KITTITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KITTITAS, WA 98934

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Kittitas High School and Zoom Meeting

Mike Lowe, Chair
Jerry Lael, Vice Chair
Sharon Damm, Member
Chad Johnson, Member
Billy Fekkes, Member

Angela Von Essen, Superintendent

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

Guests

The following guests attended in person: Wendy Hudson, Caleb Parker, Arianna Hillebrand, Courtney Patteson, Erin Tostensen, Jennifer Patteson, Stefanie Parker, Rocky Gibson, Heather Burfeind, Ryan Hastings, Mayra Nambo, Kay Cee Lowe, George Seubert Sr., Natalie Seubert, Rachael Fogle, Anne Leichleiter, Valerie Scheopner, Blane Seubert, George Seubert Jr., Sam Tostenson, Sawyer Tostenson, Parker Lowe, Grady Seubert, and Tabby Rippy.

The following guests attended by Zoom: Chesney Pemberton, Jeanna Gibson, Sena Burchak, McKenzie Morse, Becky Carollo, Reena Calahan, and Steve Sawyer.

Regular Agenda

Mike Lowe asked that agenda Item K, High School Presentation, follow Item D, Approval of Agenda. Jerry Lael moved to approve the modified agenda. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

High School Presentation

Principal Heather Burfeind provided a PowerPoint presentation on the various high school programs. Teachers Wendy Hudson and Rocky Gibson introduced their students; the students presented their work.

Oath of Office

Newly appointed board member, Billy Fekkes, took the oath of office as Director of District #2.

Public Comments

Rachel Fogel made a public comment regarding her niece and that nothing has been done about the bullying.

Personnel Changes

Angela Von Essen presented the following for approval:

- Resignation of Gale Wilkison – Para
- New Hires:

- David Black – Head Middle School Track Coach
- Malena Niece – Assistant Middle School Track Coach
- Braydon Maier – 1st Assistant High School Track Coach
- Nick Bullo – 2nd Assistant High School Track Coach

- Leave of Absences:
  - Ryan Hastings – Dean of Students/HS Athletic Director
  - Macie Conway – High School Teacher
  - Kevin Barnhart – Facilities
  - Kimberly Eilers – Para

- Coaching Renewals:
  - Bryan Nash – Head Middle School Baseball
  - Andre Armengol – Assistant Middle School Baseball
  - Josh Cox – Head Middle School Softball
  - John Undercoffler – Assistant Middle School Softball
  - Eric Sorenson – Head High School Baseball
  - Alex Ponchene – Assistant High School Baseball
  - Nate Phillips – Head High School Softball
  - Amanda McDougall – Assistant High School Softball
  - Calah Weber-Kulm – Head High School Track

Sharon Damm moved to approve the personnel changes as presented. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Jerry Lael moved to approve the consent agenda. Sharon Damm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

RPM Report

Due to technical difficulties, Steve Sawyer from RPM could not present the monthly construction report. However, the report was included in the board packet for the board members to review.

ASB Report

Chesney Pemberton presented the high school ASB report.

Parent Group Report

There was no KES Parent Group report.

Principal Reports

Principal Ann Leichleiter provided the elementary school report.

Principal Heather Burfeind did not present a report.

Enrollment Report

Angela Von Essen gave the enrollment report, stating the K-12 enrollment for March 2022 was 569.32 FTE.

Budget Status Report

Angela Von Essen gave the February 2022 budget status report, reporting that we have collected 38.51% of anticipated revenues and spent 42.9% of budgeted expenditures. The ending balance was $529,166, a 4.8% fund balance.

Superintendent Report

There was not a Superintendent Report.

Travel Request

Cheryl Uceny requested to take nine FCCLA students to the National Leadership Conference in San Diego from June 27, 2022, through July 4, 2022. Jerry Lael approved the travel request as presented. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

Construction Change Order

Ms. Von Essen presented construction change order #8 for board approval. Chad Johnson moved to approve the change order as presented. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

Capital Outlay Purchase

Sena Burchak provided the board with a recommendation to award the work for constructing a new playground area to Concord Construction for $97,507. Sharon Damm moved to approve the award to Concord Construction. Jerry Lael seconded. The motion carried.

Bank Signatory Authority

Ms. Von Essen requested that the board authorize adding Deena Pruatt, Anita Mata, and Angela Von Essen as signatories to the bank accounts with Cashmere Valley Bank. Jerry Lael moved to approve adding the staff to the accounts as requested. Sharon Damm seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Session

The board recessed into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for thirty minutes to discuss the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(g) with no action to follow.

The board reconvened at 8:40 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Mike Lowe, Chairperson

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Angela Von Essen, Superintendent and Recording Secretary