

Tonasket School District #404
"Focused on Learning, Linking Learning to Life"

School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2015
In the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Jerry Asmussen, with Catherine Stangland, Lloyd Caton, Ty Olson, and Ernesto Cerrillo present. Superintendent Steve McCullough and secretary Janet Glanzer were present. Administrators present were Jeff Hardesty, Jay Tyus, and Jeremy Clark. Also present were Rachel Silverthorn, Katherine Teachout, Joyce Fancher, Rob Inlow and Trisha Schock. Janet Bretz arrived later.

FLAG SALUTE

Jerry Asmussen led the flag salute at 7:33 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

PRESENTATION

Steve McCullough presented a plaque from North Central ESD to the school board and the administrators recognizing Tonasket High School as one of Newsweek's America's Top High Schools.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 and October 12, 2015 board meetings as presented. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SCHOOL REPORTS

ASB

Rachel Silverthorn provided a report on the high school club activities. The ASB is working on purchasing a new drinking fountain with a bottle filler station. Subway and the Booster Club have donated funds to help with the purchase. ASB is working on setting up a Facebook page to advertise upcoming ASB events, games and club events. The Veteran's Day assembly will be held on November 10 at 9 a.m.

Middle School

Jay Tyus thanked the MS staff for the climate of the building and the work that is being done. The Veteran's Day assembly will be held at 1 p.m. on November 10. The first parent involvement night will be held on October 28 and will be featuring the 7 Habits. Thank you to the maintenance department for the positive attitude and for the work they do.

Elementary School

Jeremy Clark reported that around 230 people attended pumpkin bingo Family Fun Night. He extended a thank you to Beyer's Market for donating the pumpkins. An ESD LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training was held on Saturday for ES staff along with staff from area districts. The training focused on early childhood literacy development. The Veteran's

Day assembly will be held on November 10 at 2 p.m. Students may possibly work with the Legacy park in decorating store fronts down town for Veteran's Day. The work on the Focus School with Kathy Curtiss is going well. Mr. Clark added that ES staff have great attitudes and expressed appreciation to them for their work.

Superintendent

Steve McCullough reported that he attended a two-day RTI training in Seattle, which helped him to understand and lead the district more effectively. Mr. McCullough will be riding on all the school buses in the upcoming weeks and months. Janet Glanzer attended a safety and crisis planning update meeting with report that the district is in a good place and we continue to move forward with our safety plans. October is Disability Month that the legislature has established to help people recognize the contributions of people with disabilities and to help others be aware of their struggles. The hope is that students with disabilities will feel a greater sense of pride and also to reduce bullying and harassment in the school. Mr. McCullough provided a report of the student transfers in and out of the district. The area districts will be doing a Focus on Education in the upcoming weeks with radio spots on sharing the positives of education. A statistical report was provided on testing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Levy

Steve McCullough reported that the buildings and departments have submitted their levy requests and now work will be started with the administrators on looking at the information to come up with a general budget figure. Mr. McCullough commented that he is looking at the pros and cons of a two or three year levy, which will be discussed in the next work session.

Bond

Steve McCullough reported that he met with Ned Warnick of Design West Architects and did a walk through of the facilities in order to get a fresh perspective of what the needs are. A timeline is being developed to meet with staff and the community in the early spring. Rob Inlow added a comment about the MS gym and additional classrooms.

School Board Calendar

Steve McCullough presented information on the school board calendar.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the board calendar through November. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held regarding other calendar items and dates such as adding policy updates for each regular meeting and the board retreat in July. Discussion was held to plan the January work session to work with board protocols and operating principles.

District Office Restructuring

Steve McCullough presented information on the restructuring of the district office highlighting the transition plan for training the assistant business manager. Discussion was held regarding the qualifications of what will be expected for the assistant business manager as far as education and future long-term employment with the district. Trisha Schock addressed some of the responsibilities that she will retain and some of what the assistant will be doing.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the district office restructuring as proposed. Catherine Stangland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Gift to the District

Steve McCullough announced that the Sisters of St. Dominic School have donated \$5,000 to the students of Tonasket SD.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to accept the donation of \$5000. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

BOARD POLICY UPDATE

Fourth Reading: 6210

Steve McCullough commented that he and Ty Olson are still working on the policy language to formulate a document to list everything that is specific to a project.

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the fourth reading of Policy 6210. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 1400

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second and final reading of policy: 1400. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 1340 Targeted Student Learning Policy

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second reading of policy: 1340 Targeted Student Learning Policy. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Board Action: Lloyd Caton moved to approve the second reading of policy: 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 2027 District Ownership of Staff Created Work

Board Action: Ty Olson moved to approve the second and final reading of policy: 2027 District Ownership of Staff Created Work. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 2418 Waiver of High School Credits

Board Action: Catherine Stangland moved to approve the second reading of policy: 2418 Waiver of High School Credits. Ty Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Board Action: Ty Olson moved to approve the second reading of policy: 2027 District Ownership of Staff Created Work. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Second Reading Policy: 3421 Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention

Board Action: Ty Olson moved to approve the second and final reading of policy: 3421 Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention. Ernesto Cerrillo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Reports

Steve McCullough commented that he would like to build a superintendent's advisory committee of 10 to 15 people from a variety of individuals in the community and is asking the board to recommend key people in the community.

The technology committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Marysville School Shooting One-Year Anniversary

Tomorrow is the one-year anniversary of the Marysville school shooting. The Board will send a card to Marysville SD acknowledging the anniversary of the tragedy.

REPORTS

Trisha Schock reviewed the financial reports.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD AGENDA

District office restructuring will be on the next work session agenda along with board protocols.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for 15 minutes to consider professional negotiations, grievances, or mediation.

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

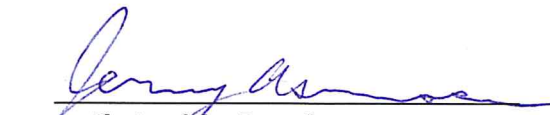


Janet Glanzer
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular board meeting (4 pages) were approved at the November 30, 2015 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board