

**UPPER WEST SHORE
SCHOOL DISTRICT #33
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019**

Trustees Present: Jessi Wood, Ben Adams, Ron Tjaden

Staff Present: Principal Dr Darlene Hartman, Paul Venters

Lake County Superintendent Present: Carolyn Hall

Clerk Present: Duskie Dwelle

Guests present: Amanda Adams, Hollie Pluff, Sheri Abernathy, Sara Schmeusser

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.m.

Comments & Discussion on Non-Agenda Items: There was no discussion

Ben made a motion to approve the March 18, 2019 minutes. Ron seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion.

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes from both the open and closed sessions of the March 21, 2019 meeting. Ben seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion.

Ron asked Dr H about the status of the suggestion box. Dr H replied that it has been constructed, but had not been put up yet.

Ben said that he has been in touch with the concrete company about getting the new sidewalks poured.

Ron asked if the third quarter report cards had gone out to parents on time. Dr H said that the report cards had been completed and given to parents on time.

Sara asked if more chips could be added around the basketball hoops. Ben said that he would take care of that.

There was some discussion about the need for more access points for gates to the school yard. It was agreed that over the summer more gates need to be installed for easier access to the fuel tank and to maintain the yard and playground.

Ron made a motion to approve the P.O.'s and warrants. Ben seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Paul said that the physical education methods students from the Salish Kootenai College will assist in field day.

The IEC reported that Daniel Stiffarm will be replaced on the CS&K Tribal Cultural Committee.

Amanda said that the PTO is moving forward with the necessary steps for the purchase of the Follet Destiny library program.

The PTO is getting some estimates for repainting the exterior of the school.

The convenience of having a school-wide do-jo for notifying parents was discussed. Dr H will work with Paul to set this up. Notices will be sent out by Jen.

Carolyn reviewed new MOU's for the 21st Century grant. The grant will be submitted on April 29th. This grant would provide funds for the ASP program. Sara commented that she would rather fund ASP with other funds as the 21st Century grant guidelines are too restrictive. It was noted that if we do not receive the 21st Century grant funds, it will be very difficult to fund ASP. Carolyn is hopeful we will know by June if we will receive the grant.

Carolyn said that a new GEPA statement had been written for the REAP grant. The REAP grant and the CRDC report will be submitted by April 26th.

Carolyn has been approved to present a mid-year report to the CS&K Tribal Council next month.

Dr H shared that it had been a challenging start getting the Smarter Balance testing going. The 4th thru 6th grades have completed their testing. Dr H expressed her appreciation and thanks to the PTO for the fantastic breakfast provided during testing.

Dr H reported that eight children attended kindergarten round-up and two more are scheduled to be tested. Nine 6th graders will graduate. At this time, there will be 72 enrolled next fall.

Dr H reported that two of three tenured teacher evaluations have been completed with post observation meetings scheduled this week. The three non-tenured teachers' first observations have been completed and one second round completed.

Dr H requested that the Field Day scheduled for April 26th be moved to May 31st. Ron made a motion to move Field Day from April 26th to May 31st. Ben seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion.

Dr H said that a barbeque will be held on June 5th.

Duskie gave copies of the FY20 Pre-Session Preliminary General Fund budget to the trustees.

Duskie presented the audit contract with Denning, Downey & Associates for Jessi's signature.

Duskie told the trustees that MSSA membership for the 19/20 school year will be \$1290. MAPS testing will be \$15/student and MAP K-3 reading fluency will be \$5.50/student.

The trustees unanimously agreed not to join Montana Cooperative Services at this time.

Paul thanked the trustees for their efforts to improve communication between parents, staff and trustees. He expressed that it is difficult for teachers as they meet the needs of their

students to be more available. He would love to have a sit-in to discuss issues. Ben said that due to the small number of trustees whenever two of them meet it has to be a noticed public meeting. Both Jessi and Ben thanked Paul for attending the meeting.

Paul said it would be nice to have a teacher led PIR day for teachers to share ideas and collaborate with one another.

Sheri commented that she really liked the format of Paul's report cards. Paul said he appreciated her comment.

Dr H said that in an effort of collaboration Dakota is working with the other teachers on a proposed calendar for 2019/2020.

Duskie gave copies of the applications for district clerk to the trustees. The trustees decided to close the applications. They asked Carolyn to check references for them and to set a date for the interviews.

Ron said that the negotiation meeting with the Dayton Education Association has been rescheduled for May 17th at 10:00 a.m.

The trustees reviewed two options of evaluations for the principal. Ben and Jessi both preferred the longer form. Ron said he preferred the shorter form as it is simpler. Ron made a motion to use the form recommended by OPI for the principal evaluation. Ben seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion.

There was some discussion of having a teacher at the front desk for 1/hr per week beginning at 3:10.

Ben made a motion to approve reimbursing Ron for the purchase of a new stove for the lunchroom at a cost of \$1100. Ron seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion.

Ben made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded the motion. All trustees voted to approve the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jessica Wood, Board Chair

Duskie Dwelle, District Clerk

Date