

**MINUTES
UPPER WEST SHORE
SCHOOL DISTRICT #33
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2019**

Trustees present: Jessi Wood, Ben Adams, Ron Tjaden

Staff present: Dee Oberg, Dakota Peterson, Kim Norman, Jamie Bartel, Patty McMahon, Sara Schmeusser

Lake County Superintendent of Schools: Carolyn Hall

Clerk present : Duskie Dwelle

Guests present: Kina Nelson, Amanda Adams, Monica Simonson, Sheri Abernathy, Sean Bruckelmyer, Rod Redinger, Ladd McMahon, Cory Homola, Kari Homola, David Rosenbrock, Hollie Pluff, Katie Redinger, Carol Martin, Carrie Ramsey, Karyn Thornton

Jessi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Jessi read the protocol according to MCA 2-3-203 for closing the portion of a meeting when an individual's right to privacy clearly exceeds the merits of the public disclosure.

Jessi said the employee involved has been notified of the special meeting and has chosen to be present and have the portion of the meeting dealing with said employee be closed.

Jessi informed those present that no decisions would be made by the trustees during the closed portion of the meeting.

At 6:05 p.m., Jessi told those present that the meeting was closed and that all guests would have to go into the foyer. Those wishing to address the trustees and the employee will be brought in one at a time to do so. After those wishing to address the trustees and the employee have had an opportunity to do so, the meeting will re-open.

The meeting was re-opened at 7:23 p.m.

Hollie expressed concerns that the 1st/2nd grade lacks organization and has misbehavior problems. She doesn't feel her daughter is thriving. Kina said she had a meeting with the teacher and Dr H about the misbehavior being a distraction for the other students. Dr H is working with the teacher to improve organization and behavior. A para is in the classroom to assist and Julie is often in the classroom. Sara suggested not combining 1st and 2nd next year. Jessi said last year it worked well. Classroom numbers are up far more than anticipated when the decision was made.

Sara commented that it was good that everyone could be here to address their concerns

Jessi said that Dayton School needed changes and that summer started on an optimistic note. It has been a long and difficult year. Jessi said the board, the superintendent and Dr H have all had to be very careful not to say or do anything that could be interpreted as trying to influence the teachers in their votes to form a union. Jessi said the trustees are trying to make improvements for students, parents and staff.

Amanda said she sees that the trustees care so much about this school. If there are issues, the trustees must know about them in order to make things better. She said nothing can be done without communication of parents, teachers, administrators and the trustees.

Karyn there is a process to address issues. Talk to the principal first, then the superintendent and then the trustees.

Dr H said that she is all for open communication. That everyone can improve on that. She invited anyone to visit with her. Dr H said every decision we make needs to make things better for parents, staff and students. Dr H will put up a suggestion box for those who would rather remain anonymous.

Hollie thanked everyone for being willing to listen.

Carrie thanked Dr H for greeting the parents each morning as they drop off their students. Other parents also expressed their appreciation.

Dakota asked if Jessi could return as a volunteer in her classroom now that the union has been formed. Jessi said she has missed being a volunteer.

Kari said concerns were not heard even when taken to the superintendent.

Amanda suggested that people look at School Policy.

Carolyn said that Valley View will be discussing whether to continue having a combined Field Day with Dayton at their next board meeting.

Ben made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded the motion. All trustees voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Jessica Wood, Board Chair

Duskie Dwelle, District Clerk

Date