

Dietrich School District #314

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

APPROVED

Chairman Starr Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The board members in attendance were Vice Chairman, Ben Hoskisson, Perry Van Tassell, Dolly Power, and Rick Bingham. Superintendent Stefanie Shaw, Business Manager Dalonna Hurd, and Board Clerk Lynn Nebeker were also in attendance. Guests at the meeting were Sheriff King, Amy Wood, Aleta Ramberg, Maureen Heimerdinger, Sarah Stowell, Greg Stowell, Jessica Wisenhunt, Nancy Bingham, Diana Aguilar, Denis Vargas, Morgan Olsen, and Emi Berthelson.

Consent Calendar:

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

Team Lead Presentations:

Jessica Whisenhunt – Brett Peterson recently took his kids to Agri-Action. The kids learned a lot and this has been another successful year. Wayne Dill reported that things are going well in all of his classes. The Wood Shop students are having a lot of fun and learning. He is preparing the boys basketball for Districts and hopefully for State Basketball. Brody Astle has two students competing at BPA State on March 17th-19th. Jessica Whisenhunt spoke about Jr. High Honor Clinic and reported the Pep Band has performed well at the ball games. The Spring Concert is Monday, May 2, 2022. The Talent Show Semi-Finals will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022 and the Finals will be May 15, 2022. Jessica gave a recap of the All-State Conference. Jessica said she needs more space for her classes and is requesting a new music room. The Db level in her room is reaching a damaging level for herself and the students. She expressed concern over not having the closets in her classroom fixed. Disruptions occur when PE classes are held at the same time as her classes along with subs bringing students to the gym, pictures, breakfast, etc. Another concern is secondary only assemblies during advisory.

Sarah Stowell – Kindergarten is making huge strides in learning how to read. They have begun reading Piggie and Elephant books and the kids are loving the books. 1st graders have Kindness Bingo all during February with various activities. The students are all working hard and loving school. 2nd grade is starting a new Reading and Science Unit with an emphasis on the Earth. They are preparing for Earth Day. 3rd grade is working on ISAT Blocks. The students finished up with their 3rd ELA reading unit on heroes. They have also been working on poetry and have each made a poetry book. 4th grade had fun with "The Bridge to Terabithia." They read the book and did activities after each chapter. 6th grade is preparing for a Diversity/Cultural Awareness Fair as Greek gods.

Curriculum Presentations:

Aleta Ramberg presented a brief summary of the Kindergarten Math curriculum. Things seem to be going well.

Superintendent Report:

As read with focus on a Work Release program for next year.

Maintenance Report— As read. Ryan Dilworth picked up parts to repair the concrete pad and snow melt.

Board Business:

School colors: Student Council presented their reasons for wanting Black as the main school color. Ben researched the colors. IHSAA says Dietrich's colors are blue/white/black. There was a discussion on not having just one main color – Black, Columbia Blue, and White would all be main colors.

Rick Bingham made a motion to have White, Columbia Blue, and Black as the main school colors. Dolly Power seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5-year Projects plan: There was a brief discussion to continue pursuing the CTE Program expansion.

Rick Bingham made a motion to continue to pursue the CTE Program. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ESSER Funds:

Perry Van Tassell made a motion to advertise to hire a reading specialist. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ryan Dilworth presented generator quotes which entail substantial costs. Discussion on what size generator would be needed. Discussion on getting recommendations from a mechanical engineer.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to hire a mechanical engineer. Rick Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Discussion was held on getting water rights signed over from the City of Dietrich to Dietrich School District. Ryan Dilworth and Lynn Nebeker were tasked with working on this. This will be added as a Discussion Item on the next board meeting agenda.

22-23 School Year calendar 1st Reading: Discussion on Advisory, breakfast, time between classes. Advisory is for student portfolios and needs to be meaningful for students. More information is needed from staff to present to the board.

Emergency Closure:

Dolly Power made a motion to ratify the emergency school closure on January 20, 2022 for a Sick Day. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Safety Busing:

Perry Van Tassell made a motion stating the school board is unaware of any students needing safety busing. Rick Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Policy:

Rick Bingham led a discussion on Policy 1205. No action taken.

Rick Bingham made a motion to adopt 7450 P2. Dolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Review of Policies 3380 and 3380 F. Jessica Wisenhunt and the Board discussed deletions and additions. It was decided to present the changes to the Academic Eligibility with Probation policy to the staff to review and put back on the March agenda for 3rd reading and further discussion.

Policy 3060-Revision and 3060-Original will be compared to each other and brought back to next board meeting.

Rick Bingham made a motion to adopt Policies 4120, 7218, 7455, and 7450 P1. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

Ben Hoskisson 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;

Perry Van Tassell 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 9:30 p.m.

The board came out of executive session at 10:13 p.m.

Concealed Carry: No action taken.

Staff Housing/Lease Agreement: Discussion on the terms of the contract including the rent amounts and length of time residents are in staff housing. It was decided to bring back this item in the next board meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Regular board meeting, March 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
2. Insurance Pool

It was noted that Math Teacher Andrew Fowels turned in his letter of resignation.

Starr Olsen adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.