

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #242
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016

Members Present: Gus Hoene, Pat Alfrey, Aaron Hinkelman, Tara Klapprich & Tara Rowland

Administration Present: Rene' Forsmann, Carrie Nygaard, and Denise Uhlenkott, Clerk


Others Present: Greg Where

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gus Hoene at 5:30 p.m. in the Prairie Elementary Computer Lab.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Pat moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Aaron, motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Hoene Hardware Bill:** *Aaron moved to approve the Hoene Hardware bill, seconded by Tara R, Gus Recued, motion carried.*
4. **Public Input:** There was no public input.
5. **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.
6. **New Business:**
 - **Recommendation for Hire-Library Aide:** Carrie mentioned that the hiring team interviewed 3 individuals for this position. The recommendation from the team is Della Gehring. *Tara K moved to approve Della Gehring for the library aide at the high school starting in the fall, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Set Budget Hearing Date/Meeting in June:** *After discussion Tara K moved to have the budget hearing June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Aaron, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Resolution for May 17th Levy Election:** Rene' explained the need for continuing with the same levy of \$350,000. After discussion Gus read the resolution regarding the reason for the levy, and the polling places. *Pat moved to pass the resolution, seconded by Tara R, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Approve Resignation of School Nurse:** *Aaron moved to approve the resignation of Sheri Daly as the school nurse, seconded by Tara K, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Approve Resignation of ParaProfession at the Jr. Sr. High School:** *Tara K moved to approve the resignation of Jennifer Heitman, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Approve Resignation of Summer Maintenance Help:** *Tara R moved to approve Isaiah Shear's resignation, seconded by Aaron, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Facility Update:** Rene' mentioned that Jeff Schacher plans to begin construction of the Bus Barn/Maintenance building the beginning of April. He will be finished by August 31, 2016. The remodel of the high school secretary's office will start over spring break. The auxiliary gym doors as well as the front doors to the Jr Sr high school will be painted over spring break. There are 7 doors overall that will get painted. Some handrails in the elementary school will be redone to take away sharp edges for safety for the students. Some flooring of the steps also needs repairs. These expenses will come from the MAFA funds. Rene' stated that in the near future she would like to talk about some possibilities

at the track. The board asked questions regarding the old shop, Rene' mentioned that it is something that needs to be discussed in the future. This was briefly discussed.

7. **Administrative Reports:** Carrie mentioned that several art students went on a field trip a couple weeks ago. Faith Uhlenkott and Callie Perrin of Prairie got honorable mention on their projects. Calculus has now been approved by LCSC for dual credit starting next year. The Youth Conservation was at the school on March 18th to visit with students regarding prospective summer employment. The Mother/Daughter tea was held on March 20th. Showcase night will be held on Wednesday March 23rd during parent teacher conferences. Higher Education day will be held on March 24th. Eight colleges will be present. The SAT tests will be on April 12th. There is a GEAR UP Prevention conference coming up in April at Sun Valley. There will be 14 students traveling to Twin Falls for the Annual FFA State competition. During the BPA state competition Abbie Uhlenkott took first in accounting and qualified for Nationals in Boston. Anthony Karel placed 8th in banking and finance. Carrie also mentioned that they would like to recommend having Taylor Schaffer move to the special education paraprofessional position from her current position of GEAR UP paraprofessional position. *Pat moved to hire Taylor Schaffer for the special education position, seconded by Tara R, motion carried unanimously.* The GEAR UP position will then open this position if the program will need to hire, however will hold off until the summer. Rene' stated that the elementary survey had 54 responses. Comments are attached to the board packets. The spring testing schedule is also in the packet. Next year at the elementary school there will be 2 4th grade classes, the teachers will be Kristi and Becky. There will be an IDLA keyboarding class added to the 5th and 6th grade curriculum monitored by Rene'. The Missoula Children's Theatre was a great success. 90 students tried out for 60 parts. Rene' also mentioned that she has edited the Section 2 of the policy, however the unedited version is attached the board packet. Rene' wanted to the board to know that Laurie Karel thanked the board for allowing the youth choir to attend the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The group did very well again this year.
8. **Future Agenda Items:** Discuss May meeting date and time.
9. **Adjourn:** *Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tara K, motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


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