

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Big Horn County School District No. 3

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., April 14, 2015, by the vice chairman, Steve Hoblit.

II. Roll Call: Eddie Johnson, Cheri Edeler, Steve Hoblit, Selena Brown, David Haller, Dale Nuttall, Barry Bryant, Paula Scott

Absent: Jamie Flitner

Guests: Sandra Menke, Nancy Nelson, Sara Schlattmann, Ty Flock, Ron Fiene, Scott McBride, Brett Suiter, Lee Clucas, Kay Fleek, Marisela Castro, Jamie Keisel, Irving Castro, Nathaniel Boreen

III. Approval of Consent Agenda (*Items)

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

IV. *Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved regular board minutes of March 10, 2015 as presented.

V. Agenda Additions/Deletions/Adoption

None

VI. Audience and Communication

1. Stakeholder Recognition

Superintendent Bryant presented Ron Fiene with a Greybull Buff jacket as a token of the school board's appreciation for the support he has provided for the school, community and students. The generosity he has shown to the community and this school district has been tremendous. Mr. Fiene will be sorely missed.

2. Student Government Update

None

3. Chrome Book Presentation

Brett Suiter stated that Jamie Keisel and Nancy Nelson and their 5th grade classes have been incorporating Chrome Book in the classroom. Irving Castro and Nathaniel Boreen demonstrated the use of Chrome Book for their presentations on planets. They are using Foss Science Kits which provide hands on, active investigation. Google Classroom comes with all the Google programs loaded. Classes can be set up through Chrome Book as well, which makes it paperless. This is a student driven learning environment.

4. Community Remarks

Kay Fleek, GHS Alumni, presented a request to the Board to open for discussion the possibility of having a monument to honor professional ball players that have come out of this school and area, such as Jim Crawford, Brett Keisel and Tom Wilkinson. The idea comes from Bill Trumbull and the request included additional landscaping, a walkway, American flag and lights. Ms. Fleek stated that this would be a long term project funded by donations and fundraisers. Superintendent Bryant suggested doing a walk with Joe Forcella and Mr. Flock to look at an area that would fit. It would need to be done where it wouldn't affect the district's master plan. There was concern from the Board to ensure that no one is left out.

VII. Other Items

1. Clerk's Report

None

2. Walk-Through Data Presentation

Barry Bryant stated that the presentation is slide data of the walk-throughs that were completed. Mr. Bryant did some of the walk-throughs with the principals as well. The walk-throughs are considered to be a learning process. Principals have done a good job of getting into the classrooms as the administrative team works together.

Brett Suiter stated that teachers are out in the classroom moving around, rather than sitting at their desk or lecturing. Students know what the class objectives are. Overall, there is a strong use of technology.

Scott McBride stated that the middle school has four areas that need improvement including increased rigor; evaluation synthesis with students working on projects; create a balance between smart board use and student computer use; create a balance between our SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) model and workshop model. Currently teachers are doing a lot of direct instruction.

Ty Flock stated that teachers are using the workshop model. Teacher strengths include interacting with students. Technology has increased in use in the classrooms as well as in band, choir and industrial arts.

Superintendent Bryant stated that the walk-throughs are part of his dissertation. The walk-throughs are used as a growth tool. The most important thing we do in this district is teaching kids. Teaching can be enhanced with resources. They would like to do more learning-walks with teachers going with the principal to other classrooms. Mr. McBride stated that SIOP focuses on our ELL students and develops vocabulary and language structure using visuals that are tied to language. Every lesson incorporates reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students are constantly using language and practicing it.

3. Administration Reports

Brett Suiter, elementary principal, stated that the enrollment is 226. After school percentages are the same for reading and math. Attendance had been affected by the flu. Mr. Suiter has completed 324 walk-throughs. The PAC was involved with pizza delivery night as well as doing concessions for the track meet. The staff has continued with progress toward gathering artifacts for AdvancEd. PAWS testing is complete; MAP and Dibels testing will begin April 27.

Scott McBride, middle school principal, stated that there are 12 students each in reading and math interventions. The rest of the student body is above benchmark. 59% of students grew significantly in reading, and 69% in math. Most of the staff have completed mandatory Suicide Prevention Training. The advocacy program is working well. The middle school awards assembly was well attended. PAWS testing has been completed. Summer school is scheduled for June 8-26, 2015. The candidate selected for the Special Ed position declined.

Ty Flock, high school principal, stated they sent home letters to parents regarding the 1/4 point per tardy. PowerSchool will track the tardies. He has received no comments or questions from parents. This will impact habitually tardy students. Mr. Flock will send home more letters in the fall and meet with each class as well. Interviews for HS band and choir will begin tomorrow. Testing begins next week for PLAN, EXPLORE, ACT, MAP and COMPASS.

Lee Clucas, special education director, stated that more than 4 students have moved away in March. A student who was placed in New Hampshire graduated in March. Things are going well.

Sara Schlattmann, curriculum and grants facilitator, reminded the Board that the Consolidated Grant meeting is scheduled for April 23, and lunch will be provided. The ELL Open House will be April 30. Teresa Leach does an amazing job organizing the open house. There will be two more Chrome Book labs of 30 each, and an iPad lab for the elementary by the end of the year.

