

Upper West Shore School District #33
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2024 5:30

Call to Order

Board Chair Greg Simonson called the Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. In attendance was Trustee Ron Tjaden, Trustee Arnold Bjork, Lake County Superintendent Carolyn Hall, Principal Brycen Ek, Board Clerk/Business Manager RaSena Christopher, and other attendees are available upon request.

Trustees:

Proctor Property and Project Update: The Proctor Building is still waiting on final inspection.

Old Business:

July 12th Board Meeting Minutes: Trustee Tjaden motioned to approve the July 12th Board meeting minutes, Trustee Bjork seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approve Warrants and PO's & JV's: Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the warrants, PO's and JV's, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

IEC - No Report

Teachers: No Report - However, Mr. and Mrs. Buske were welcomed.

Dayton PTO: No Report

Principal report: Brycen Ek

Principal Ek reports that there are 42 students currently enrolled. He reported that teacher Kim Norman did resign. He is planning on making some changes in the building usage, and adding a STEM learning space.

The teachers have requested to host an open house.

Jen Nelson has started as the new Administrative Assistant.

The Salish Kootenai Tribe will be setting up at the school on 09/03/2024 to give out supplies to students.

The PTO has already donated a large amount of school supplies to students.

Clerk: RaSena Christopher

24-25 Annual Budget, with Principal and Clerk wages being paid out of Fund 126.

Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the 2024/2025 Annual Budget, with \$96,000.00 for Principal and Clerk wages being expensed from Fund 126, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

24-25 Trustees Financial Summary (TFS)

Trustee Tjaden motioned to approve the 2024/2025 Trustee Financial Summary, Trustee Simmons seconded, motion passed unanimously.

County Superintendent: Carolyn Hall

Hiring Update for 24-25: Superintendent Carolyn Hall presented the classified and certified staff contracts for signing. Carolyn requested approval to contract Katie Walters for OT Services since UWS is not eligible for access to the Flathead SpEd Cooperative. Trustee Tjaden made a motion to approve the contract, Trustee Bjork seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board that we have had very few responses to our Classified postings for Paraprofessional support for our multi-grade classrooms. At this time, we only have one full-time Para to be shared among all 4 classrooms, and two Part-time Paras for the significant and IEP required Special Ed needs.

We will continue to post and hope to hire, but most of the school districts in Lake County and Flathead County are experiencing the same lack of applicants. It is a much more serious lack in our multi-grade classrooms, especially K-2 classrooms with such significant student needs, as it limits our ability to support these classrooms which all have newly hired and inexperienced teachers.

Trustee Bjork made a motion to approve the classified and certified contracts for the 2024/2025 School Year, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kim Norman (2nd grade) has officially resigned from the district in the last 48 hours. Superintendent Hall has an interview scheduled for 6:30 today, if the Board is in agreement, and if hired, would like to offer BA + 2 years experience, which is the 3rd step. The Board agreed to interview after the next Agenda item, and reconvene if hiring is recommended.

Out of Dist Applications - There were no new out of district student applications to consider.

Guests left the meeting, and the Board prepared to interview the Teacher candidate.

Teacher candidate was ushered in and introduced to the Board, and interview ensued. Superintendent Hall accompanied the candidate back into the main building.

Board meeting reconvened:

New Hire: Superintendent Hall is recommending Taylor Maddy to fill the 2nd grade position that was open due to the late resignation pending background check and Montana certification. Trustee Bjork motioned to recommend hiring Taylor Maddy, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Trustee & Community Comment on non-Agenda items - No Discussion

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

_____ Date: _____ Date: _____
Board Chair District Clerk