

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
In the Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joyce Fancher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Sharron Cox, Ernesto Cerrillo, Jennie Wilson and Lois Rhoads present. Superintendent Kevin Young and secretary Anitra Atchison were also present. Also in attendance was Trisha Roach, Lilly Martin, Kelwy El-Haj, Billy Monroe and others in person and remotely.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Joyce Fancher led the flag salute at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS – Yes

Sasha Jones – Mother of HS and MS students, spoke to the board about the changes in the high school open campus and had questions about its validity. A discussion was held, and high school principal Trisha Roach clarified the parent letter sent home and some of the processes around the changes from the past high school open campus to the new high school off-campus privileges.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Financial

Kevin Young reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Administrator

Trisha Roach reported on the high school enrollment numbers and Running Start numbers. The HS word for the year is A-Game. Mrs. Roach spoke about the HS Summer School program's high number of students attending their credit retrieval classes. Approximately 29 students participated in the Migrant Dream Academy Credit Retrieval Program or the WA State History Credit Retrieval Program. The Tiger Tailgate and drop-in family conferences were successful, with 108 families attending. This year, the focus for the high school is student attendance.

Kelwy El-Haj reported on the middle school enrollment numbers. The MS is starting the year with two new secretaries in the front office. Mrs. El-Haj discussed holding their first 6th-grade orientation and its high number of families in attendance. The MS had 87 families attend their Tiger Tailgate and family drop-in conferences. A grant was applied for and awarded to help fund 6th 6th-grade camp. The recent cell phone policy has been very helpful in middle school, keeping student distractions down.

Lilly Martin reported on the elementary enrollment numbers. MS Martin also reviewed the elementary SIP (School Improvement Plan) goals and the first two days of Parent/Teacher conferences. She also thanked the PTO, who has been considerable support to the elementary with a supply drive for elementary students and also providing breakfast and coffee for the elementary staff on the first day.

Billy Monroe reported on the Fall Athletic turnout numbers. He discussed how the funds from the ticket sales from last year's games were put back into the district's athletic programs. The athletic department started a new MS girls soccer program and has 18 middle school students signed up so far. They will also be starting a MS girls wrestling program. The athletic department is looking to go to a cashless system for game fees called GoFan, which the state uses for all post-season high school athletic events. Family passes, and Senior passes will still be offered. Preliminary student enrollment results are that Tonasket will stay in the 2B classification.

Superintendent

Kevin Young spoke about the late hiring this fall. The district has been very fortunate to hire well-qualified staff for the lateness of some of the postings.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Calendar for 2023/24

Board Action: Sharron Cox moved to adopt the Board Calendar for the 2023-24 school year and changed the start time of meetings to 6 p.m. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

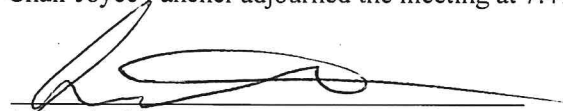
Certificate of Appreciation to Tonasket School Board

The board discussed the certificate of appreciation to the board for allowing the fire camp to utilize the facilities.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION - None

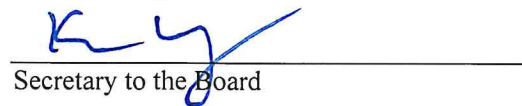
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joyce Fancher adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Anitra Atchison
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the August 30, 2023 regular board meeting (two pages) were approved at the September 27, 2023 board meeting.



Secretary to the Board



Chair of the Board