

Dec 16, 2024 COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2024

Members Present: Aaron Hinkelman, Tara Klapprich, Gus Hoene, Keith Holcomb and Casey Forsmann

Administration Present: Jon Rehder, Matt Elven and Denise Uhlenkott, Clerk

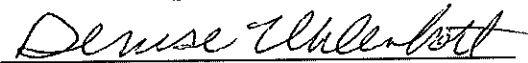
Others Present: None

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:** There was no public input.
5. **Action Items:**
 - **January & February Meeting Dates:** *After discussion, Gus moved to approve on January 22, and February 18th, 2025 as the board meetings for the next two months, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **2025-2026 School Calendar:** Jon discussed the changes to the 2025-2026 school calendar. *Keith moved to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Policy Updates (2nd Reading):** There were a few questions on some of the policies. Jon said he would get clarification from ISBA. *Gus moved to table the approval of the policies to next month, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
6. **Reports:**
 - **Jr Sr High:** Matt went through his report. Matt explained the School Pulse web-based program that is being offered by the Idaho Dept of Education at no cost. He would like the board to review for use in our schools. There are many services that could be offered through this program. Matt also gave information to the board on the Idaho Youth Well Being Assessment, also from the Idaho Dept of Education. Matt would like feedback on this program as well.
 - **Elem/Supt/Facilities:** Jon went through his report. Jon explained the Valuation NW insurance assessment and the 10-year plan assessment of District property and the differences between the two. The Istation testing scores were also discussed. Jon stated that there will be Alumni men's and women's basketball games on December 26th.
7. **Future Agenda Items:** Superintendent Evaluation, Out for Bids on Jr Sr high school windows and policy updates.
8. **Other Information:** Aaron mentioned a new curriculum that Grangeville is looking at as well as information on signs that must be displayed if donated from patrons. The sign would read "In God We Trust". Jon stated that this policy was in place last year as well. The board agreed to meet at 6:00 prior to the regular board meeting in Executive Session next month to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation as a group.

9. **Executive Session – Idaho Code 74-205(1)(b) – Student Discipline:** The board was polled as follows regarding entering into executive session – Casey – yes, Keith – yes, Tara – yes, Gus – yes and Aaron – yes. The board, Jon and Denise were present. The board moved into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.
10. **Reconvene:** The board moved out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.
11. **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Chairman of the Board



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