

**MINUTES OF THE FONTANA JT. 8 SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD AT FONTANA SCHOOL, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017**

Present: Board Members- Lisa Laing, President; Rebecca Decker, Vice-President; Mac Corey, Treasurer; Kate Ketterhagen, Member; Tom Labus, Clerk; Dr. Sara Norton, Principal/ Administrator. Jennifer Smithyman, Co-Secretary to the Board.

Call to Order - Board of Education President, Lisa Laing, called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. A motion was made to go into closed session by Tom Labus, seconded by Mac Corey. (all ayes). Items on the agenda were discussed. Motion to return to open session & then take a recess by Tom Labus, seconded by Mac Corey. (all ayes)

Meeting Re-convened - Additional Attendees: Margaret Labus, Noreen Lamsam, Mary DeYoung

Call to Order -Lisa Laing, called the meeting to order at 8:32 P.M. Kate Ketterhagen made the motion, seconded by Mac Corey, that the Board issue Richard Terhune timely written Notice of Preliminary Consideration of Nonrenewal by registered mail indicating that the Board is considering nonrenewal of his Business Employment Agreement with the District effective upon the expiration of the Agreement on June 30, 2017. (all ayes)

Pledge of Allegiance

Spotlight on Learning and Spotlight on Staff - Postponed to next meeting.

Administrator Report - Dr. Norton reported on:

- Progress toward 2016-17 goals related to the grant-funded Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) program, formerly known as the SAGE program.
- National Kindness Week Activities (Feb. 12-17) - Denise Ocker will lead a week of kindness with awareness and teaching about bullying.

Director of Instruction and Student Learning Report - Jennifer Smithyman reported on:

- Middle School Electives - 17 electives were offered in the fall semester to 6-8th graders, in spring there are 16 electives being offered.

PTSO Report - Margaret Labus reported on upcoming events including: Winterfest fundraiser, a day fieldtrip on February 1st at Timber Ridge (flyers will go home tomorrow), candy bar bingo involving Fontana students and residents at Golden Years, and Mom Prom at Pier 292 (date TBA).

President Report - Lisa Laing discussed the areas of focus.

Consent Agenda - (A) Minutes of regular board meeting from December 19, 2016, (B) Treasurer's report, and (C) Approval of bills. A motion was made by Kate Ketterhagen to approve the minutes, treasurer's report and approval of bills and was seconded by Rebecca Decker. (all ayes)

Action Items -

- A. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Mac Corey to revise the District Policy 425: Non Resident Open Enrollment Students. (all ayes)
- B. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Kate Ketterhagen, to approve the following regular education open spaces for open enrollment purposes:
 - a. 4K: 23
 - b. 5K: 5
 - c. 1st: 7
 - d. 2nd: 14
 - e. 3rd: 9
 - f. 4th: 11
 - g. 5th: 13
 - h. 6th: 10
 - i. 7th: 11
 - j. 8th: 11 (all ayes)
- C. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Kate Ketterhagen, to approve the following special education seats for open enrollment purposes:
 - Grades PK-5
 - a. Total of one (1) space from one or any combination of the following areas of special needs: Autism, Emotional Behavioral Disabilities, Other Health Impairment, Significant Developmental Delay, Specific Learning Disabilities, and/or as current services and programming allow. This will allow for one student moving into the district who has special needs in the specified areas.
 - Grades 6-8
 - No space available (0) at this time per current caseloads. This will allow for one student moving into the district who has special needs.
 - Grades pk-8
 - Total of four (4) spaces available in speech and language per current caseload.(all ayes)
- D. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Kate Ketterhagen, to approve the 2017-18 school calendar. (all ayes)
- E. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Mac Corey, to write a letter to request that the state legislature drop mandatory state-wide school start date to allow for local control of the district school calendar. (all ayes)
- F. A motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Kate Ketterhagen, to approve the the revision of the BFASA Operating Agreement/Fontana School District policy 891.32017-18. (all ayes)
- G. A motion was made by Mac Corey, seconded by Kate Ketterhagen, to approve the revision of the Staff Handbook from "Part-time support staff employees" to "Full time school year support staff employees" (page 12, Fontana Jt.8 School District Support Staff Employees Handbook). (all ayes)

- H. With heavy hearts, a motion was made by Rebecca Decker, seconded by Mac Corey, to approve the retirement of District Secretary Agnes Dillenbeck. The board thanked Mrs. Dillenbeck for her many, many years of service. (all ayes)

Information and Discussion -

- Board members who attended the state education convention shared their key take-aways.
- Pathway Project - Tom Labus met with Tom Whowell. A final configuration will be drawn. The village is responsible for the path.
- Important Dates - February 12/13th fifth graders will put Valentine's arrangements together for a fundraiser, NAEP testing, February 22nd.
- Communication Goal Update - Currently, 19 responses have been received from the online survey. Survey is open until the 15th.

Visitor Response to Agenda Items - None

Adjournment - Mac Corey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 P.M. and was seconded by Kate Ketterhagen. (all ayes)

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Labus, Clerk

Prepared by: Jennifer Smithyman, Co-Secretary to the Board of Education