

Spray School District #1
Regular School Board Meeting
August 14, 2017
Stone Building, Multipurpose Room

1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call: The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by Chair David Newton. Present –Michelle Ordway, Jon Asher-Absent Breanna Skeem. Also present Nate Campbell. Rob Ordway arrived at 8:50PM.

2.0 Introductory Items

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda: Jon Asher made a motion to accept the agenda with a second from Michelle Ordway. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

2.3 Swearing in of New Board Members: David Newton swore in new board member Nate Campbell.

2.4 Approval of Minutes of the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting: Jon Asher asked for a correction to the spelling of his name be made in section 2.3 of the July 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Jennifer Boise took note and will make the change. A motion was made to approve the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes by Michelle Ordway (with the correct spelling of Jon Asher's name) with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

3.0 Presentations/Special Recognition: None

4.0 Communications

4.1 Public Comments: None

4.2 Board Communications: David Newton asked how many eclipse campers the school has. There was some general discussion about the event.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Superintendent

5.1.1 District Accreditation: Mr. Starkey said the new Suburban has arrived and will be used mostly for the dorms and the Yukon for athletics. He also let everyone know that Frontier TeleNet paid for the Internet cables and switches upgrade. Mr. Starkey explained the accreditation process to Nate Campbell.

5.1.2 Eclipse: Mr. Starkey handed out a flyer on the Space Racers presentation to be held Sunday evening of the eclipse weekend and talked about folk music on Saturday evening. There was general discussion and updates about the eclipse event.

5.1.3 Ethos Music Program: Mr. Starkey explained the Ethos Music Program and said we are ready to go as there is \$8000 available and would the board be in favor of committing to this program. Everyone had positive words to say about adding a music program. Also brought up during this discussion, David Newton asked if Monument [school] had talked to Mr. Starkey; Michelle Ordway said that they had called her about sharing a superintendent. Mr. Starkey said the Board should hold further discussions about this in a few months. Nate Campbell asked about the role of a principal/superintendent and head teachers. Michelle Ordway expects that Monument will contact our board chair or Mr. Starkey.

5.2 Financial

5.2.1 July Financial Report: Mr. Starkey explained a few expenses as the board reviewed the July Financial Report. Michelle Ordway asked if the gutters got finished and Mr. Starkey said yes. Nate Campbell made a motion to accept the July Financial Report with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

6.0 Consent Items – None

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Policy Updates EBBB, GCPB_GDPB, JEA: Mr. Starkey asked if anyone had questions on the policy updates. Michelle Ordway asked if the changes had been discussed and Mr. Starkey said that Policy EEA had been revised.

Jon Asher made a motion to accept Policy Updates EBBB, GCPG_GDPB, JEA with a second from Michelle Ordway. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

7.2 Consultant Contract – New Teacher Mentor: Michelle Ordway asked if the new teacher has found housing and Mr. Starkey explained where they were living. He gave a handout on educational leadership and elaborated on the needs and benefits of having a teacher mentor and how Mary Doherty has helped and assisted each first-year teacher. Nate Campbell asked Mr. Starkey if he has held a review session with Mary Doherty and the new teachers and he said yes that he meets monthly with Mary Doherty and individually with the new teachers to tailor a plan as the school year goes along. Mr. Starkey recommends the continuation of the consulting contract. Michelle Ordway explained her concerns. There was board discussion of the benefits of a teacher mentor. Nate Campbell asked about the number of hours spent and Mr. Starkey explained the process that goes on during the school year to accommodate each new teacher's needs. Mr. Starkey explained more of what Mary Doherty does and that she likely spends more than the 64 hours indicated on the contract. Nate Campbell made a motion to approve Mary Doherty as the new teacher mentor with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

7.3 Gift Acceptance: Michelle Ordway made a motion to approve the gift of a 50" TV to the girl's dorm from Debbie Starkey with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

7.4 Fuel Bids: The board reviewed the fuel bids summary sheet. Nate Campbell asked if the school will be selling fuel during the eclipse and Mr. Starkey said no. Michelle Ordway made a motion to approve Devin Oil for unleaded, diesel and heating oil and Morrow County Grain Growers for propane with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously.

7.5 Ethos Music Specialist RFP: Mr. Starkey recommended that the district approve the Ethos Music Program RFP. Michelle Ordway asked if the music teacher is certified and Mr. Starkey said no. He will also look into if the music teacher has had a background check. Mr. Starkey also mentioned that Fossil and Lone has had this same program and Monument will be beginning this fall. The Ethos Music program has been around a long time. Mr. Starkey said he will find the answers to these concerns. Michelle Ordway said she would like to know how this program works in schools if the teachers are not certified and Mr. Starkey said one of our certified teachers would have to oversee. Nate Campbell suggested changing the word "poor" on page 21. Michelle Ordway suggested that this new teacher might need help with classroom management. Mr. Starkey also said that if the person was not a good fit with our students, the teacher could be replaced. Michelle Ordway made a motion to approve the Ethos Music Program RFP upon a background check, a certified teacher overseeing the class and replacing the word "poor" on page 21 with a second from Jon Asher. A vote was taken, passing unanimously. Michelle Ordway said she would like to speak with Mr. Starkey regarding a possible bullying problem.

8.0 Study Items

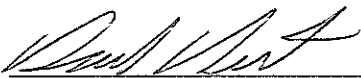
8.1 Policy Updates EEA, GCI/GDI, GDA, IGBAC, IGBAK, IGBC: Mr. Starkey went through the policy changes as he answered some questions about mileage reimbursement along with some general discussion about the policies.

8.2 District Goals: Mr. Starkey asked the board if they wish to make any changes to the district goals. Mr. Starkey and Michelle Ordway explained the early college program to the new board members. Michelle Ordway suggested a goal for math. Mr. Starkey mentioned that the fuel pump went out on the Yukon and had to be towed, but is fixed now.

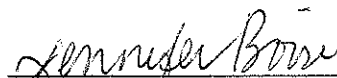
9.0 Future Meetings/Calendar

9.1 Upcoming Board Meetings: Mr. Starkey went through next month's calendar pointing out the future item to discuss classified salary schedules and the differences in pay between Spray and other similar communities.

10.0 Adjourn: 9:07PM


Board Chair

9-11-17
Date


Board Secretary

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