

Dietrich School District #314
School Board Meeting Minutes

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January 20, 2022

Chairman Starr Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. The school board members in attendance were: Chairman Starr Olsen, Vice Chairman Perry Van Tassell, Ben Hoskisson, Dolly Power, and Rick Bingham. Superintendent Stefanie Shaw, Business Manager Dalonna Hurd, Maintenance Manager Ryan Dilworth and Clerk Jesse Wadsworth were present. The guests at the meeting were as follows: Diane Norman, Aleta Ramburg, Mike Torgerson, Ian Webb, Tanya Astle, Jerry Heimerdinger, Maureen Heimerdinger, Jessica Whisenhunt, Elizabeth Hollibaugh, Robin Southwick Burton, Amy Wood, Emi Berthelson and Eric McHan.

Consent Calendar:

Perry Van Tassell made a motion to approve the consent calendar, moving out personnel. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Unscheduled Patron Input:

Chairman Starr Olsen opened the floor for patron input. The following people then held the floor in turn: Tanya Astle, Diane Norman, Mike Torgerson, Jerry Heimerdinger, Robin Southwick Burton and Iann Webb. Each talked about Elementary Basketball and expressed their own feelings about what was happening and asked to have it made clear and for the problem to be fixed. The problem was that the teachers have students who are behind on work and they need to stay in during recess to catch up and they were being held out of lunchtime practice. Perry Van Tassell made a motion to move item 10b on the agenda up to 4a. Dolly Power seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The board decided that students would be able to held in during first and last recess but they will not be able to stay in during lunch recess to catch up on work for the remainder of the year. Elementary Basketball will be put on the agenda again at a later date to decide what will happen in the years to come. Steven Shaw was not in attendance but wrote a letter expressing his feelings on the situation as well.

Team Lead Presentations:

Mr. McHan spoke about how well things are going for his team. All staff members are impressed with the students in their individual classes and how well students are taking to the material. They are asking questions and actually trying to learn and understand the material instead of just retaining information long enough to pass the tests. There is a lot of engaging conversation happening in the classrooms and students are helping each other to learn as well.

Mrs. Norman read Mrs. Stowell's report, which stated that things are going well and that some students and teachers are struggling, but overall things are improving.

Curriculum Presentation:

Mrs. Hollibaugh presented her a brief summary of her curriculum to the board and things seem to be going well for the most part. She stated that all of the teachers have been an incredible help to her. She has started doing math twice a day with her students, once in the morning and once after lunch. She said this has made a significant difference in helping her students to understand the material.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Shaw talked briefly about the website and the updates there. She told the board that she got all of the schedules figured out for the semester as there were issues with several of the students' schedules. She spoke about attendance and how what was in her report was no longer accurate due to how many kids have come down sick in the last week.

Maintenance Report:

As read

Athletics:

As read

Board Business:

Emi Berthelson presented on the results of the student councils' ballot survey about the school mascot and the school colors. The results were that 48% of the community voted to keep the mascot the same and 73% voted to make black a main school color. The board had a brief discussion and decided that if this is how the community really feels, then they are okay with it. It will come back for a second viewing at next month's board meeting.

Superintendent Shaw talked about the Covid/ Illness update and asked the board if they wanted to change the policy on how long students have to be out for. It was decided after a brief discussion that only symptomatic students will be kept out of school for 5 days.

Ryan Dilworth gave a brief update on the building and the repairs that are being made to the science room. There are still things that need to be torn out. He recommended that it wait until the summer before we start this project. The board discussed options for who should be doing the repairs and tests on the system and decided that it will be put up for bid.

At this time the board took a recess from 10:52 PM to 10:58 PM.

The board reviewed their annual Self-Assessment. It was decided that the board would individually review the Code of Ethics and be more aware of the confidentiality of Executive Session, they would continually improve the study of staff attitude and allow them to bring suggestions and questions to the board, and that as a board they would set up a better plan or procedure for New Board members and they would do a training for the new board members. The board discussed realigning the board. The official locations of where the board agenda would be posted. Ben Hoskisson made a motion to have the agenda posted online and on the

front of the school. Perry Van Tassell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board appointed Superintendent Shaw the Title Nine Director through a motion by Dolly Power. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Ben Hoskisson made a motion to approve the date, time and location of the board meetings for the year, which will be the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the boardroom at the Dietrich Schools. Starr Olsen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to appoint Dalonna Hurd as the Board Treasurer. Perry Van Tassell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to appoint Dalonna Hurd as temporary board clerk, effective January 22, 2022 until the position is filled. Rick Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Starr Olsen accepted nominations for board chair. Perry Van Tassell nominated Starr Olsen. Ben Hoskisson nominated Perry Van Tassell. Perry refused the nomination. Rick Bingham nominated Ben Hoskisson. Perry Van Tassell made a motion to cease nominations. Starr Olsen called for a roll call vote and the votes were as follows: Rick Bingham for Ben; Dolly Power for Starr; Ben Hoskisson for Starr; and Perry Van Tassell for Starr. Starr Olsen will maintain the position. Starr Olsen opened nominations for Vice Chair. Rick Bingham nominated Ben Hoskisson. There were no other nominations. Starr announced that seeing no other nominations, Ben Hoskisson would be Vice Chair by acclamation.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to nominate the Times-News as the news of record. Starr Olsen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The next item on the agenda was the Legal Description of Zone Map. There was a brief discussion about this stating that it had been turned in and we have not heard back from the state. If there should be feedback in the future the board would look at this again.

Jessica Whisenhunt presented on the revision of policy 3380 and 3380F. The board discussed the changes they wanted made and they would see it again next month.

Executive Session:

Rick Bingham made a motion to go into executive session as per code 74-206 (1) subsections (b) and (d):

(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;

Starr Olsen seconded the motion. The roll call vote went as follows: Rick, aye; Dolly, aye; Ben, aye; Perry, aye; and Starr, aye. The board went into executive at 11:40 PM and came out at 12:14 AM.

Perry Van Tassell made a motion to table the concealed carry. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to deny the out of district students. Rick Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Rick Bingham made a motion to approve Personnel as written in Consent Agenda. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Perry made a motion to table items 12 and 13 on the agenda. Starr Olsed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Starr Olsen adjourned the meeting at 12:18 AM.