

Upper West Shore School District #33
Board of Trustees
March 18, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes - Draft until Approved

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM Trustee Greg Simonson called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance was Board Chair Greg Simonson, Trustee Ron Tjaden and Trustee Arnold Bjork, Lake County Superintendent Carolyn Hall, Board Clerk/Business Manager RaSena Christopher. Sign in sheet available upon Request

Trustee Simonson made a motion to move the Proctor update to the beginning of the meeting,

Trustee Bjork seconded the motion, motion approved.

Old Business:

Proctor Project Update: Peter Bower with Rocky Mountain Construction gave the Board of Trustees an update on the Proctor Building project. The build is back on schedule and he voiced his budget concerns. Mr. Bowers has requested that if any minor changes needed to be made, that the Board authorize the Superintendent or a Board member to make those changes without taking all changes through the review process with A&E because of time and money constraints. However, if any major changes in the plans need to be made, that they get submitted to A&E for approval, and then the Board and Superintendent review them for any recommended changes. Mr. Bower gave the example of the electric sub contractor. The Board authorized accepting the electrical recommendations, and authorized the Superintendent to proceed with authorization on changes that did not jeopardize the safety and integrity of the remodel.

Mr. Bowers reported that all the subs as well as Majestic Construction are all working well. He will continue to send weekly updates.

(This procedure will be shared with A&E as soon as these Minutes are approved at the April 15 Board meeting, and the process as outlined and verbalized above is approved.)

Approve February 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the February 12th minutes, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Warrants and PO's & JV's: Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the February 12th minutes, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

IEC - No Report

Teachers: No Report, but a Teacher had requested to be put on the Agenda to address the Board with questions pertaining to next school year.

Cheryl Muri: Cheryl Muri inquired about how class coverage will work in the future if Dayton adds on 7th and 8th graders. Superintendent Hall explained that Dayton Elementary School is not currently looking to restructure or add on classes, but is only seeking input from Staff, Families, and Community, as to whether there is a need and a commitment to support the idea.

Cheryl then asked what the Proctor Building will be used for. Superintendent Hall explained the hopes of using it as a place for food to be served to students and for the building to be used by the community.

A short discussion was held on how funding comes into the District from the State.

Cheryl asked questions regarding insurance for the 2024/2025 SY. It was explained that insurance was a negotiated item and the Board could not discuss options at the board meeting. There was some discussion about a future possibility of a "state-wide school insurance plan" tentatively authorized by the Legislature. Cheryl was thanked for bringing her concerns to the board meeting.

Dayton PTO: No Report

Principal report: Brycen Ek - Brycen was with students at the State Archery Competition and unable to present.

Clerk: Business Manager RaSena Christopher: RaSena presented the board with the YTD budget amounts through February 2024. It was requested the Budget Report be posted monthly for staff to review.

County Superintendent: Carolyn Hall

Levies for 2024-2025 Budget: Superintendent Hall is requesting the approval to run the following Permissive levies for the - 2024/2025 school year:

Tuition Levy: Dayton Elementary will need to pay for 4 paraprofessionals for the 2024/2025 school year to help with the increasing Special Education needs.

Technology Fund Levy: Superintendent Hall is requesting \$12,000.00 in the technology fund to pay for software that is usually paid out of the general fund. This will help offer some relief for the General Fund budget that will be cut.

Building Reserve Fund Levy: The building needs several items to be fixed including a roofing leak, and openings in the bell tower that is causing a security problem because of birds entering and setting off the security alarm as well as water damage.

Discussion followed on a levy to provide additional funding—

General Fund Levy: \$63,000.00 (this would be a Voted Levy to provide the highest budget WITH a Vote)

Trustee Tjaden motioned to approve all the proposed permissive and voted levies, Trustee Bjork seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee & Community Comment on non-Agenda items: Brief conversation about the proposed gym that the REACH foundation may be building near the Proctor building in the future.

Motion to Adjourn: Trustee Simonson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Bjork seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.