

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 240

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on February 15, 2016 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Warren McDougal, Jeremiah Van Doren, Robert Miller, Ray Swearingen, Juanita Morris and Lorraine Pecenka; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steve Rivers, Becky Cheney; Superintendent Jan Neufeld; Clerk Cindy Regnier and 13 guests.

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

The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Warren McDougal, seconded by Robert Miller. Carried with 6-0 vote.

The consent agenda (January 18, 2015 minutes, special meeting minutes of January 28, February 1, February 4, and February 8 2016, checks 54904 through 55019 in the amount of \$261,765.51) for the meeting was approved. Motion by Robert Miller, Seconded by Warren McDougal. Carried with 6-0 vote.

Ray Swearingen moved to recognize the board members who had received the negotiations training from KASB, Robert Miller, Jeremiah Van Doren and Warren McDougal as qualified members of the negotiating team. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to purchase a nine-passenger suburban as presented. Seconded by Ray Swearingen, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve 1 out-of-district student and BGS pending references. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve the change from Industrial Pathway to Agricultural Pathway at Bennington High School. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the 2016-17 school calendar. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to table mowing bids until the next meeting. Seconded by Lorraine Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lorraine Pecenka that Rosemary Neaderhiser be appointed to fill the vacant board position. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the previous motion be amended to state that Ms. Neaderhiser's appointment will begin on February 22, 2016. Seconded by Lorraine Pecenka, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the board go into executive session at 8:30 pm for 5 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Carried 6-0. The board went into executive session at 8:30 pm.

The Board reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Juanita Morris that the board reenter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Robert Miller. The board reentered executive session at 9:15 p.m.

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Motion by Juanita Morris that the board reenter executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Lorraine Pecenka. The board reentered executive session at 9:30 pm.

The board reconvened at 9:50 pm.

Motion by Juanita Morris that the board reenter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Lorraine Pecenka. The board reentered executive session at 9:50 pm.

The board reconvened at 10:05 pm.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that Curtis Nightingale be hired as Bennington High School principal for the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that David Gillett and Travis Cramer be hired as assistant BJH wrestling coaches. Seconded by Lorraine Pecenka, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to begin the hiring process for a part-time food service employee. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Juanita Morris that the board reenter executive session for 3 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Robert Miller, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lorraine Pecenka that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

President Jeremiah Van Doren adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier  
Clerk