

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS Mar. 12, 2015 8:00 PM  
MEMBERS PRESENT: FRANK JORDAN, GARY JOHNSON, JEFF ROMANS  
RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT  
KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK  
OTHERS: JANETTE MARLOW, ALICIA ANDERSON, TYLER KEISTER  
BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

In the absence of Chairman Fisher, Vice-Chair Jordan conducted the meeting.

Gary Johnson moved to approve the minutes of 2-10-15 and 2-12-15, Jeff Romans seconded, passed unanimously.

Jeff Romans moved to approve the agenda with additions:

1. Review contract for construction.
2. Special Education/Kindergarten position.

Buck Allaire seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Discussion on the Special Ed/Kindergarten position was addresses. Superintendent Talbot stated there was a need for more services in the district for special ed. students than was currently being met by the ESD. As well, the division of the grades in the elementary was having three grades per grade level in certain grades which is not optimum. His suggestion as a solution to the issues was to hire a kindergarten/special education teacher. Janette Marlow and Alicia Anderson stated having the kindergarten separate would allow for more specific grade level instruction. The Board asked that the position be placed in the budget and discussed again at the next meeting. Janette and Alicia left the meeting.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Talbot informed the Board that the DEQ ordered test holes be drilled to check the compaction of the soil where the additional leach lines for the septic system upgrade will be placed. The holes were dug and upon inspection by Eric Evans of Malheur County Environmental Health, it was determined there was not a compaction issue. The soil is sand. Evans will contact the engineer on the project who will draw up plans and submit them to DEQ for final approval. Until a permit is issued for the septic expansion by the DEQ a building permit for the Science addition cannot be obtained.

Talbot stated that a hearing was held on the modifications to HB 2150 which was a retroactive re-payment of the Charter Grant funds. Testimony against the

modification to the bill was given by Mark Hazelton of Kings Valley Charter. Hazelton stated that the money was given to districts legally and the unfairness of a retroactive payment should be considered. He argued that if the bill was modified it should be as a forward progression and not retroactive. Repayment could greatly impact the education of students in Charter Schools.

Talbot informed the Board that the Social Studies position has been posted and there is some interest.

Talbot asked the Board to consider raising the cap on the number of students for the Charter when it is time to renew. Talbot suggested setting a maximum per grade rather than an overall for the school. He asked the Board to think about it and consider other options.

The Cameras are wired and we are now waiting on FMTC to place them. Talbot asked the Board to approve the additional cameras to fill any blank spots that may be discovered. The Board approved additional cameras for more complete coverage.

Talbot reported the Science Fair went well and the Charter Committee worked hard to make it a success.

Talbot conducted a survey of interest with the High School about starting an FFA chapter. The vote was 32 to 6 in favor. Areas of interest were also explored and will be evaluated for consideration of classes to offer.

When Huntington was approached about the games being split according the percentage of students from each school they responded 50/50 is fair. With the schedule already set for basketball next year it is too late to reconsider the co-op, further discussion was tabled.

Gary Johnson brought the certified proposal of a 3 year contract, 2% increase on the base for each year and \$75.00 yearly increase on the insurance cap. Talbot said he would ask what other districts were agreeing to on insurance caps at the Wednesday Superintendent meeting.

Superintendent Talbot recommended that contract teachers Carman Lovell, Janette Marlow and Alicia Anderson contracts be extended and offered two year contracts for 2015-16 and 2016-17. Gary Johnson moved to approve Talbot's recommendations, Jeff Romans seconded, passed unanimously.

Superintendent Talbot recommended that second year probationary teacher David Marker be renewed and offered a third year probationary contract for 2015-16, and first year probationary teachers Larry Susuki and Stephanie Hunt

be renewed and offered a second year probationary contract for 2015-16. Buck Allaire moved to approve Talbot's recommendations, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

Mark Redmond of the Malheur ESD recommended that contract teacher Scott Talbot be extended and offered a two year contract for 2015-16 and 2016-17. Jeff Romans moved to approve Redmond's recommendation, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

Tyler Keister addressed an issue of water running under the footing of the new custodial addition after a recent heavy rain. Solutions from building a sump, piping the water towards the driveway to gutters on the building were discussed. It was decided to go with the least expensive and put up gutters since heavy rains are rare.

Talbot was approached by Mike Glenn of Glenn Bros. construction of a possible cost savings of \$7439 if the Board approved waving the performance bond on the Science Lab addition. The Board agreed that there are specifications that must be met per the contract and the bond was probably not necessary. Gary Johnson moved to waive the performance bond, Buck Allaire seconded, passed unanimously.

Buck Allaire moved to pay bills and adjourn, Jeff Romans seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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