COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #242 REGULAR MEETING MARCH 20, 2023

Members Present: Aaron Hinkelman, Pat Alfrey, Gus Hoene, Tara Klapprich & Keith Holcomb Administration Present: Jon Rehder, Matt Elven. Pat Alfrey took minutes, Denise Uhlenkott was absent.

Others Present: There were 12 community members present.

- 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.
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Keith moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.
- 4. **Public Input:** Megan Rambo Ashlee Behler and Tara Rowland spoke regarding curriculum and a book read by the 7th grade students. They did not like the contents of the book. Gus reminded the public that first and foremost, parents must follow the chain of command prior to bringing something to the Board's attention.

5. Action Items:

- Set Levy Amount for Election: Jon explained the new wording required on the resolution as well as the ballot. After discussion Gus moved to approve the resolution for a \$200,000 levy, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.
- **Hire of 2nd and 3rd Grade Teachers:** Jon recommended Cami Shears for the 2nd grade teacher and Olivia Remmerden for the 3rd Grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school. year. *Tara moved to approve the recommendation from Jon, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
- Set Budget Hearing Date/Meeting: Pat moved to approve the 2023-2024 budget hearing date for June 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.
- Roofing Project: The board received three bids to repair the high school roof. Bids included between 1 and 4 separate areas. After discussion Jon suggested that the dome was the only area that needs replaced at this time. Pat moved to approve Andrew Miller with Concept Construction's bid in the amount of \$63,500 to repair the dome only, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.
- ISBA Annual Policy Updates: After discussion of the changes to the policies, Pat moved to approve the annual policy update, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.
- **ISBA Policy Update:** The final reading for these policies will be at the April board meeting. Board members will review once again and send all comments to Jon for the update.

6. Reports:

• HOSA: Liz McLeod addressed the board regarding the HOSA state convention in Pocatello. Three students, Chloe Rowland, Holli Schumacher and Miranda Klapprich have qualified for Nationals in Dallas, TX in June, 2023. Chloe and Holli will be attending and presenting their emergency budget kits. They are currently doing fundraisers for this trip.

- English Curriculum: Dena Francis addressed the board with a presentation of the English Curriculum. Dena gave a history of her background, upbringing, traveling, life experiences, teaching experiences and her compassion for teaching. She explained how she presents topics to her students and requests that the students choose on their own what they believe, based on what they read. Dena explained that the book in question is on the approved book list by Idaho and each student was given a syllabus, signed by all parents at the beginning of the school year. The board was given a syllabus of all classes taught by Dena.
- Jr Sr High: Matt highlighted some of the items in his report and answered any questions from the board.
- Elem/Supt/Facilities: Jon highlighted some of the items in his report and answered any questions from the Board. Upcoming legislative action included Open Enrollment, board terms and every day Kindergarten. Jon reviewed the 5-10 year plan for building maintenance and expenses and informed the board that some of these items can be completed in-house by Rick Forsmann.
- 7. Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b): Personnel: The board was polled as follows regarding the executive session. Pat yes, Keith yes, Gus yes, Tara yes and Aaron yes. The board moved into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. All board members and Administration were present.
- 8. Reconvene: The board moved out of Executive Session at 9:53 p.m.
- 9. Future Agenda Items: Policy #3010P, Open Enrollment and the 3rd reading and approval of the policies.

10. Adjourn: Aaron adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m/.

Chairman of the Board

Acting Clerk of the Boar