

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Big Horn County School District No. 3

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Big Horn County School District No. 3, was called to order at 7:00 p.m., September 13, 2016, by the chairman, Jamie Flitner.

II. Roll Call: Jamie Flitner, Michael Wirtzberger, Steve Hoblit, Eddie Johnson, Bette Rae Jones, Dale Nuttall, Barry Bryant, Sara Schlattmann, Paula Scott

Absent: Cheri Edeler

Guests: Scott McBride, Joel Rogers, Brett Suiter, Casey Bowe, Sarah Bowe and family, Ty Flock, Lee Clucas Nathan Oster, Beth Harrison, Kim Johnson, Michelle Brown

III. Approval of Consent Agenda (*Items)

It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by Dale Nuttall to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. *Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved regular board minutes of August 9, 2016, and special board meeting minutes of August 30, 2016 as presented.

V. Agenda Additions/Deletions/Adoption

None

VI. Audience and Communication

1. Student Government Update

None

2. Recognize 2017 Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Bryant presented Casey Bowe with a plaque and a cup, honoring him as the 2017 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Bowe teaches middle school science, coaches our kids and continues to grow as an educator. He is currently finishing his administration endorsement. Superintendent Bryant stated that he appreciates all of Mr. Bowe's hard work and dedication. Mr. Bowe will receive \$500 from Wyoming Department of Education. Mr. Bowe reported that he moved to Greybull 10 years ago and this school district is a phenomenal place to work. He expressed his appreciation for the support he has received from the Board and Dr. Bryant. He remarked that it has been a great ride and hopes it continues for years to come.

The Board recessed at 7:03 p.m. to congratulate Casey Bowe, and reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

3. Community Remarks

None

VII. Other Items

1. Clerk's Report

None

2. District School Accountability Results (State)

Superintendent Bryant reported that all three schools met state accountability expectations. Dr. Bryant thanked the administrators, teachers, staff and students for their hard work. Greybull Schools were one out of 10 districts where all buildings in the district were meeting expectations or above.

3. Administration Reports

Brett Suiter, elementary principal, reported that the enrollment is going up and is currently 201. The elementary staff is working on mileposts and interventions. They should be done with testing at the end of the week. The Core consultant will be coming. Mr. Suiter, Paula Heuschkel and Cheryl Hunt will be attending the UW Literacy Conference. He will also be attending the AdvancEd Conference. The teachers will receive a copy of the ELEOT evaluation when Mr. Suiter finishes observations for follow-up and feedback for improvements. The Open House was held August 22 with more than 100 parents in attendance. The PAC/BLT will meet September 15. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 3.

Joel Rogers, middle school principal, reported that the middle school enrollment is 112. He is working on the ELEOT observations for shared staff. The middle school hosted the 6th grade orientation. Next year they may have a full open house for grades 6, 7 & 8. Climate surveys have been sent out for students, staff and parents. A school-wide global lockdown drill was conducted on August 25, and all went well. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Flock worked on the middle school and high school lunch schedules to offset the times for a smoother, more efficient transition. The middle school finished MAP testing. There is a 1:1 ratio for students to Chromebooks, so they may use the Chromebooks for testing in the future.

Ty Flock, high school principal, discussed the high school plans and interventions. Academic success time and scholastic achievement is going well. Groups of 8-12 students are using time to work on math and science. Kids are using the academic success time and there have been a lot of positive comments from the students. The scholastic achievement class is going well with 15 identified students receiving study skills, organizational skills and skills needed to graduate. There are less students failing classes. Homecoming is September 30. MAP testing is taking place this week. Security State Bank has expressed interest in supporting the school with resources or personnel.

Lee Clucas, special education director, reported that Life Skills students earned 88 ribbons at fair this year. Dawn Thur, Dean Waddell and Laura Conner help the students at the Buff Ranch during the summer. Klinette Brandon was 1 of 10 Wyoming teachers to win the Arch Coal Golden Apple Award. There are 23 students in the Extended School Year (ESY) program. The elementary Life Skills students are becoming involved with the Buff Ranch, which will be a good transition for them. Staff members attended the WAVE Conference in August. There was a legislative update stating that a special education student cannot be moved by Medicaid without involving the school district. 12 students moved out of district; 1 student exited from the program; a student was placed by the state during the summer; 8 students graduated last spring; we added 3 CRC/Head Start students; 5 special education students moved into the district. Mr. Clucas stated that our staff does a great job.

