Clark County School District 161
School Board Meeting
January 14, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order 5:32 p.m.

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Roll Call

Orvin Jorgensen	Jeannette Korrell
Laurie Small	Penny Stanford
Brett Murdock	

Attendance

Paula Gordon, Superintendent
Gayle Woods, Business Manager
Jill Grover, Athletic Director/Teacher
Jolene Johnson, Teacher
Susan King, Teacher
Sherry Locascio, Board Clerk

Inspirational Idea

Mr. Jorgensen stated that when billionaires were interviewed, the two things they had in common the most were being early risers in the morning and avid readers. It is important to keep the big picture in mind rather than worrying about small things. It is also important to never stop learning as we continue to grow and change as we learn.

Action Items:

i. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve the agenda with the following change under Consent Agenda: Item d. That item will be changed from Purchases over $1,000 to item d. Emergency Provisional Application for Mr. Knight to teach health. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Mrs. Small to approve the minutes from December 10, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Reports: Mrs. Grover requested that the board consider establishing a junior high track program. The junior high could practice with the high school students and coaches. Their meets, however, would not be in conjunction with the high school. This would require a bus making trips to the various meets. Mrs. Grover pointed out that there was no payment made for a football coach or a varsity girls' basketball coach which saved the district money. Perhaps that money could be spent to transport the junior high team. Mrs. Grover suggested that the junior high only be allowed to participate in a track meet at West Jefferson in order to save money. The board stated more information will need to be gathered before they will approve this plan.

c. Payment of Bills

d. Emergency Provisional Application for Michael Knight to teach health: A motion was made by Ms. Stanford and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve the application for Mr. Knight to teach health. If approved by the state, this will allow Mr. Knight to teach this semester and allow him one year to become certified in the subject. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegations and Reports

i. Teacher Presentations: Ms. Johnson, the preschool and kindergarten teacher, explained the preschool program to the board. Ms. Johnson told the board that even though it appears the students are playing a good share of the time, they are actually learning social skills such as interacting with their peers, learning appropriate behavior, developing speech skills, and helping the children to learn life skills. Some of the life skills include making choices such as which section they will go to on a given day, how to clean up after themselves and how to do small personal tasks such as zipping up their coats.

Mrs. Small commended Ms. Johnson on the program and stated she had heard positive feedback from the community on the program.

Mrs. King presented on behalf of the school newspaper. She gave each board member a file containing copies of the past 18 months of newspapers. At this time, she is working with the leadership class to help with articles for the paper since there is not a journalism class. This has been helpful as the students become more involved and help identify things the other students and community need and would like to know. Mr. Jorgensen encouraged that possibly in the future the newspaper could include more community news. At this time, that is really not feasible because of the lack of newspaper staff.

Mrs. Small asked the possibility of starting a program for a foreign language in the elementary school. It was noted that the younger the student, the easier it is to adapt to a foreign language. Ms. Gordon will check on the feasibility of this program. The board voiced positive support for such a program.

ii. Informational Information/Training/Continuous Improvement Plan: Ms. Gordon reminded the board members that there will be training on conducting executive sessions and superintendent evaluations on January 22, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Gordon also informed the board that the PBIS committee will be having training on January 23, 2019 in Idaho Falls. This will involve Ms. Gordon and several teachers.

Ms. Gordon will be involved in the accreditation process for Sand Creek Middle School on January 28 and 29, 2019. The accreditation for Clark County will be done March 19 and 20, 2019.

Ms. Gordon was pleased to inform the board that the reports she submitted to move Clark County into compliance with the state were accepted by the state. Since the information on the one report was submitted on the template provided by the state which has now been changed, Ms. Gordon will be required to resubmit the information on the appropriate template. However, all reports have been submitted and accepted. It has been some time since all reports were submitted in a timely manner and accepted.

iii. Transportation and Superintendent Report: Ms. Gordon informed the board that the information required for the lawsuit which has been filed against all of the Idaho School districts regarding fees has been submitted. This was a drawn out process as the information had to be retrieved from files dating back to 2012.

Ms. Gordon and Michelle Stewart will be trained on the accreditation review.

Corey Bartle from ISU will be coming to Clark County Thursday, January 17, 2019 to help establish an Education Association Club for the students. Mr. Knight has volunteered to be the adviser for this club which will encourage students to work in the education field.

The College of Eastern Idaho is establishing a program where adjunct professors travel to surrounding areas to offer dual credit classes for districts who are unable to offer such classes. Ms. Gordon is still receiving information on the program, but wanted the board to be informed.

Ms. Gordon is also in communication with Greg Sommers about doing a retreat using the CORE project as a leadership training tool for Clark County and the schools in the surrounding areas.
Ms. Gordon also told the board that she has learned that the ag grant can be applied for again this next year. In the application, it needs to have proof that there is a pathway from the program to actual careers for the students.

Action Items:

i. Review and sign School Board Code of Ethics: The board reviewed the School Board Code of Ethics Ms. Gordon provided and then signed indicating their agreement to follow said ethics.

ii. Reorganization of Board: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to retain Orvin Jorgensen as the board chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock for Penny Stanford to be the vice chairman of the board. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Hire Personnel: After some discussion, a motion was made to hire Rusty Stewart as the head track coach and Michelle Ames as the assistant track coach. Motion passed with Mr. Murdock voting nay.

iv. Approval of Emergency Closure: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to approve the emergency closure of the Clark County schools on January 7, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

v. Supplemental Levy: Ms. Gordon provided each of the board members with a sample pamphlet regarding the upcoming supplemental levy election. The board reviewed the pamphlet and made suggestions. Ms. Gordon asked the board members to review the pamphlet again and inform her of other possible changes as soon as possible. Mr. Murdock stated Ms. Gordon should be commended for the excellent job done on the pamphlet.

New Business

i. Policy Reviews for Section 1000: The board members were assigned various sections of policy section 1000. The assigned board members will review their section, edit it and make suggestions for possible changes. The assignments are as follows: Mr. Murdock will review all of section 1100; Ms. Stanford will review sections 1200 and 1300; Mrs. Small will review section 1400; Ms. Korrell will review section 1500 and Mr. Jorgensen will review section 1600. Board members are to come to the next meeting with suggestions or recommendations regarding their sections.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to adjourn.

Adjourn 7:40 p.m.

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Board Chairman Date

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Board Clerk Date