

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Big Horn County School District No. 3

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2015

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Big Horn County School District No. 3, was called to order at 7:01 p.m., November 10, 2015, by the chairman, Jamie Flitner.

II. Roll Call: Jamie Flitner, Dale Nuttall, Cheri Edeler, Selena Brown, Michael Wirtzberger, Eddie Johnson, Madi Edeler, Barry Bryant, Paula Scott

Absent: Steve Hoblit

Guests: Brett Suiter, Sandra Menke, Nathan Oster, Ty Flock, Scott McBride, Amy Summerlin, Lee Clucas, Sara Schlattmann

III. Approval of Consent Agenda (*Items)

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

IV. *Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved regular board minutes of October 13, 2015 as presented.

V. Agenda Additions/Deletions/Adoption

None

VI. Audience and Communication

1. Student Government Update

Madi Edeler, student senate president, provided an overview of Red Ribbon Week activities which took place the last week of October. Members and officers of the high school student senate will be attending the State WASC Convention. There will be breakout sessions, a keynote speaker, workshops and a dance. Students are recycling twice a month. The high school students will be wearing red and blue for Veterans Day. The Green Light a Vet shows support for our veterans by using a green light at your home.

2. Community Remarks

None

VII. Other Items

1. Clerk's Report

Cheri Edeler remarked that it was nice to see the support of the community and student body at our recent sporting events in Wheatland and the state volleyball tournament in Casper. Eddie Johnson reported that Steve Hoblit is home and will be having cardiac rehabilitation sessions. There will be a tribute to veterans on November 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the middle school gym.

2. MAP Data Presentation

Brett Suiter provided an overview of the elementary MAP data for reading and math based on a years' worth of student growth. Kindergarten is meeting their growth targets; 2nd grade were just below their growth targets; 3rd grade is hitting their growth targets; 5th grade is just below their growth targets.

Scott McBride stated that the middle school MAP shows data from fall to spring where the students are hitting growth. The data indicates that students are not hitting growth from fall to fall. Advanced learners are not hitting their growth targets. The Greybull Middle School had 63% growth in math and reading, and above average in the nation.

Ty Flock stated that the high school MAP data indicates that students have met growth except in the area of sophomore math. The high school staff will target those students this year.

There was a brief discussion regarding developing a strategy to improve scores. The district score card will be updated with this data. Mr. McBride stated that we can't use MAP testing for a statewide measure because it doesn't show benchmarks; only growth.

3. Administration Reports

Brett Suiter, elementary principal, reviewed improving the academic achievement for students in reading and math. Any student in grades K-3 who doesn't hit benchmark in MAPs assessment is required to have RTI. These students are in the after school program for additional support. Mr. Suiter has conducted 87 walk-throughs. The BLT has met, with two parents attending. PAC has started working on establishing new ideas. PT conferences had 95% attendance. Bingo for Books is scheduled November 12 at the Greybull Recreation Center.

Scott McBride, middle school principal, reported that he has completed ELEOT walk-throughs for most teachers. This evaluation focuses on students rather than teachers. Parent night is scheduled November 12 at 6:00 p.m. The focus will be on social studies. 6th graders will compete with parents in Geography; 7th grade will play Mesopotamia games with parents; 8th grade will do presentations on the 13 colonies. Mr. McBride has created a shared document for staff to have input on Friday professional development. There will be a meeting with the high school staff to discuss technology, priority standards and schedules for electives.

Ty Flock, high school principal, reported that the total number of tardies are down. Mr. Flock provided an update of the walk-throughs. Wyoming High School Activities Association met recently and there was a finding in litigation that was thrown out with prejudice in the state of Illinois that affects all activity associations across the country. There was a group that was working to claim that injured athletes in football could come back 20 years later and claim the injury and receive funds. WHSAA opposed the resolution supporting prioritization of classroom instruction time because it takes away local control as well as control from WHSAA. There is a \$5000 NFL grant that goes along with the Golden Football. We plan to apply for the grant to go toward buying football helmets. Building conversations will include the elective schedule, activity funds and fundraising.

