

**PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2015**

THOSE PRESENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Tonne, Sara Fletcher, Erik Young, Eva Madigal, and Leann Griffin. Student board members Salomon Martinez, Alesandra Diaz and Abigail Olvera were also present.

SUPERINTENDENT: Brett Cox; K-12 PRINCIPAL: Dr. Jodi Thew;

CLERK: Patti Johnson

PATRONS AND PROFESSIONALS: Robert Young, Certified Teacher

DELEGATES, VISITORS AND GUESTS: Jesse Kelly and Brittany Engelhart

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Prescott School District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Karen Tonne at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Prescott School District.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chairman Karen Tonne led the flag salute.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA:

Superintendent Brett Cox requested that the approval of the 2015-16 Vista Hermosa Contract be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF 04/23/15 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Sara Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the 04/23/2015 regular meeting as written. Erik Young seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION

There was no report of the Association.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND/OR BUSINESS

No comments.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL, SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Jodi Thew gave the following Principal's Report:

A parent meeting was held at Vista Hermosa. We talked about how parents can support their child's education even if they do not speak the same language. We also provided some take-home reading games and activities for families to do over the summer.

Our final collaboration was on district test scores. Due to state testing and computer lab space, there were a few classes that did not complete testing, so I will have those results to you at the June work session.

We are well into our Smarter Balanced Assessment. There have been some bumps along the way transitioning to a computer based assessment. Sue has been working closely with Pearson and OSPI to resolve testing irregularities and technical issues.

On behalf of the district, I would like to submit our Blue Mountain Community Grant application which in part funds our after school program. I would like to request \$5,000 which would pay the majority of a para educator's salary to run the after school program.

Superintendent Brett Cox reported on the following:

Blue Sky Renewable Energy Project Funding Grant: The grant has been completed and will be submitted on Friday for funding for the Solar Panel Project.

CTE Report: The frame works for curriculum has been submitted to OSPI for approval. Preparation remains under way for getting the ag building ready for use. This will involve replacing sinks and toilets as well as purchasing a projector and document camera.

Emergency Grant: The installation of the security cameras is complete. A walk through with Ednetics verified that all cameras are in and the wiring for future planned cameras has been installed.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Salomon Martinez updated the board on the current sports news. He stated that he was not re-elected to the ASB but will take this as an opportunity to help the new elected members. Alesandra Diaz reported that the yearbooks are out and can be purchased from the district office. She also requested senior trip approval but was reminded that the class must run the plans by Dr. Thew.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Principal Dr. Jodi Thew presented an application for Student Board Member submitted by Anna Flores. Anna was not able to attend the meeting but her application was in the board packet for review. It was decided that the board didn't need to go into executive session and would address the approval on item S.

INFO/REPORT ITEMS:

A. ENROLLMENT: Business Manager, Patti Johnson, reported that Vista Hermosa was down to 84 students with a yearly average of 91.78 for May. These numbers are expected to increase to 89 for June's count. Prescott Elementary and JR/SR High numbers for May remain holding at 236 with an average of 241 students. She reminded the board that the

budget was built on a combined total of 291 students. Prep work has been done for the enrollment projections for the 2015-16 school year but is not final at this time.

B) WP COMBINE REPORT: Sara Fletcher reported that the soccer, volleyball and basketball coaches for next year will start practicing soon and have various plans for the players throughout the summer. Brett Cox reported that Waitsburg did agree to combine for spring middle school baseball and softball.

C) LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Eric Young gave the board an update on what is not happening with the legislature. He stated that the democrats and republicans did agree to a 2 year boost @ 1.3 billion dollars to be aided by taxes. However, they continue to argue over the 'levy swap'.

D) 2015-16 TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: Jodi Thew reported that the 2015-16 high school schedules was in the packet for the board to review. Mr. Branson will be teaching CTE courses, so you will see new classes listed for him. Mr. Foertsch will be teaching History in Film opposite Consumer Ed. Mrs. Garrow will be working part time with one section of home economics and one section of art. Mr. Just will offer Chemistry rather than General Science. To fulfill the requirements for the class of 2019, health will be a separate semester taught by Mr. Snedigar rather than integrated into PE.

