

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 16, 2022

**Members Present:** Aaron Hinkelman, Pat Alfrey, Bus Hoene, Tara Klapprich & Keith Holcomb

**Administration Present:** Jon Rehder, Matt Elven & Denise Uhlenkott, Clerk

**Others Present:** Greg Wherry, Dave Young, Tara Rowland, Madison Hinkleman, Shelley Schlader, Joe & Charlene Rehder, Annette Wemhoff, Jim Chmelik, Megan Rambo, David Shears, Jose' Ove and Sheila Ove.

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the Auxiliary Gym building.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Gus moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Public Input:** Many of the patrons shared their concern with a book that the high school is looking to adopt as part of the curriculum.
4. **Senior Project Presentation:** Jose Ove' presented his senior project to the board and patrons. Jose explained that he painted the cement barriers at the football field the last couple of weeks. After the presentation there were a few questions.
5. **Action Items:**
  - **Discuss/Approve Going out to Bid for a New School Bus:** The bus will be ordered from Western Mountain Bus through Sourcewell. Dave Shears explained the new process for purchasing a bus. Dave is wanting a 54 passenger and he stated that the bus will not be available until next summer because of the backlog. *Gus moved to approve the purchase of a new bus, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of 4% Increase for Staff with the Passage of the Levy:** *Gus moved to offer a 4% increase to the staff with the passage of the levy, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of New State Insurance Plan Starting 2022-2023:** *Tara moved to approve the new insurance plan starting September 1, 2022, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Resignation from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBB:** *Gus moved to approve the resignation from Tim Scheffler, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Resignation from HS GBB Assistant Coach:** *Tara moved to approve the resignation from Angela Wemhoff, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Resignation from the Assistant Football Coaches:** *Keith moved to approve the resignations from Jarod Cash and Forest Partlow, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Hire for Summer Maintenance:** *Pat moved to approve Weston Riener as the maintenance helper this summer, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Hire for Boy BB Head and Assistant Coaches:** *Pat moved to approve Tim Scheffler and Teel Bruner and the Boys Head Coah and Assistant Coach, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Hire for High School English Position:** *Keith moved to approve Dena Francis for the English position, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Hire for Elementary Paraprofessional Position:** *Pat moved to approve Cami Shears for the Elementary Paraprofessional position, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*

- **Approval of Hire for Head Football Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches:** *Gus moved to approve TT Cain, Tanner Ross and Hayden Uhlenkott, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Approval of Equipment Use for Football Camp:** *Pat moved to allow the use of the football equipment for camp in Montana, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discuss/Approve Book for Adoption in H/S English:** *Gus moved to adopt the book Far from the Tree, seconded by Pat. The board then asked Dave Young questions regarding the book. Dave expressed his reason for wanting this book to be adopted. He explained that the book is dealing with what our students are dealing with in today's society. The board had many questions and comments regarding this book. After discussion the motion failed for lack of the majority of the board.*
- **Discuss/Approve Attendance Policy:** *Matt went through the attendance policy and the changes he would like to recommend so the policy is following the current procedure. After discussion Pat moved to approve the changes to the policy, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*

**6. Reports:**

- **Jr. Sr. High:** Matt went through his report as well as he discussed the testing results.
- **Elementary/Superintendent/Facilities:** Jon discussed his report with the board. Jon also mentioned the plans to add another Special Education Paraprofessional position for next year after visiting with the Special Education staff and the needs at the elementary. Jon explained that next year the lunches are no longer free to all students starting in the fall.

**7. Future Agenda Items:** The board meeting next month is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**8 Executive Session-Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) Student Discipline.** The board was polled as follows regarding executive session: Pat – yes, Keith – yes, Tara – yes, Gus – yes, and Aaron – yes. The board moved into Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. Pat, Keith, Tara, Gus, Aaron, Jon, Matt and Denise were present.

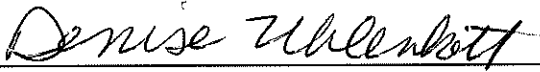
**9 Reconvene:** The board moved out of Executive Session at 10:02 p.m.

**10 Executive Session-Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) Personnel.** The board was polled as follows regarding executive session: Pat – yes, Keith – yes, Tara – yes, Gus – yes, and Aaron – yes. The board moved into Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. Pat, Keith, Tara, Gus, Aaron, Jon, Matt and Denise were present.

**11 Reconvene:** The board moved out of Executive Session at 10:12 p.m.

**12 Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

  
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 Chairman of the Board

  
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 Clerk of the Board