

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
In the Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joyce Fancher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Sharron Cox, Ernesto Cerrillo, Jennie Wilson and Rac'qel Plank present. Superintendent Kevin Young and secretary Anitra Atchison were also present. Also in attendance was Trisha Roach, Lilly Martin, Kelwy El-Haj, Kristi Krieg, Bobbi Catone, and others in person and remotely.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Joyce Fancher led the flag salute at 6:01 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: Jennie Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

OATH OF OFFICE

Kevin Young administered the Oath of Office to Joyce Fancher, Jennie Wilson, and Rac'qel Plank.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Board Action: Sharron Cox moved to nominate Joyce Fancher as board chair. Vote for vice chair by roll call:

Sharron Cox voted for Joyce Fancher
Ernesto Cerrillo voted for Joyce Fancher
Joyce Fancher voted for Joyce Fancher
Rac'qel Plank voted for Joyce Fancher
Jennie Wilson voted for Joyce Fancher

Board Action: Ernest Cerrillo nominated Ernesto Cerrillo for vice chair. Joyce Fancher nominated Jennie Wilson for vice chair. Vote for vice chair by roll call:

Sharron Cox voted for Jennie Wilson
Ernesto Cerrillo voted for Ernesto Cerrillo
Rac'qel Plank voted for Jennie Wilson
Jennie Wilson voted for Jennie Wilson
Joyce Fancher voted for Jennie Wilson

The motion carried with four votes for Jennie Wilson and one for Ernesto Cerrillo for vice chair.

Board Action: Sharron Cox moved to nominate Jennie Wilson for Legislative Representative. Vote for Legislative Representative by roll call:

Sharron Cox voted for Jennie Wilson
Ernesto Cerrillo voted for Jennie Wilson
Joyce Fancher voted for Jennie Wilson
Jennie Wilson voted for Jennie Wilson
Rac'qel Plank voted for Jennie Wilson

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – No

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – No

REPORTS

Financial

Bobbi Catone reviewed the year end and monthly financial reports.

Administrator

Lilly Martin discussed the elementary school specialist teams planning an extraordinary Veterans Day assembly. Principal PLC is doing walk-throughs in each other's buildings. The principal group was in TES last week. The cookie dough fundraiser raised about \$13,000. The elementary PTO hosted a Turkey Bingo Night. The elementary held its Annual Turkey Torchlight, where students can wear their pajamas/comfy clothes to school and spend the day reading. Elementary Family conferences had a high turnout, and the ES has completed their first trimester of school. They have started the ES Spelling Bee.

Kelwy El-Haj reported on the Family conferences. The middle school did conferences differently for 7th and 8th grades and focused on struggling students. The middle school met with about 90 families. The 6th grade level conferences were kept the same as in past years. The 21st Century Afterschool Program has found a director and had a soft start this week. Winter testing is starting in the MS. The migrant team raised supplies for fiesta boxes geared more toward migrant families experiencing food insecurity over Thanksgiving break. They had their first tardy party (a class-wide reward for getting to class on time) 6th grade was the winner this time. Mrs. El-Haj reviewed the middle school behavior intervention plan. There was a breakdown of the focus throughout the past several years.

Trisha Roach reported on the number of families attending the All Things Sophomore and Junior meetings and the family conference turnouts. The high school uses a positive team approach to get struggling students back on track. They are seeing a lot of success with this approach. The off-campus privilege has been working with students over the past two months. The high school has seen an increase in eligibility for October and November. The high school Choir had their first performance at the Veterans Day Assembly. Mrs. Roach discussed the upcoming CCC Art Auction fundraiser to benefit the CCC and the artists. The artists providing the art for auction are all THS students. The Teen Kitchen participants will cook a dinner. There is the upcoming HS/MS Winter Concert. Lastly, Mrs. Roach reported that there is free Math tutoring from Microsoft through the Microsoft Cares Program. One hundred one high school students have turned out for winter sports. K-12 collaborated to receive donations for the food boxes for our school families in need.

Superintendent

Kevin Young spoke about the new district boundary map that came in and is hanging on the wall. Kevin, Joyce, and Sharron went to the WSSDA conference in Bellevue. The biggest takeaway is the discussion of the development of AI and how it can be used to advance education.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2023/24-1 Replacement EP&O Levy

Kevin Young presented information on the levy rates.

Board Action: Sharron Cox moved to set the rate at \$1.85. Vote by roll call:

Sharron Cox voted to set the rate at \$1.85
Ernesto Cerrillo voted to set the rate at \$1.85
Joyce Fancher voted to set the rate at \$1.85
Jennie Wilson voted to set the rate at \$1.85
Rac'qel Plank voted to set the rate at \$1.85

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Appointment of For/Against Committee

Kevin Young reported that the notice was posted on the district website but no one came forth to be on the "against" committee. Ryan Pilkington has expressed interest in being the spokesperson for the "for" committee to advocate approval of the EP&O Levy.

Board Action: Sharron Cox moved to approve the For/Against Committee appointment form. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

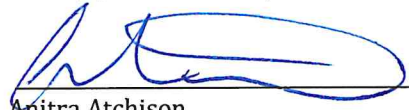
EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION - Yes

The Board moved into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for 15 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board moved out of executive session at 8:19 p.m.

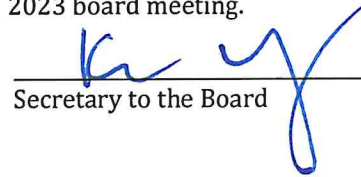
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joyce Fancher adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.




Anitra Atchison
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the November 29, 2023 regular board meeting (three pages) were approved at the December 20, 2023 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board