

Upper West Shore School District #33
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Meeting was held in Public & via Conference call
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CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jessi Wood called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance, was Trustee Ron Tjaden, Trustee Ben Adams, Principal Darlene Hartman, Lake Co. Superintendent Carolyn Hall, and Board Clerk/ Business Manager Deb Anderson, other attendees available upon request.

TRUSTEE & COMMUNITY COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Monica Simonson requested test scores for the last 5 years and wondered why they are not easily available on the UWS website. Superintendent Hall explained the access to the standardized test (SBAC) scores and where they are available on the OPI GEMS website. She also explained some scores are not available due to privacy laws regarding students.
2. Monica also asked when a Curriculum would be purchased for Social Studies. Superintendent Hall explained that best teaching practice is “to teach to standards” and those are currently being revised and re-established by the state of Montana and schools should not buy textbooks or any materials that could not meet those standards when they are adopted.
3. Monica also had questions regarding testing and possible special needs students. Superintendent Hall explained that this was required by law and those tests are being performed.
4. Board Chair Jessi Wood added that the standardized test scores had been increasing prior to Covid. Superintendent Hall explained nationally, as well as locally, and on our individual monitoring testing for our students, all show there has been a loss in student achievement due to the “Covid - 19 Shut-down” last Spring, so all schools are working to make up for the lost time.
5. Monica would like to see our standardized testing on the website and how it compares to other schools. Superintendent Hall explained we can post on our own website, but the “search” information she is seeking is not on the web (internet) due to our school being so small and not having a Food Service Program and verified Free & reduced numbers. We don’t show up on the databases, therefore on web search results, we are not available.
6. Monica also asked if the school can accept students with special needs and Superintendent Hall explained that yes, we can and that we are still advertising for a Special Education Teacher. Our school is special education compliant in that our Principal is in an approved Special Ed Intern program with the state of MT in order to provide services for our students.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approve October 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes, Trustee Adams seconded the motion passed uncontested.
2. **Approve Warrants and PO's:**

- a. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to approve the Warrants and PO's and Trustee Adams seconded the motion passed uncontested.

IEC REPORT – NA

PTO REPORT: Karyn Thornton reported on the following:

1. Playground equipment installation
2. Curriculum purchase: What is the best fit for the school
3. T-Shirts are completed
4. Requested 2 week notice for all assemblies
5. Donation Funds account – PTO President Karyn Thornton asked if there was an account in which donated funds could be held for a specific item. Business Manager Deb Anderson did explain that the Fund 115 was designed to accommodate those types of funding sources.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Dr. Hartman reported on the following:

1. Mike Rippe – Friends of Lake Mary Ronan Brochure presentation:
 - a. Mike read the letter to the Board requesting permission to partner with the Dayton School in educating the youth in the Watershed area by providing educational resources to assist in developing students in Math & Science.
 - b. He read his letter to the Board requesting the Dayton School Board approve the partnership with Friends of Lake Mary Ronan. Trustee Adams made the motion to Partner with Friends of Lake Mary Ronan, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion passed uncontested.
 - c. Jim Baker thanked the Teachers at Dayton Elementary he appreciates their efforts.

CLERK

1. Approval to request Bids for Water Operators
 - a. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to Approve the request to attain bids for Water Operators, Trustee Adams seconded motion passed uncontested.

TEACHERS- NA

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Dr. Hartman report continued:

2. Enrollment: 64 Students
3. Parent & School Collaboration
4. Report Cards

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT- Superintendent Carolyn Hall reported on the following:

1. **Personnel Report-**
 - a. Superintendent Hall requested the Board to Approve the Personnel report as submitted. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to Approve the Personnel report as submitted, Trustee Adams seconded the motion passes as submitted.
2. **Approve 20-21 IPP's**
 - a. Superintendent Hall asked the Board to approve the revised IPP's for the 20-21 application. The Department of Ed had some changes they required to be completed and Board approved before any funding would be released.

- b. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to approve the Revised 20-21 UWS Indian Policies and Procedures as submitted, Trustee Adams seconded the motion passed uncontested.

3. Approve Upper West Shore Legal Boundaries:

- a. GIS has completed the legal boundaries and Superintendent Hall is asking the Board to please Approve the up dated Upper West Shore Legal Boundaries as submitted.
- b. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to approve the revised UWS legal boundaries as submitted, Trustee Adams seconded the motion passed uncontested.

4. Volunteers:

- a. Superintendent Hall explained that no Volunteers can be allowed in the classrooms at this time due to Covid – 19 restrictions in all Lake County schools. Trustees confirmed that is the policy reflected in our “Re-opening School” policies for this year as approved by Lake County Health.

TRUSTEES:

1. Negotiations Update: Trustee Tjaden-

- a. Trustee Tjaden reported that they are scheduled for mediation on 12-11-20 at 1:00 PM.

2. Dayton School Land Committee-

- a. Trustee Adams reported there was a letter sent to George Ducharme, but no response. There had been some tentative talk about possible land switch but if nothing comes to fruition by 1st of the year, then we should explore the Proctor location.
- b. Board Chair Jessi Wood, “Therefore, if nothing is heard then by the January meeting a motion to sell property and move towards building a new school will be on the table”.

Motion to Adjourn:

- c. Trustee Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion passed uncontested.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Jessi Wood - Board Chair

Deb Anderson—Board Clerk