

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 240

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on November 16, 2015 at the USD Office. Those present were Board Members, Robert Miller, Warren McDougal, Jeremiah Van Doren, Ray Swearingen, Juanita Morris and Kathy Laflen; Administrators Jan Neufeld, Craig Gantenbein, Becky Cheney and Steve Rivers; Clerk Cindy Regnier and six visitors.

President Jeremiah Van Doren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Kathy Laflen, seconded by Ray Swearingen. Carried with 6-0 vote.

The consent agenda (October 19, 2015 minutes and checks 54527 through 54649 in the amount of \$205,962.39) for the meeting was approved. Motion by Warren McDougal, seconded by Robert Miller. Carried with 6-0 vote.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the attendance of 1 out of district student at BGS and 1 at BJH-HS. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and principals upon their further research in regard to the attendance of a foreign exchange student at THS. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that Jeremiah Van Doren, Warren McDougal and Kathy Laflen be appointed as board representatives to the negotiations team. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve offering FFA course, Intro to Ag at Bennington High School for the spring 2016 semester, not to exceed the provided budget and with no commitment from the board as to continuation of the program in the 16-17 school year. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Juanita Morris to reduce the charges to the Bennington Recreation Commission for 2015 to \$2,000. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to appoint Warren McDougal, Ray Swearingen and Juanita Morris as board representatives in negotiating future contracts with the Bennington Recreation Commission. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to appoint Lorraine Pecenka to the vacant Position #4 on the Board of Education. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Ray Swearingen moved to waive the fee for the facilities use request by Bennington Recreation Commission. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 5-1 (McDougal opposed.)

Motion by Ray Swearingen that the board go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Kathy Laflen. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 9:25 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to hire Gregg Tanzer as BHS Assistant Girls Basketball coach at a salary of \$100 and to hire Chris Lawson as BJH Assistant Girls Basketball coach at a salary of \$100. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 5-1 (Laflen opposed.)

Motion by Warren McDougal to hire Cody Smith as BHS Freshman boys Basketball coach. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 5-1 (Laflen opposed.)

Motion by Kathy Laflen to hire Shane Swagerty as Bennington part-time custodian. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Juanita Morris that the board enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 9:43 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:48 pm.

President Jeremiah Van Doren adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier  
Clerk