At the elementary level, we plan to separate out our 4/5 combination class and have hires to recommend later on the agenda. We will also have an additional section of elementary music and elementary PE.

E) TENNIS COURT PROJECT: Brett Cox submitted a quote for the tennis court/soccer field project that he has received for the board to review. The cost of the project is well over \$110,000 and requests for local support from businesses, has had no results. Mr. Cox questioned the board on what direction they might want to head. Erik Young and Sara Fletcher suggested a survey of the public to get their opinion and to inform them of what was going on. Brett will work with the newspapers and the community, possibly posting a link on the District's website to a survey that could be filled out and submitted back.

INFO/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F) STAFF BREAKFAST: A reminder that the staff appreciation breakfast will be Friday, June 5th at 7:00 in the Mrs. Garrow's classroom. We will need to be there by 6:30 a.m.

G) BOARD RETREAT: The Vista Hermosa Retreat House has been reserved for the Board Retreat scheduled for Thursday, June 18th @ 8:30 a.m.

H) ESD123 ONLINE INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Brett Cox reported on the plans for providing Jubilee with online instruction. He has been working with Darci Wisner from the ESD123 who will provide the online instruction through Graduation Alliance located in Arizona. Graduation Alliance will provide the Washington State Certified instructor and a

device for each student that is enrolled in the program. The program requires 2 hours minimum of face time with an adult per month. Prescott would provide 2 hours a day, 5 days a week rotating the students from Jubilee through the program. Mr. Cox pointed out that be partnering with the ESD it would help make the program more legit with OSPI. He asked the board for permission to sign a letter of intent with the ESD and the board agreed. Mr. Cox will ask for final approval once the funding and numbers become final.

I) REVIEW POLICY #2022: Mr. Cox introduced certified staff teacher Robert Young. Mr. Young currently teaches journalism for the high school students and made a presentation on the use of face book in the classroom. This came about after his class showed interest in doing some broadcasting but settled on a school face book page. Mr. Young went over the benefits and how the controls would be set up to restrict audience participation. Brett Cox thought this would be a great way to provide communication to the community. Salomon stated that the first thing kids do is to check face book in the morning. Erik Young stated that he would like to see the project move forward. Mr. Cox stated that after reviewing the policy he felt that it is broad enough to cover this project and a revision is not necessary.

J) SECOND READING POLICY #5280 NON-DISCIPLINARY EMPLOYMENT TERMINATIONS & #5281 DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND DISCHARGE: Time was given for each board member to read through the changes to the policies before action was taken.

ACTION/APPROVAL ITEMS:

K) APPROVAL POLICY #5280: A motion to approve policy #5280 Non-Disciplinary Employment Terminations was made by Erik Young and seconded by Sara Fletcher. Passed 5-0.

L) APPROVAL POLICY #5281: A motion to approve policy #5281 Disciplinary Actions and Discharge was made by Erik Young and seconded by Eva Madigal. Passed 5-0.

M) APPROVAL 2015-16 PRINCIPAL CONTRACT: Brett Cox asked the board to approve the submitted Principal Contract for 2015-16. A motion was made by Sara Fletcher and 2nd by Eva Madigal. Passed 5-0.

N) APPROVAL 2015-16 CLASSIFIED, EXTRA- CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR NOTICE OF INTENT: Eva Madigal made the motion to approve the 2015-16 listing of the classified, extra-curricular and co-curricular positions. Motion was seconded by Erik Young. Passed 5-0.

O) APPROVAL 2015-16 CERTIFIED STAFF RENEWAL: A motion was made by Erik Young and 2nd by Eva Madigal to approve of the 2015-16 certified staff renewal listing. Passed 5-0.

P) SUMMER SCHOOL HIRE: President Karen Tonne broke the approval process out as follows:

A motion was made by Erik Young and 2nd by Sara Fletcher to approve the hiring of Genna Bessey and Tracey Tiffin as 2014 summer school teachers. Passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Erik Young and 2nd by Sara Fletcher to disapprove of the hiring of Lynette Palmer-France. Passed 5-0.

