

**Upper West Shore School District #33  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approve November 15, 2021 UWS Board Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Trustee Tjaden made the motion to Approve the November 15, 2021 UWS Board Meeting minutes, Board Chair Simonson 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 Board Chair Simonson seconded, the motion passed uncontested.

**IEC REPORT – NA**

**PTO REPORT:** Sheri Abernathy reported on the following

1. Fire & Ice – 02/11/22
2. Photographer for pictures for flyers.
  - a. PTO requested access from the Board to bring a Photographer into the Dayton School to take pictures for a flier to raise funds.
  - b. Trustee Tjaden was in favor but the Principal must be involved, and parent permission is required.
  - c. Trustee Bjork made the motion to allow the photographer access to the school for pictures, Trustee Tjaden seconded, the motion passed uncontested.
3. PTO & Dojo
  - a. Juliana Simonson will be given any messages for parents to post on Dojo.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT – Dr. Hartman reported on the following:**

1. Student Enrollment - 59
2. Winter Concert/Play - December 16th at 6:30 - Glacier Camp Lodge - Dismissal at 3:10
3. First Quarter Report Cards completed
4. Parent-Teacher Conferences were well attended at 96%
5. Teachers scheduling the first formal evaluation, four completed, one planned
6. Teachers chose two Social Studies Curriculum Units from Core Knowledge (The same company we purchased Amplify English Language Arts and Science Programs). These were ordered and delivered.
7. Class Dojo
8. Montana Masonic Foundation- DH will be writing and submitting a grant to fund a new Merry-go-round that is approved by our insurance
9. Fire Inspector & emergency plan- being followed and updated.
  - a. Parents asked why the classroom doors don't lock in case of emergency and why teachers do not have keys for the doors. Supt Hall ensured there were keys and she will find the correct keys and make sure they are distributed.

- b. Anytime Lock will be brought in to rekey doors that are not locking correctly.

**CLERK – Business Manager / Board Clerk reported one the following:**

1. Student attendance agreements: Nothing to report

**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT- Superintendent Carolyn Hall reported on the following:**

1. Personnel Report-
  - a. Supt Hall requested the Board to Approve the Personnel report & Nepotism Resolution, Trustee Tjaden made the motion to approve the Personnel report as submitted, Board Chair Simonson seconded the motion passed uncontested. Trustee Bjork abstained.
2. Plan for Safe Return-
  - a. Supt Hall reported that the Plan for Safe return is available on the website and the Board indicated there are no changes at this time.
    - i. Karyn Thornton would like the seating assignments at lunch to be relaxed. Principal Hartman explained that students are allowed to sit with other students within their grade maintaining 3 feet distance. This is part of the Board approved Plan for safe return. The Principal will make sure students know they can change seating.
    - ii. KT argued that all students will get Covid, so the Plan should be less restrictive so students can have fun with their friends.
    - iii. Board Clerk Anderson reminded the Board that if the safety requirements are not met, then the funding can be denied, if the school is not trying to meet the Federal requirements to Prevent, Prepare and Respond to the Covid.
      1. Trustee Bjork asked if the plan can be altered to meet the minimal requirements and still get the funding.
      2. Board Chair Simonson & Trustee Tjaden both indicated we need to meet the Federal requirements.
    - iv. Trustee Bjork made the motion to approve the Safe Return Plan with no changes, Trustee Tjaden seconded, the motion passed uncontested.
3. All School Ski Days –
  - a. Supt. Hall asked the Board to approve the recommendation that all K-2 students must be accompanied by a parent, or sibling over the age of 18, to Black Tail Ski Day. The school doesn't have enough staff to safely supervise all students once their morning lesson is complete. The School needs additional adults to help meet this need, especially for the youngest students.
  - b. After discussion, Trustee Tjaden made the motion to accept Supt Hall's recommendation for all K-2 students to be accompanied & supervised by a parent, or siblings 18 years or older, in order for them to participate in Ski day. Board Chair Simonson seconded, the motion passed uncontested.
  - c. Supt. Hall responded to Sheri Abernathy that a Polson bus has been arranged for transportation.

**TEACHERS – NA**

**TRUSTEES:**

1. Dayton School Land Committee-
  - a. Trustee Bjork will provide the Lease agreement from the Tribe to Board for the next meeting.
2. Recognize Judy Fountain –
  - a. Board Chair Simonson recognized with gifts and thanked Judy Fountain for all her efforts in selling the Rollins School.

**TRUSTEE & COMMUNITY COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Sheri Abernathy asked why Paras do not have keys to the building and Supt Hall explained that contracted employees only have keys to school buildings because of liability.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

1. Trustee Tjaden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Bjork seconded, the motion passed uncontested.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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Greg Simonson - Board Chair

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Deb Anderson—Board Clerk