

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS Feb. 12 6:50 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: LISA FISHER, CHMN., FRANK JORDAN, GARY JOHNSON, JEFF ROMANS

RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT

KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK

OTHERS: CARMAN LOVELL

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

Gary Johnson moved to approve the minutes of 1-8-15, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Frank Jordan moved to approve the agenda Jeff Romans seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Superintendent Talbot recommended Becky Seiders for High School track coach and Scott Talbot for Jr. Hi track coach for the 2015 season. Frank Jordan moved to approve his recommendations, Jeff Romans seconded. Passed unanimously.

Talbot presented the winning bid for the Science Lab addition submitted by Glenn Bros. Construction in the amount of \$382,250. The Board discussed options received from the architect for saving \$20,070 which included not putting in the fume hood and the District moving the playground equipment. After discussion the Board determined to complete the project with the fume hood installed and Glenn Bros. moving the playground equipment. Gary Johnson moved to approve the construction bid from Glenn Bros. in the amount of \$382,250, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson was appointed as the negotiating contact for the certified by the Board.

The Board discussed the purchase of the Harper Garage and decided not to move forward at this time. It was decided to build the additional storage on the side of the current shop building. Jeff Romans moved to approve the estimate from Brian Shepard Construction in the amount of \$21,700.00, Frank Jordan seconding passed unanimously.

Superintendent Talbot reported to the community and to the Board that Harper School District is in compliance with Division 22 Standards 581-022-1134-1140-1620-1723-1941.

Agenda item #10 was tabled until pre-school numbers can be determined.

Talbot informed the Board that there are two criteria that need to be met to establish an FFA program.

1. Have a TSPC Certified Ag Tech instructor. Wade Johnson is certified in that area.
2. Students who participate must enroll in one FFA course per year.

Harper would be a part of the Snake River Chapter that includes Vale, Nyssa, Adrian and Ontario. The Board asked Talbot to conduct a survey of the students to see what the interest level would be.

The boiler is having issues with scale building in the mud leg, deteriorating the metal due to the hard water. To preserve the boiler and to pass inspections, Justin Ranger of CH2O, recommended that a water softener be installed. A quote from Lindsey Echo Water for a 90,000 grain commercial softener was obtained for \$4000.00 including installation. This softener has the capacity for twice the current water usage. Gary Johnson moved to approve the purchase and installation of the softener, Jeff Romans seconded, passed unanimously.

Concerns over the co-op with Huntington were discussed. Parents are concerned about the late nights involved with traveling to practice and loss of home games. The Board requested Ron meet with Scott Bullock and work out a better game split, 70/30 or the equivalent ratio of student athletes, arrange a practice venue in Ontario and possibly not meeting so many times during the week. The District will honor the current two year co-op and review future agreements.

Talbot presented Social Studies teacher Becky Seiders letter stating she will be retiring at the end of this year. Becky will have taught in the District for 36 years. Gary Johnson moved to begin the search for her replacement, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson moved to approve the 2015-16 school calendar, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Jeff Romans moved to approve the ESD Local Service Plan, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot updated the Board concerning the septic issue. A building permit for the lab addition will not be issued until plans for upgrading the septic system are approved. He has obtained the necessary paper work to begin the permitting process with DEQ and an engineer will be here on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to look at the current system and create a plan for its upgrade.

In other business Lisa Fisher asked about the status of the cameras. Talbot reported that the custodians have been ill so not much more has been accomplished.

Talbot reported the girls' basketball team will play Wednesday night, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at Burnt River against Monument/Dayville for the last spot at District. The boys' team will play either Tuesday or Thursday for the same determination.

Jeff Romans moved to pay bills and adjourn, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman\_\_\_\_\_Deputy Clerk