

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
June 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

An advertised special meeting/Board Work Session of the Prescott School Board of Directors was held on June 18, 2015. The Special Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Vista Retreat House located at 1111 Fishhook Park Rd, Prescott, WA 99348 by Chairman Karen Tonne.

SPECIAL MEETING

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Karen Tonne led the flag salute.

THOSE PRESENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Tonne, Sara Fletcher, Erik Young, Eva Madrigal, and Leann Griffin

Superintendent; Brett Cox; K-12 Principal; Dr. Jodi Thew and Clerk; Patti Johnson.

DELEGATES, VISITORS AND GUESTS

There were no delegates, visitors or guests.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

REVIEW OF CURRENT BOARD GOALS FOR 2014-15

2014-15 3 Year Plan:

Implementation of an Agricultural Program - Superintendent, Brett Cox stated that the District was well on the way to having a CTE Agricultural program. He explained the class line up for next year going over the 5 sections that will make up the program. They would like to add an Agricultural Metals class for the 2016-2017 school year and will build the budget next year for purchasing the necessary equipment as well as seek monies from start-up grants. He estimates that it will take approximately \$20,000 for the workstations necessary to accomplish this. This summer, we will be performing building clean-up, installing a computer lab, and repairing the bathrooms.

AVID in the Elementary – The district has hired two new teachers for the 2015-16 school year and will no longer have a combination class. Both of these new hires have experienced AVID during their student teaching and will be attending training this summer along with Dr. Thew. Brett added that both teachers have dual language capabilities.

Increase participation in extra-curricular activities – Mr. Cox reported that he was excited to see the turn out for spring practices. The high school girls had as many as 20 participants for volleyball and basketball. The boy's numbers were harder to determine as they were pulled in 2 different directions between practice times for basketball and soccer. Boys' basketball Coach, Allyn Griffin reported to Brett that he anticipated 18-20 players for next year and is willing to work around their schedules to help increase their participation.

2014-15 Current Board Goals:

Dr. Jodi Thew reported the following in regards to the progress towards meeting the District's goal for the 2014-15 school year:

Goal #1

STAR and MAP assessments will be used to measure individual student growth to ensure that each student is making one year of academic growth.

Principal Jodi Thew provided two tables documenting student growth from grades K-10. She explained that the percentage of students making the expected academic growth is in the far right column. In math, all classes with the exception of grade 8 grade had the majority of the students make expected growth. The average student in grade 8 was near grade level.

In reading, there were concerns in grades 5 and 6 where few of the students made expected growth. In grade 5, there were a number of student's slightly below grade level or below grade level so additional resources were put into supporting this class. Just for grade 5 reading support, there was 2 hours of paraeducator time focused on reading. Kathy, Teresa, and Karen all pulled groups. Groups worked on phonics, fluency, ESL, and in-class support. In grade 6, there was a greater mix in ability. Karen pulled a group of low performing students for 30 minutes daily focused on phonics. Looking over the data, additional time may have been needed to support the sixth grade class over other grade levels.

Goal #2

Staff will use instructional strategies: GLAD, AVID, and PBIS to improve instruction, learning, and build a positive school culture.

We held monthly AVID meetings with our site team. The AVID site team reviewed strategies and selected specific strategies to share with staff at 3 separate collaborations. The school-wide push was for Cornell notes and the use of big binders for organization. Three teachers and I attended AVID summer institute in 2014 and 3 of us plan to attend AVID summer institute in 2015. GLAD continues to move forward. We had 3 teachers attend GLAD training during the summer of 2014 and 3 plan to attend this summer. PBIS was discussed frequently at our collaborations. We tracked data using School Wide Information System (SWIS) and reports were sent to staff at the end of every week. We also fully implemented a level system which allows teachers to track classroom level discipline. This was a change as it required teachers to partner with parents to resolve minor behavior infractions before referring students to the office.

Goal #3

Students will be prepared to meet the technology requirements on the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Mr. Young and Mrs. Adams took the lead assisting staff with accessing the smarter balanced practice tests. All teachers in grades 3-10 participated in practice tests with their students. Mr. Mayberry also worked to ensure his second graders were prepared by taking his class to the computer lab weekly to work on the keyboarding skills they would need in third grade. Ms. Chiemwichitra also piloted the ELPA practice test with her junior high and high school classes in preparation for the ELPA on-line conversion next school year.