Q) APPROVAL 2015-16 NEW HIRES: Dr. Jodi Thew requested that the board approve the following hires: Retire/rehire of Denise Garrow .4 home economics/art and National Honor Society Advisor, Annette Shively for transportation, Brittany Engelhart elementary fourth grade, and Jesse Kelly elementary fifth grade. She also requested approval of the resignations/retire/non-renewals of Becky Counts, Michael Hackett and Barbra McRae. A motion for approval was brought forth by Erik Young and 2nd by Eva Madigal. Passed 5-0.

R) APPROVAL 2015-16 WIAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Sara Fletcher made a motion to approve the 2015-16 WIAA membership renewal, Erik Young seconded it. Passed 5-0.

S) APPROVAL 2015-16 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER: Erik Young brought forth a motion to approve Anna Flores as the new 2015-16 Student School Board Member. Eva Madigal 2nd the motion. Passed 5-0.

T) APPROVAL 2015-16 AVID CONTRACT: Jodi Thew presented the 2015-16 AVID contract for renewal. Sara Fletcher made the motion, 2nd by Eva Madigal. Passed 5-0.

U) APPROVAL 2015-16 NETWORKS PLUS DBA BRENT POTTS CONTRACT: Mr. Cox asked the board to approve the renewal of Mr. Potts IT contract. There are no changes for the new year. Sara Fletcher made the motion to approve the contract, 2nd by Erik Young. Passed 5-0.

V) APPROVAL 2015-16 ESD123 MOA BIRTH-3: Jodi Thew asked the board for approval of the ESD memorandum of approval for the birth – 3 program. She explained that this is a new contract that would allow the ESD123 to take over the birth-3 special needs children and the District would pass the birth-3 allocation on to them. Erik Young made the motion, 2nd by Eva Madigal. Passed 5-0.

W) FISCAL REPORT – Business Manager, Patti Johnson reminded the board that by law she is required to present to the board the District's Budget Status Reports for all funds. She does this along with the Walla Walla County Treasurer's Report to prove that everything balances. The report for May is as follows:

MAY, 2015 Financial Report

Budget Status Report for the Prescott School District balances to the Co Treasurer as of April 30, 2015:

• General Fund	<u>\$1,217,774.21</u>
• ASB Fund	<u>\$ 40,970.12</u>
• Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 112,061.51</u>
• Transportation Vehicle Fund	<u>\$ 620,973.50</u>
• Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 307,828.32</u>

Net change for each fund since 9-1-2015:

General Fund:	\$463,693.99	
ASB Fund:	\$ 3,708.52	
Capital Projects Fund:	\$ 11,407.53	Portable Flooring/2 Classroom's Furniture
Transportation Vehicle Fund:	\$127,229.23	Bus Purchase
Debt Service Fund	\$ 61,516.54	Semi-Annual Payment

May 2015 Warrants Issued:

General Fund – Payroll:	<u>\$223,076.10</u>
Warrants:	<u>\$156,065.71</u>
ASB Fund - Warrants:	<u>\$ 424.92</u>

Patti explained to the board that the increase in the general fund will continue to fluctuate through the month of June but should have a clear picture of where things will stand by July. Patti also informed the board that there will be a request for a budget extension at the June board meeting. The 2015-16 budget hearing was set for July 7 @ 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

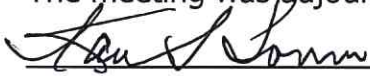
Sara Fletcher made a motion to accept the financial report as stated. The motion was seconded by Erik Young. Passed 5-0.

X) MISC. APPROVAL 2015-16 VISTA HERMOSA CONTRACT: Mr. Cox asked the board to approve the 2015-16 Vista Hermosa Contract after explaining that there will be no change for the new year. Eva Madigal 2nd a motion that was made by Erik Young for approval. Passed 5-0.

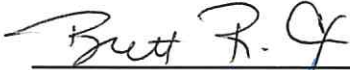
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION: Superintendent Brett Cox stated that there will be a dedication for the re-opening of Lyons Ferry State Park. He will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony and asked Mr. Robert Young to attend with his class.

ADJOURNMENT

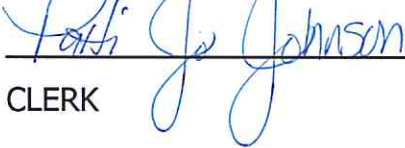
The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



BOARD CHAIRMAN



SECRETARY



CLERK