

Tonasket School District #404
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2015
In the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen, with Catherine Stangland, Ty Olson and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Paul Turner and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Liz Stucker and Jeremy Clark. Also present were Trisha Schock, Abe Podkranic, Michelle Silverthorn, Clint Duchow, Alex Eppel, Peter James, Joseph Willging, Tori Shook, Janet Bretz, Katherine Teachout, and Rob Inlow were also present. Lloyd Caton arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:35 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 regular board meeting, the March 2, 2015 special board meeting, the March 4, 2015 special board meeting the March 9, 2015 school board meeting, the March 10, 2015 special board, and the March 11, 2015 special board meeting meeting as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Turner announced the recipients of the 2015 Excellence in Education Award. Elizabeth Nordblad received the classified award and Jamie Portwood received the certificated award.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SCHOOL REPORTS

ASB

Abe Podkranic reported that spring sports have begun. He reported on the various club activities. The Winterfest activities went very well and on Tuesday of Winterfest week, a mock car crash was held. On Friday evening of Winterfest, announcing of royalty, awards, and entertainment was held. The ASB participated in the superintendent interviews earlier in the month.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark reported that fifth grade students participated in the *Math is Cool* competition in Wenatchee and did very well; 4th grade will start preparing for their upcoming competition. This week, students from UW will be in the ES working with students on writing. A local author, Carmen Peone, is visiting this week as well. Next Tuesday will be the end of the month awards assembly. Grandparents Day will be next Friday. Jamie Portwood and Elizabeth Nordblad, both from the elementary school, are recipients of the 2015 Excellence in Education award. Parent conferences will be held this week. Zero to Five program is being worked on. ES staff continues to work tirelessly and all are deserving of thanks.

Special Programs

Liz Stucker reported that RTI continues to be worked on. The Strengthening Student Educational Outcomes (SSEO) Act update was given with two parent meetings having been held with teachers. WA-AIM (Washington - Access to Instruction and Measurement) process has just been completed. Robin Taylor has been working with the new system and is supporting SPED staff in developing student activities for measurement.

Superintendent

Paul Turner reported that Jeff Hardesty organized the recent emergency drill mock car crash commenting that there was good collaboration with the hospital and other emergency entities. Mr. Turner encouraged continued participation in the countywide emergency drills.

Garden Committee Report

Joseph Willging of the school garden board, provided an overview of the garden and the benefits of what the garden provides. Joseph also reviewed the 2015 goals. A request for funds assistance was made for the school to fund a part-time position for a Garden Educator and also to fund irrigation costs, teaching supplies, and garden maintenance. The committee is also looking for a volunteer to grade the road and pathways to the garden.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities Bond

Paul Turner presented an estimated cost breakdown of running the last two bonds. The bond issue will continue to be considered because enrollment could possibly keep increasing, so the need will continue to be prevalent.

Superintendent Contract Update

Jerry Asmussen provided an update on the new superintendent contract. The contract has been reviewed by WASA and also by the school attorney. A time will be scheduled to sign the contract with Steve McCullough.

Athletic Appeals Committee

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to appoint Felicia Clark and Richard Rawley as members of the Athletic Appeals Committee pool. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Enrollment for 2015-16

Paul Turner provided enrollment projections and recommended setting the enrollment for 2015-2016 at 1,070 FTE. Discussion was held.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve setting the enrollment for 2015-2016 at 1,070 FTE. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Field Trip Requests

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the Upward Bound trip to Seattle, the FBLA trip to the state competition in Spokane, and the Outreach program trip to Seattle. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2015-16 School Calendar

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the 2015-16 school calendar as presented. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HS Diplomas/8th Grade Promotion Certificates

The Board will decide at the next meeting who will hand out the diplomas and certificates.

Substitute Pay

Paul Turner presented information regarding the need to increase substitute pay. Mr. Turner commented that there is a shortage of school bus drivers and there is a need to increase the substitute pay by \$2.00 per hour commenting that neighboring districts pay more than Tonasket. Board Action: Ty Olson moved to approve increasing the substitute bus driver pay by \$2.00 per hour. Lloyd Caton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Grounds/Maintenance Staff

Paul Turner reported that additional help is needed in the grounds/maintenance to keep up with the general maintenance. Trisha Schock, business manager, added further comments remarking that adding a part-time employee could be considered right now or increasing the time of someone who is on staff already.

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Reports

Clint Duchow expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be at the tech committee meeting. Catherine Stangland added that an independent audit was done on technology and mentioned a few items to be discussed at the April 13 work session.

REPORTS

Trisha Schock reviewed the following reports: enrollment, budget status, fund balance, AP and payroll and cash flow analysis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 9:23 p.m. for 20 minutes for the performance of a public employee.

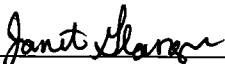
The Board moved out of executive session at 9:43 p.m.

The Board moved back into executive session at 9:43 p.m. for 30 minutes to continue the discussion.

The Board moved out of executive session at 10:13 p.m.

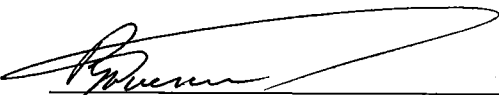
ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

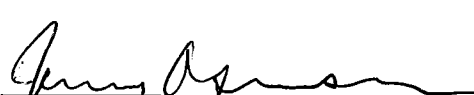


Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the March 23, 2015 regular board meeting (2 pages) were approved at the April 13, 2015 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board