

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 2009 6:00 p.m.
Big Horn High School Music Room
Big Horn, Wyoming

REGULAR MEETING

Johann Nield called the regular meeting of the Sheridan County School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johann Nield, Chairman
Sean Carroll, Treasurer
C.T. Bailey, Trustee

Suzie Dow, Vice Chairman
Kristi Von Krosigk, Clerk

STAFF PRESENT:

Sue Belish, Superintendent
Cara Reichert, Executive Secretary
Sara McGinnis, Curriculum Coordinator
Brent Caldwell, BHE Principal
Terry Myers, TRMS Principal
Don White, TRHS Principal
Wayne Hall

Jeremy Smith, Business Manager
Bob Heimbaugh, Special Education Director
Judy Steingass, Technology Coordinator
Deb Hofmeier, TRE Principal
George Mirich, BHMS/HS Principal
Martha Newman

VISITORS:

Michael Pearlman, Sheridan Press

Kurt Layher, Sheridan Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Johann Nield asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda of the September 15, 2009 Board meeting.

No corrections or additions were made.

KRISTI VON KROSIGK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SUZIE DOW SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

The Accreditation Certificates were presented to the principals. Congratulations to all!

VISITORS

George introduced Wayne Hall, who is currently student teaching at Big Horn Middle/High School under the tutelage of Kathy Hecker, Ryan Alley and Mike Daley.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR REPORT

WEST SHERIDAN COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

Martha Newman reported that they hope to be more active this year! She reported on their first meeting, which took place on August 17. She was proud to say that ten Big Horn staff members joined as new members this year. Vera Lloyd, who attended their first meeting, is also available for workshops, such as classroom management. Their next meeting is on September 25.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

The administrators' written reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Johann asked if the principals could include some human success stories in their reports, so that he can share them when he attends meetings out of our region and state. Kristi thanked Judy for the internet sites. The PLC program that Meadowlark Elementary School is using was briefly discussed.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeremy Smith presented his written report. He provided corrected financial statements. Kristi thanked him for checking on the sidewalk. He reported that the auditors will be at the Central Office next month for about a week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Sue Belish's written report was distributed prior to the meeting. She thanked Suzie for dinner. She provided and reviewed the District ACT report. She also provided the education summary that was recently published. A brief discussion followed on the results. We're doing well; we just need to continue to make improvements. Our enrollment is up but it is too early to know if that increase will be maintained. Sue reported on the Joint Education

Committee meeting that she attended this week. She explained how data is used to manipulate a point. She reported that there will probably not be any extra money for education funding or from the SFC in the next few years.

C.T. asked for the same report that he got last year on teachers, their schedules and how many students are in each class. Johann reported that he will be retained on the WSBA Board for another year due to a resignation from the current President.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Open and Executive Session Minutes – August 18, 2009**
- B. Approval of Bills and Salaries**
- C. Approval of Revised Policies – Second Reading**
- D. Approval of Certified and Classified Recommendations**
- E. Approval of Extra Duty Recommendations**
- F. Acceptance of Resignation**
- G. Wellness Program**
- H. Memorandum of Understanding with Sheridan County Community Health Services Request**

Item C was pulled for further discussion/clarification.

SUZIE DOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM C, AS PRESENTED. C.T. BAILEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item C. – Sean expressed concern about Policy GA. He feels that it should be pulled out and the Board should revisit it during a workshop. The rest of the policies are good to go.

SUZIE DOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL OF THE POLICY REVISIONS, EXCLUDING GA, ON THE SECOND READING. SEAN CARROLL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Johann stated that a workshop will be scheduled regarding Policy GA, along with a few others. Sue pointed out that most of these revisions were cosmetic changes and GA is more of a philosophical issue.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Facilities Update. Sue reported that the big highlight at BHHS is that the SAWS Board has approved our use of water for irrigation for the football field. Their intent is to allow us to irrigate. It will be costly, compared to AstroTurf, because we are at the highest rate. The football field will be the only green space that we'll have on the Big Horn campus. Commendations were given to Sabrina Phillips for her work and knowledge with the waste water plant in Big Horn. Our engineers will begin work on the field and track design as soon as the water agreement is in place.

Sean asked about the floor warranty issues in the gym at TRHS. Jeremy explained that it's at the end where the court pads are and because the floor wasn't nailed down there is some warping. Groathouse has been notified. It's a warranty item so it's being taken care of. It will most likely be done over Christmas break. We are beginning plans for the track construction with the scope of work having been sent to Malone, Belton, Vista West, and Groathouse. The irrigation system has been taken care of as well.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Revised Policy EHAA and EHAA-E "Acceptable Use Policy for Technology/Internet" – First Reading. Attached are revisions to Policy EHAA and EHAA-E "Acceptable Use Policy for Technology/Internet". Kendal has reviewed these for us. A brief discussion and clarifications followed.

KRISTI VON KROSIGK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED POLICY EHAA AND EHAA-E "ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR TECHNOLOGY/INTERNET" ON THE FIRST READING AS PRESENTED. SEAN CARROLL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Big Horn Concession Stand/Maintenance Building. The design for a Big Horn Concession Stand/Maintenance Building is nearly complete and it is time to consider the construction method. There are two options. The first is to request bids from General Contractors through advertisement. The second is to use Groathouse's existing Construction Manager Contract and bid the subcontractors only. Jeremy's recommendation is to go with the second option because it will simplify the scheduling and coordination that is already difficult on our tight site. He is concerned that adding another General Contractor will cause problems that could be avoided. He also believes that Groathouse's ability to issue a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) will avoid the issue of bids coming back too high to complete the project. The placement, location and plans were further discussed.

KRISTI VON KROSIGK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH GROATHOUSE CONSTRUCTION TO INCLUDE THE BIG HORN CONCESSION STAND/MAINTENANCE BUILDING AS PRECOMMENDED. SUZIE DOW SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Correspondence. No correspondence was received.

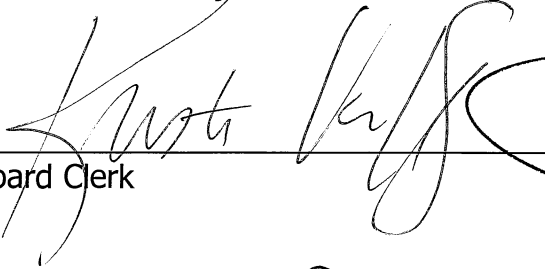
BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS

Sean shared information about a program that an elementary school in Rapid City is using. It is his recommendations that we look into the program further. Sue advised him to find out more about the program, which he agreed to do, and contact Sara McGinnis, Curriculum Director.


BOARD SIGNATURES

ADJOURNMENT

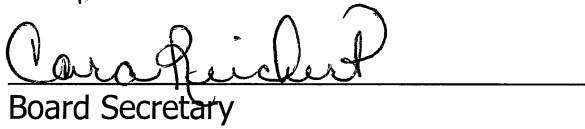
The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Board Clerk



Board Chairman



Board Secretary