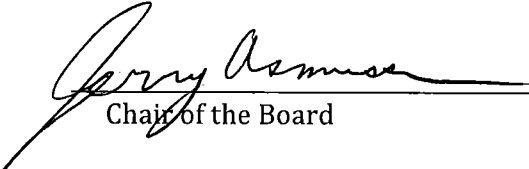


Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the February 25, 2013 regular board meeting (5 pages) were approved at the March 11, 2013 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board