Lee Clucas, special education director, stated that he and 4 staff members attended an Autism/Behavior Management training in Casper, which was the first of three. The middle school has the largest special education load. The special education staff is stretched.

Sara Schlattmann, curriculum and grants facilitator, stated that there will be a Perkins meeting on November 17, which is the CT Career Vocational group. We are looking at partnering on the welding side of things. The Perkins grant has helped with the welding program and publishing in the past. The District Report Card draft was included in the Board packet. The Governing Scorecard will be added to the District Report Card.

Superintendent Bryant reported that the administrative team has been using the ELEOT walk-throughs. The ELEOT was also used by the AdvancED team. A District Curriculum Committee has been established and is the driving force for district curriculum. The district will be using MilePosts as their new data platform. We are also looking at a new assessment platform. There will be a PLC training in Worland, and a three day Marzano training in December at Centennial, CO. Mr. Bryant expressed his appreciation for Cathy Kunkel for helping us out with a special needs student. The legislative meeting for Big Horn County is scheduled for January 4 in Lovell.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

1. Personnel

a. Resignations(s)

Superintendent Bryant stated that he received a letter of retirement from Sandra Menke, District Business Manager, effective February 29, 2016. Mr. Bryant thanked Mrs. Menke for her 26 years as the District Business Manager and expressed his appreciation for all the work she has done as well as having clean audits. She has been in the district since August 20, 1984 and has worked with six superintendents. Chairman Flitner stated that Mrs. Menke has been a tremendous asset and will be missed. It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by Michael Wirtzberger to accept the retirement from Sandra Menke, District Business Manager, effective February 29, 2016 and thanked her for her many years of service to the district. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Hires None

2. Leadership Governance Policy Review & Confirm

a. 2.2 - Policy

b. 2.3 – Regulations

c. 2.4 – Meetings

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Cheri Edeler to reaffirm their commitment to Leadership Governance Policies 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Workshops / PD

Superintendent Bryant reviewed ideas for Board workshops and professional development. There was a brief discussion regarding a book study, and it was agreed to do both books; “Five Habits of High Impact School Boards” and “School Leader’s Guide to Standards-Based Grading”. Chairman Flitner suggested having the community and staff town hall meetings incorporated in an effort to be more inclusive to get more people involved in connecting with the Board. No action required.

The WSBA Annual Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Casper. Those attending will meet at central office at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Executive Session

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Eddie Johnson to move into executive session to discuss Out of District Attendance and Personnel Transfer at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss matters considered confidential by law (Out of District Attendance and Personnel Transfer) and reconvened in regular session at 8:47 p.m. Note that no action was taken and minutes were sealed in a secure location.

4. Out of District Attendance

It was moved by Cheri Edeler and seconded by Dale Nuttall to accept the superintendent’s recommendation for the three out of district requests for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Personnel Transfer

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Eddie Johnson to accept the superintendent’s recommendation for staff transfer as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

X. *Approval of Bills

Approved General Fund checks #28326 through #28491 inclusive, totaling \$852,087.87; Payroll Fund Checks #29182 through #29196 inclusive, totaling \$471,683.13; High School Activity ACH Transfer, totaling \$7,412.90; Major Maintenance Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$53,075.17; Lunch Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$42,166.29; Federal Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$27,943.51, and Capital Projects ACH Transfer, totaling \$352,509.15.

XI. Board Discussion

The Board briefly discussed the book chosen for the book study. Updates were given regarding health issues of Steve Hoblit, Mike Meredith and Dave Haller.

Chairman Flitner reported on a letter received from a parent complimenting the coaches and staff about what a great supportive group they were for her son and the rest of the boys.

XII. Executive Session

1. Litigation

No action taken.

2. Real Estate

No action taken.

3. Personnel

No action taken.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Jamie Flitner, Chairman

Cheri Edeler, Clerk

Recorded by: Paula Scott
