

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS Apr. 13, 2016 7:45 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF ROMANS CHAIR., GARY JOHNSON, FRANK
JORDAN, LISA FISHER, BUCK ALLAIRE.
RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT
KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK
OTHERS: CARMAN LOVELL
BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

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

Gary Johnson moved to approve the minutes of 3-10-16, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Lisa Fisher moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Junior/Senior Banquet, Prom discussion, amend agenda item #9 scratching update/Social Studies, Kindergarten/Special Ed., and resignation of Board Member, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Superintendent Talbot reported to the Board.

1. Harper's certified staff were in attendance at the Professional Development Day sponsored by Malheur ESD on Friday, April 8th. The staff participated in development in writing, math, career technical education and mental health. Currently work is being done to integrate career technical education with science and math. Harper is working towards this goal as well as applying for grant money that would expand the career technical program in the District.
2. State assessment tests will begin the week of April 18th. The staff will be offering incentives to students to do their best on the tests.
3. Stephan Maupin, Malheur ESD CTE Director, informed Talbot he has funds that he plans to use to purchase and install a greenhouse for the Harper agriculture program.
4. Wade Johnson is leaving Thursday, 4-7, to take three students to the Auto Skills competition in Portland. This year they will be going as observers with hopes to compete next year.
5. The new countertops were installed over spring break, the science lab project is now complete.

6. There was another flood in the cafeteria causing further damage to the floors, soaking up the kitchen cabinets as well. Belfor Restoration was called to dry out the walls and cabinets, they will also be estimating abatement of the tiles in the kitchen area and floor restoration. This resulted in the loss of one day of school as well as an additional deductible on the insurance as it is a separate occurrence. A plumber was hired this time to fix the problem area, eliminating several joints in the pipe, removing the filter and an old pressure tank that was inoperable.

Talbot presented the school calendar for 2016/17. Changes noted are; 2 days less for Christmas break, graduation changed to Sunday, May 21st, last day of school May 25th, school in session on Nov.10, having a Veterans Day program on that day. Gary Johnson moved to approve the 2016/17 school calendar, Buck Allaire seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot presented the Student Extra Curricular Activities Medical Plan to the Board for a first reading.

Jeff Romans entered the meeting and took over for Frank Jordan.

Talbot asked the Board to consider granting health insurance benefits for the bus maintenance, CTE instructor position. Frank Jordan moved to approve the benefit, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed with Lisa Fisher, Frank Jordan, Buck Allaire and Jeff Romans voting yes and Gary Johnson abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Talbot asked the Board to consider hiring another elementary instructor so there would be just two grades per teacher. The model in consideration is kindergarten and first, second and third, fourth and fifth, and sixth and seventh in self-contained classrooms. The eighth grade would continue as they are now with secondary instructors and changing class periods. A decision will be made during the budgeting process.

Frank Jordan asked how the Junior/Senior banquet and the Prom will be funded in the future. He has a daughter in the junior class and it is taking all their funds to pay for these two events this year. He also asked how the concessions will be allotted next year. It was suggested these two events become a Student Council project.

Buck Allaire resigned from the Harper School Board stating due to his other commitments he was not able to participate as he would like on the Board. Gary

Johnson moved to accept his resignation, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

The May Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th to accommodate a members' presence.

Lisa Fisher moved to pay bills and adjourn, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

_____ Chairman _____ Deputy Clerk