Scott McBride, curriculum and grants director, reported that the substitute training was a success with 7 participants. They are eligible for PTSB credit towards recertification. Literacy and Math committees met to work on one of our AdvancEd goals, which is to align curriculum horizontally and vertically. They are going to develop proficiency scales K-12 and align them for continuity and start working toward our district assessment system. The grade level expectations are on the district website under "curriculum". Plans are being made to put the curriculum on the website where parents can find out what book or resource we are using. Teachers are working on developing their assessments throughout the school year. We had professional development before school on building those assessments and what they should look like.

Superintendent Bryant reported that due to the state budget, legislators have talked about more cuts to education. It has been reported that they may do away with the 16:1 student to teacher ratio for grades K-3, and considering 19:1. They may look at transportation again this year for budget cuts. The Quigg project is complete; still working on the controls. Dr. Bryant expressed his appreciation to Joe Forcella and his crew as well as Diamond Point Construction for getting the project done. There was a brief discussion regarding staff resigning late into the school year and whether we can advertise for the position to expedite the process. It was decided to handle it case by case through email to each board member on whether to advertise before accepting the resignation at the next board meeting.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

1. Personnel

a. Resignations(s)

It was moved by Michael Wirtzberger and seconded by Eddie Johnson to accept the resignation of Seth Hoblit, GHS Para-Educator, effective 9/23/2016 and thank him for his service to the district. Superintendent Bryant stated that we will miss Seth and wished him the best. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Hires

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Steve Hoblit to accept the superintendent's recommendation to hire James Armel as the GMS Head Boys Basketball Coach and transfer Don Feller to GHS custodian effective September 13, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Renew BOCES Agreement

It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by Michael Wirtzberger to accept the superintendent's recommendation to renew the BOCES agreement for a 3 year period as authorized by the original agreement. Eddie Johnson pointed out that the district address needs to be changed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Leadership Governance Policy 1.8 Review & Confirm (Development and Adoption of Policies)

It was moved by Steve Hoblit and seconded by Michael Wirtzberger to reaffirm our commitment to Leadership Governance Policy 1.8 Review & Confirm (Development and Adoption of Policies). Motion carried unanimously.

4. Final Payment – Quigg Building Project

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Eddie Johnson to approve the final payment to Diamond Point Construction for the Quigg Building project – to be paid no earlier than October 8, 2016. Superintendent Bryant reported that the whole building was re-piped for gas for safety, and we are waiting for the controls to be finished. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Set Community Town Hall Meeting

The Community Town Hall Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7pm in the central office board room.

6. Out of District Attendance

It was moved by Michael Wirtzberger and seconded by Eddie Johnson to accept the superintendent's recommendation for the 4 listed students' out of district request for the 2016-2017 school year. The families were welcomed by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

7. *Home School Registration

Recognized the home school registrations as presented.

X. *Approval of Bills

Approved General Fund checks #29849 through #29965 inclusive, totaling \$579,009.24; Payroll Fund Checks #29536 through #29543 inclusive, totaling \$86,335.76; High School Activity ACH Transfer, totaling \$9,654.97; Lunch Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$4,549.66; Federal Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$40,433.39; Major Maintenance Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$110,725.81; and Capital Projects Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$106,297.00.

XI. Board Discussion

Chairman Flitner remarked that the buildings and grounds are beautiful and thanked the administrators, Joe Forcella and his crew for their efforts. The Board will be helping with the Backpack program on September 20 at 5pm. Bette

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Rae Jones stated that there is a lot of information on the district website and suggested including an overview of the website at the Town Hall Meeting. Steve Hoblit expressed concern about whether all students have internet or computer access to do homework. Dr. Bryant stated that students have access to the computer lab after school to do homework. Students may also check out a Chromebook. Mr. McBride reported that there are times during the day to access the internet for homework. Teachers are also providing time in the classroom or sometime during the day to do their homework. Dr. Bryant reported that Scharen Collingwood has been voted president-elect to the Wyoming School Counselors Association. She does a great job for us, and it is great getting local alumni back as teachers.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Jamie Flitner, Chairman

Cheri Edeler, Clerk

Recorded by: Paula Scott

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