Superintendent Bryant stated that he and Eddie Johnson attended a SFD meeting regarding funding. The walk-through will be tomorrow for the old middle school. The School Facilities Commission meeting will be in Casper on April 22 & 23.

4. Quarterly Budget Report

Superintendent Bryant stated that we exceeded the Technology budget by more than \$5,000. Due to receiving a good price on Dell computers, middle school computers were ordered. Teachers requested laptops, and Chrome Books are an inexpensive option. They come preloaded with our wireless access, passwords, email address and domain for the state department. This helps the technology workload at the district level. The elementary Chrome Books are being purchased with grant funds. Transportation is \$100,000 under budget, and maintenance is under budget as well.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

1. Personnel

a. Resignations(s)

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Eddie Johnson to accept the resignation from Kaitlyn Barnes, Special Education para-educator effective April 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Hires None

2. Recreation Board Member Resignation / Advertisement

Superintendent Bryant stated that Joe Forcella submitted a letter of resignation from the Greybull Recreation Board. His term expires December 31, 2015. It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Selena Brown to accept Joe Forcella's resignation from the Greybull Recreation Board effective March 18, 2015, and advertise to fill the remaining 8 months in the term. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Out of District Request

Barry Bryant stated that we received out of district requests for eight students. Five are requests for the remainder of this school year, as well as the 2015-2016 school year. The requests were reviewed by the principals and special services. It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by David Haller to approve the eight listed students for out of district attendance at Greybull Schools as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Change District Credit Card Provider

Superintendent Bryant reported that our district Chase credit card was sold to Capital One. The service has since been lacking. We have been customers of Pinnacle Bank for more than two decades, so we would like to add 13 credit card holders to the account. It was moved by Cheri Edeler and seconded by Dale Nuttall to accept the superintendent's recommendation to change the business credit card bank from Capital One to Pinnacle Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

5. *Home School Enrollment Acknowledgement

Recognized Home School Registrations as presented.

6. Bid Approval – Playground Surfacing Project

Superintendent Bryant stated that we received 3 bids for the playground resurfacing project. Engineering Associates was the design firm for this project. \$150,000 was allocated from the state for this project. We saw a substantial bid increase in price from the previous year. The low bid of \$169,955.15 was submitted by Great Western Park and Playground. The bid is good for 45 days. The overage of \$19,955.15 will be requested from the SFD in unanticipated funds. The backup plan is to cover the overage with major maintenance funds. There were minor irregularities at the bid opening, which were reported to the state and WY SFD Contract Specialist, Brandon Finney. The school board can accept the bids with minor irregularities in accordance with Wyoming State Statute 21-3-110 viii. It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Cheri Edeler to accept the low bid from Great Western Park and Playground for \$169,955.15. Motion carried unanimously.

X. *Approval of Bills

Approved General Fund checks #27082 through #27269 inclusive, totaling \$764,156.99; Payroll Fund Checks #28886 through #28945 inclusive, totaling \$539,255.29; High School Activity ACH Transfer, totaling \$12,775.53; Major Maintenance Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$5,146.75; Lunch Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$36,736.56; Federal Fund ACH Transfer, totaling \$2,496.35, and Capital Projects ACH Transfer, totaling \$403,345.33.

XI. Board Discussion

The Board briefly discussed Kay Fleek's request for consideration to build a monument honoring professional ball players. The suggestion was made to let them come forward with a concept. There was concern about whether we need one at all. There was discussion regarding whether veterans, engineers, and others should be included along with football players. Mr. Bryant was concerned about asking the community for contributions. The school district will not fund this project. Mrs. Fleek had reported that they would try to raise the money. The district also needs to think about future expansion.

Selena Brown asked if there would be an open house for the new middle school. Mr. Bryant stated that as soon as the contractors are out, we would have an open house.

Steve Hoblit stated that a parent called him about the bland school lunches. Mr. Bryant stated that we get a lot of processed food, and if we did scrap cooking, it would require more staff and infrastructure. The lunchroom is doing the Breakfast to Go, but we would be willing to hear suggestions. The district has 50% Free and Reduced lunches. Selena Brown reported that there was discussion in Cheyenne regarding having the state take over school lunches and fund it as opposed to the federal government. School lunches were a hot topic at the legislative session and WSBA meeting.

XII. Executive Session

It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by Dale Nuttall to take a 5 minute break and move into executive session to discuss Litigation, Personnel: Extension of Leave for Classified Employee; Classified Employment; Salary & Benefits 2015-2016; and Real Estate at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed into executive session at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 9:23 p.m.

1. Litigation

None

2. Personnel

a. Extension of Leave for Classified Employee

It was moved by Eddie Johnson and seconded by Cheri Edeler to extend approved leave to Stacy Scott through May 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Classified Employment

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by Eddie Johnson to accept the superintendent's recommendation to offer employment to the listed classified employees for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Salary & Benefits 2015-2016

It was moved by Dale Nuttall and seconded by David Haller to accept the amended salary and benefits committee recommendation as presented for employee compensation for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Real Estate

None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Jamie Flitner, Chairman

Cheri Edeler, Clerk

Recorded by: Paula Scott
