

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A Special meeting and Board Work Session of the Prescott School Board of Directors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Karen Tonne. The meeting was held (as advertised) at the Broetje Retreat House – Vista Hermosa.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Tonne led the flag salute.

PRESENT: School Board Members: Sara Fletcher, Eva Madrigal, Erik Young and Chairman Karen Tonne; SUPERINTENDENT, Brett Cox; K-12 PRINCIPAL: Dr. Jodi Thew; and Clerk: Patti Johnson

PATRONS/STAFF MEMBERS: District 4 Candidate, Leann Griffin

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

DISTRICT #4 INTERVIEWS:

Brett Cox introduced the only board candidate that submitted the required documents, Leann Griffin. Karen Tonne opened with the question to Leann if her intent was to serve through the remainder of the term or just until the end of the year. Leann replied that she originally thought the position only lasted through the end of the year, but was willing to serve until the end of the term. Erik Young questioned “What do you hope to get out of serving on the board?” Leanne informed him “I’m hoping to contribute to the community of Prescott. This is my sixth year living at Jubilee and have spent most of my time between there and Vista Hermosa but would like to expand that to Prescott”. Discussion took place regarding the role of the Board Members in the community, WSSDA conference and training materials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 42.30.110 (h)

The board went into executive session at 9:12 a.m. They came out of the session at 9:14 a.m.

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OPEN SESSION:

Approval of District #4 Candidate: A motion was made by Erik Young and seconded by Sara Fletcher to approve Leann Griffin to fill the vacancy for District #4 Board of Director until the term is up. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OATH OF OFFICE: Superintendent Brett Cox performed the Oath of Office, having Leann Griffin repeat after him. "I, Leann Griffin do solemnly swear that I am a Citizen of the United States and of the State of Washington; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Washington; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of District #4 of the Prescott School District No. 402-37 to the best of my ability.

Leann was welcomed by all attendees.

INFORMATION/REPORT ITEMS:

Principal Jodi Thew reported on the winter test scores in response to board goal 1. The goal is for all students to show one year of growth in a years' worth of time. Winter testing shows that Kindergarten is going well. There are concerns with grades 4-9 where students are not making expected growth, however, sophomores math scores are up. We may need to look at additional math intervention programs for the elementary students to reduce the slide in math.

In reading, the number of students making growth looks much better. There are concerns in grades 5, 6 and 10 where the majority of students are not making the expected growth. There was a significant drop in 6th grade when we merge Vista Elementary and Prescott Elementary. Additional staff support was added to sixth grade to assist with reading.

We are also seeing a slide in the mean grade level equivalency beginning in grades 4. This could be in part due to the combination classroom which the goal is to separate next year. Rebecca Wilson has 1 period a day to review data and meet with teachers to revamp interventions and student groupings. Dr. Thew informed the board that this is the first year of implementation of a new intervention program for reading at the junior high and high school level; English 3D.

This school year will also be the first year with the Smarter Balance Assessment. This will require the younger grades to have keyboarding skills, so statewide we are anticipating a drop in student performance on the state assessment.

DISCUSSION:

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Athletic Programing and Goals for 2015-2016: Brett Cox started the discussion out by reminding the board that Prescott School District will continue to combine with Waitsburg for football and spring sports but will be separate for winter sports. The district will not be providing transportation. Jubilee will have access to those sports. Brett asked Leann about Jubilee participating in baseball but Leann claimed that transportation to practices and games is an issue due to a tight budget and limited staffing. This is stopping Jubilee from participating in multiple spring sports. This issue will be open for discussion at a later date.

Brett Cox informed the board that the Prescott School District will be classified as 2B until January of 2016 based on our current 9-11 enrollment. In January 2016, sports that are only Prescott sports will be classified 1B. For sports that are Prescott/Waitsburg the Combine will be classified as 2B.

A survey was given out to the high school girls, middle school girls, high school boys, and middle school boys to inquire of their interest in participating in sports and if so, what sports. Brett reviewed the results with everyone and went over the sports Prescott School District and Waitsburg School District are anticipating to offer.

Prescott School District:

Fall – HS coed Soccer (combined with Waitsburg), girls volleyball, MS coed soccer and girls volleyball.

Winter – HS boys and girls basketball, HS girls cheer/dance, MS boys and girls basketball.

Spring – HS baseball and Fastpitch, MS baseball and Fastpitch.

Waitsburg School District:

Fall – HS football (combined with Prescott), girls volleyball, cross country, cheer, MS football, volleyball, and cross country.

Winter – HS boys and girls basketball, cheer, wrestling, MS girls and boys basketball.

Spring – HS baseball, fastpitch (combined with Prescott), track, MS baseball, softball and track.

Patti Johnson went over the preliminary budget for athletics for 2015-16.

Update of progress toward achieving board goals: Dr. Jodi Thew reported the following in regards to the progress of achieving the board goals set for 2014-2015.

Goal 1 Progress:

During collaboration in September staff looked at district test scores and finalized elementary interventions for the fall. Secondary looked at individual students to determine who may need additional support.

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In January, we again reviewed district test scores. Currently the majority of students in our K-3 are making expected growth in reading and mathematics.

There was training for all math teachers this month on how to use and interpret MAP scores to assist them in making informed decisions.

Goal 2 Progress:

In September, November, and January collaboration time was focused on AVID and GLAD strategies. Our AVID site team learned strategies at AVID Summer Institute and have selected specific reading, writing, and organizational strategies to implement school-wide. We have covered Cornell notes, goal setting, Synetic and Analogous thinking, Philosophical Chairs, Primary Sources, Quick Writes, and Annotating text.

The October and November collaboration we had a school-wide book study *Teach Like a Champion* which focused on setting high academic expectations, planning that ensures academic achievement, effective ways to structure and deliver lessons, and ways to create a strong classroom culture. Strategies contained in this book closely align with GLAD, PBIS, and AVID trainings.

In November, elementary teachers looked at trends among behavior data and talked about ways to improve student behavior, especially in PE where the largest number of problems are occurring.

Goal 3 Progress:

Bob Young was selected as a regional representative to share information about the English/Language Arts Standards. Bob enjoys technology and has worked closely with Erin Dorso from ESD 123, Mr. Potts, and Mrs. DeRuwe to get our students into the national Smarter Balanced assessment practice test. He has also worked closely with Angela Adams to get our third grade students on board. The state provided a training test which opened in February. As of yesterday, Mr. Potts has this assessment up and ready for student s. Mr. Young plans to have students in the lab in the next week to continue to develop students' technology skills as it relates to the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

K9 Policy Review: Superintendent Brett Cox shared with the board a copy of the Bethel School District current policy on Student Privacy and Searches which includes one sentence stating 'Searches may include the use of trained dogs to detect unlawful drugs or other contraband.' Mr. Cox also presented an email from Attorney, Rockie Hansen, in regards to the use of K9's to search school grounds and motor vehicles. Discussion followed with the decision to draft up a policy with changes to include the use of K9's for searches.

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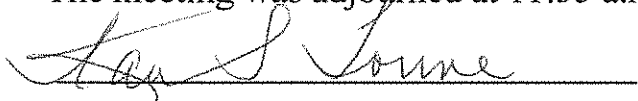
ACTION:

Approval of Policy #4215: Erik Young brought the motion forward to approve of the updates to Policy #4215 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices. It was seconded by Eva Madrigal and passed by unanimous vote.

At 11:35 a.m. the board ate lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



BOARD CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

CLERK