

**APPROVED**

**Dietrich School District #314**

**Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting**

**October 21, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by chairman Starr Olsen. The board members present at the meeting were Starr Olsen, Perry Van Tassell, Rick Bingham and Ben Hoskisson via zoom for the first half of the meeting. Rick and Ben came into the meeting late. Superintendent Stefanie Shaw, Business Manager Dalonna Hurd, Board Clerk Jesse Wadsworth, and Principal Jeff Montero were also in attendance. The guests at the meeting go as follows: Sheriff Rene King, Officer Gavin Wrigley, Auditor Mike Burr, Andrew Fowles, David Johnson, Urban Johnson, Jason Hollibaugh, Diane Norman, Emi Berthelson, Denis Vargas, Diana Agular and Morgan Olsen. Deb Chapman, Maureen Heimerdinger, and Amy Wood came in late and did not sign in on the sign in sheet.

**Agenda Approval**

- Perry Van Tassell make a motion to approve the agenda. Starr Olsen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Consent Agenda**

- Perry Van Tassel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, but removing Personnel Consent to after executive session. Starr Olsen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Curriculum**

- Diane Norman presented the Team Lead Presentation for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The new curriculum was very overwhelming to the teachers, but they are very grateful for flexibility they have been given to totally integrate math this year. They are focusing on ELA this year and getting the scores up so that next year they can get the ball rolling. She talks about how she sees the kids struggling in the classroom and people who are not in the classroom don't understand the hardships that are there. She challenges her kids to read 30 novels a year. She integrates social studies and science into these books because there is just not enough time in the day to do everything. She also explained that her high school art class is painting chairs that she got donated to the school. These chairs are painted as a picture from different books. Then students will be able to sit on these chairs in the library and read their books, or they can check the chair out when they check out the book that correlates with it. The board asked how they can help to mitigate the distractions that teachers are having problems with in the classroom, and Diane's answer was to follow protocol. There is safety in following protocol.
- Jessica Whisenhunt presented on behalf of the secondary teachers. The students seem to be receiving the new curriculum well. There are a few rough spots, but both the teachers and students are working through it. She talked about the Academic Athletic Policy. She presented it to the staff and they helped her change some wording to make it more clear policy. Many thought it is harsher than the current policy. It is going to promote good grades all throughout the school year, not just when kids are in sports. She is willing to wait to present to the board so she isn't adding more to the agenda than is necessary. She then talked about the music program

and what they had coming up. The music program took a hit due to Covid, so she reached out to Burley to put on a performance called All Together Now, which will be on Nov 12 and 13.

- Deb Chapman presented and attempted to showed the board how to get around in the new curriculum. She talked about how reading and language are intertwined with math, so the students can learn how to talk about math properly. There are many different activities for each lesson. She tries to focus on how much the students learn and not how much she gets done. Her students right now excel at the hands-on part of the curriculum.

#### **Audit Report**

- Mike Burr went over the audit and gave huge credit to Dalonna for how well she did the audit. The state required that she jump through numerous hoops for the grants that we received. He then went over some of the specifics of the audits and explained how it would be a year of uncertainty for funding. However, we have set aside some money to protect us from the shortfalls they are predicting. If there is anything we have to do to keep our doors open then we can use the money we have been given.

#### **Executive Session**

- Perry Van Tassell made a motion for the board 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 office, 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;
- The motion by Perry was seconded by Rick Bingham. There roll call vote went as follows: Rick Bingham, aye; Ben Hoskisson, aye; Perry Van Tassell, aye; and Starr Olsen, aye.
- The board went into executive session at 8:19 PM and came out of executive session at 9:25 PM.

#### **Personnel Consent Agenda**

- Perry Van Tassell made a motion to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### **Safety Plan**

- Perry Van Tassell made a motion to approve the safety plan and action under Idaho Code Subsection (4) (g) of section 18-3302D. The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### **Superintendent Report**

- Superintendent Shaw went over the attendance and explained that it is low because we have a couple families that are regularly missing school. Everything else is as read.

Maintenance Report is as read.

Principal Report is as read.

Athletics is as read.

### **Board Business**

- Superintendent Shaw discussed Covid sick days. The board decided to use Covid funds to cover the cost of the test. When each employee has used all 10 of their sick leave days, then they can come to the board on an individual basis and explain why they need more.
- The D&D student club had their second presentation. They did a short demonstration on what they will be doing when the club meets. They had requirements from other schools in the area that have similar clubs. The board decided that they liked that students would still have to have a GPA 2.5 to participate. Ben Hoskisson made a motion to approve the Dungeons and Dragons Club pending the superintendent and advisor's permission slips and procedures. Perry Van Tassell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- The grease trap update is that Superintendent Shaw contacted a lawyer, and he recommended that we contact the building safety inspector and have him determine if we need a grease trap or not. Starr Olsen stated that the kitchen is not plumbed for a grease trap and that we could not put it where the city wants it because the hot water would wash the grease out anyways. Superintendent Shaw said that she had been in contact with the city and said that it was their responsibility to maintain the line, which had not been done in many years until this year.
- Perry Van Tassell made a motion to approve only the white girls' basketball uniforms. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- The student council presented on why they would like to officially change the school colors from Columbia blue, white with an accent of black to Columbia blue, white and black. The board asked them to get more input from the community and to look into changing the school mascot as well. After they have done these things, they are welcome to come back to the board and present again.
- The board asked the clerk to look into some different catering options such as a dutch-oven meal and having it at the school. They decided that it would be during the December staff workday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, for lunch.
- The board discussed policies 3280 and 3281. It was decided that the Dietrich School District would not adopt policy 3281 as it sits. They revised 3280 and removed parts that were not relevant to this school. They also discussed the revision to policy 3500. Rick Bingham made a motion to approve 3280 and 3500 as revised. Perry Van Tassell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Rick Bingham made a motion to table policy 3281. Ben Hoskisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- There is a work meeting to do the Census Rezoning, Tuesday, October 26, 2021.
- The ISBA Annual Convention is November 17-19, 2021 at Boise Centre.
- The next regular board meeting was changed from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021.
  - There will be no policy and no curriculum presentation at this meeting.

Chairman Starr Olsen adjourned the meeting at 11:15 PM.

