

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS Mar. 9, 2017 7:40 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF ROMANS CHAIR., GARY JOHNSON, FRANK JORDAN, LISA FISHER.

RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT

KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK

OTHERS: LINDA FORTIN, KELLY JORDAN, KATHERINE RASMUSSEN.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

Lisa Fisher moved to approve the minutes of 2-9-17, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson moved to approve the agenda, with addition of classified negotiations and information on the Treasurer Valley Tech program, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Linda Fortin, Katherine Rasmussen and Kelly Jordan presented the Board with a classified staff instructional salary schedule for consideration in negotiating.

Steele presented a budget committee application from Jill Joyce. Frank Jordan moved to approve the application, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Steele informed the Board that no applications had been filed for School Board and the filing deadline is March 16, 2017.

Superintendent Talbot presented the 2017/18 school calendar. This calendar is very similar to the 2016/17 calendar. The Board questioned adding more school days before Christmas Break to have time for snow days. Talbot stated that if necessary those days could be made up when needed. Lisa Fisher moved to approve the calendar for 2017/18, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Superintendent Talbot recommended that third year probationary teachers Stephanie Hunt and Larry Susuki be renewed and offered a two year contract for 2017-18 and 2018-19, second year probationary teacher Kristy Riggan be renewed and offered a third year probationary contract for 2017-18 and first year probationary teacher Marie Torland be renewed and offered a second year probationary contract for 2017-18.

Superintendent Talbot recommended that contract teachers Carman Lovell, Alicia Anderson, and David Marker contracts be extended and offered two year contracts for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Mark Redmond of the Malheur ESD recommended that Scott Talbot's contract be extended and offered a two year contract for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Frank Jordan moved to approve Talbot's contract recommendations, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson moved to approve the recommendation of Mark Redmond for Scott Talbot's contract, Lisa Fisher seconded passed unanimously.

Superintendent Talbot informed the Board that ten applicants were screened and four were interviewed for the Secretary/Admin. Assistant position and he recommended hiring Mackenzie Jacoby for job. Lisa Fisher moved to approve Talbot's recommendation, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot recommended Tyler Keister, Katherine Rasmussen and Kirsten Rasmussen as high school track assistants. After discussion the decision to ratify the recommendation was tabled.

Talbot presented an agreement from Treasure Valley Tech in which for a sum of \$12,500.00 they would provide instruction in welding and nursing to Harper students. At the end of the instruction the student would have a certified welding certificate or a CNA license. This program is competency based meaning students could progress through the program depending on their prior experience. The classes would be for two hours per day and Harper would be responsible for student transportation. With instruction and travel to Vale where instruction would be given it would amount to approximately 3 hours per day from a student schedule. For this time frame to work this instruction would need to be in the afternoon so as not to impact core classes. Talbot stated this could be funded from Measure 98 dollars which are yet to be determined. Talbot also stated that the measure 98 money could be used to enhance the ag or auto programs we already have and possibly have a greater impact on more students. Another obstacle is the transportation piece. Someone would need to be hired to transport and then wait for the students. The Board asked Talbot to survey students with questions as to how many are interested in pursuing careers in nursing, welding, ranching or other careers before making a decision.

The Board asked Steele to run estimates based on percentage increases for the classified and meet again on Thursday, March 16 at 4:00 to discuss options to return to the classified.

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

_____Chairman_____Deputy Clerk