BOARD GOALS 2015-16

2015-16 3-year plan (year 2 of 3)

Superintendent, Brett Cox recommended that the District continue to develop the long-term goals during year 2 of the 3 year process. The Board indicated their approval of the continuation of improvement and implementation of the long-term goals.

The board reviewed its goals for the 2015-16 School Year: Discussion ensued about next year's goals and the desire to see the progress goal remain for the next school year. Brett Cox recommended that strategies for AVID be focused on critical writing across the grade levels. Other possible goals included working on High School Accreditation. Accreditation involves bringing in a 3rd party focusing on the High School. The fee to do this would be approximately \$1,000. Another possible goal would to bring Vista Hermosa Elementary out of Priority 1 status. The consensus was to include writing across the curriculum in conjunction with AVID. There was also discussion of becoming a School of Distinction. Dr. Jodi Thew and Mr. Cox agreed that they would have to look into what it would take to reach this goal. Erik Young asked about making our own banners to recognize the achievements of our students. Superintendent Brett Cox will redraft the goals that were discussed and present them for approval at the next regular board meeting.

School Facilities Projects

Superintendent Brett Cox presented a list of projects and items that he felt would benefit the District if purchased or completed. Business Manager, Patti Johnson gave an explanation as to the need to do these this fiscal year verses next year due to the anticipated General Fund balance. The budget was built on an enrollment of 292 FTE's but we averaged 336 for the year increasing our funding significantly. Flexibility next year will be limited due to the increase in staff and the unknown results of the current extended legislative session. A budget extension will be presented for approval at the next board meeting and may encompass these projects as well as purchasing supplies for the upcoming year. She explained that now was the time to change the way we have been ordering our supplies for the next school year. Currently supplies for the new school year are ordered in late July or early August with the delivery as late in August as allowed by the vendors with the intent that they would wait to bill us in September for the new fiscal year budget. The change would allow us to 'get ahead' and pay for the supplies during the summer for the following school year instead of ordering them before we have the budget authority to pay for them.

Superintendent Brett Cox went over the items on the list in detail. This list was comprised of the following items/projects: CTE startup costs, special education needs for renovating a classroom, Prescott Athletic Fall Uniforms and Supplies, 2015-16 KCDA supply order, rubber mulch or mats for the playground, possible furniture for the preschool, 8X8 shed for the transportation cleaning supplies, 2 sets of bleachers for outdoor seating at events, a hose reel for watering the primary building grounds, gravel for the parking lot, a rotary broom for the 4 wheeler, textbooks/curriculum for social studies and p.e./health, a wall in the balcony of the gym, paint the portables, repair roof on the cottage, and improvements to the play area basketball hoops/service driveway, handicap parking and an ADA compliant entry on the curb.

He question the board in regards to their support of such items and after discussion, the board directed him to move forward on everything except the wall.

Brett also discussed the need for a new furnace at the Cottage as he wasn't sure the current one would make it through another winter. Erik Young concurred that this is a necessary project. Mr. Cox will pursue the quotes to obtain this along with the remodel of the Cottage kitchen.

F Street House

Currently the F street rental house is vacant and has been for some time. Superintendent Brett Cox presented the question to the board as to their desire for the future of this home. Discussion ensued regarding the monthly costs to the district and the repairs that could be coming up. The board expressed their desire for Brett to move forward with placing the home on the market to sale.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Implementation of a Consent Agenda

Mr. Cox gave the members information about adding a consent agenda's along with an example from Dayton School District who currently uses this format. He explained that a consent agenda allows the Board to approve several routine items at once that do not require discussion. Any Board Members has the opportunity to remove an item from the consent agenda, if desired. It was agreed that we would implement this practice at the next regular meeting on June 25th.

Hiring of Summer School Teacher

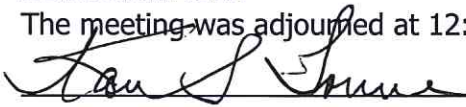
Principal Jodi Thew requested the board's approval to hire Sharon Lundgren to teach summer school. A motion was made by Erik Young and seconded by Eva Madrigal. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Resolution #06182015A Facilities Study & Survey – Resolution #06182015B Space Available in Neighboring School Districts


A motion was made by Erik Young and seconded by Sara Fletcher to approve resolution #06182015a and #06182015B as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:305p.m.



BOARD CHAIRMAN



SECRETARY



CLERK