

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

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

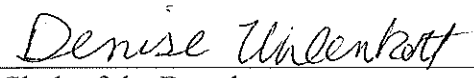
Others Present: Greg Wherry and Carly Behler.

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 Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Public Input:** There was no public input.
5. **Action Items:**
 - **Recommendation for hire – Business Manager/Clerk:** Jon mentioned that there were 3 applicants for this position and Jon is recommending Carly Behler for this position. *Gus moved to approve Carly Behler for this position, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Emergency Closure:** *Gus moved to approve the emergency closure day do to the weather, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Window Bid Opening:** Aaron opened the 2 bids that were received by Concept Construction and Touch of Glass. Concept Construction's bid was \$139,040 and Touch of Glass had 2 bids, one for \$102,658 and \$126,788.90. *After discussion Gus moved to have Jon contact both bidders with the questions that were discussed and to make the decision based and the needs for this project, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Set Budget Hearing Date:** Jon mentioned that he will be gone on the regular meeting date for June and asked if June 11th at 7:00 would work for the board. *After discussion Tara moved to approve June 11th at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **School Pulse & Idaho Youth Well Being Assessment:** Matt asked the board to assess these programs and was hoping for approval to use them for the Jr Sr High School. *Casey moved to approve both programs for use in the Jr Sr High School, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Policy 4210, Forms and Procedures:** Jon and Matt visited about these facility policies over the last couple weeks. They believe that there needs to be more limitations on the use of the district's facilities by community members. It would be preferred that the Elementary, Jr Sr high school gyms and the weight room would be used by students and staff, and that the auxiliary gym would be used by the adult groups that use the facilities in the community. *After discussion Keith moved to approve policy 4210, and the forms and procedures with this policy, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
6. **Reports:**
 - **Jr/Sr High:** Matt went through the highlights of this report with no additions.

- **Elementary/Supt/Facilities:** Jon went through his report and added that he just returned from the Day on the Hill in Boise. He is in the process of sending an email to all of the legislators to ask them to vote no on HB93 which would allow vouchers/tax credits to private and home school students. Jon stressed that it would be a negative affect on the Public Schools as a whole. Aaron asked about the sign “In God We Trust” that can be placed in schools. Jon said he would get that information for him.
7. **Future Agenda Items:** There were no items mentioned.
 8. **Executive Session – Idaho Code - 74-206(1)(a), Principal Evaluation and revisit Superintendent Evaluation:** The board was polled as follows regarding the executive session, Casey – yes, Keith – yes, Tara – yes, Gus – yes and Aaron – yes. The board moved into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were the administrators, clerk and Carly Behler. After discussion of the principal evaluation, the board moved to discussion on the superintendent evaluation at 8:26 p.m. After discussion of the superintendent evaluation.
 9. **Reconvene:** The board moved out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. *Tara moved to extend Matt’s contract another year, to make it a 2-year contract and to approve a 5% increase on his 2025-2026 contract. Gus moved to approve a salary of \$120,000 for Jon for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
 10. **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



Chairman of the Board



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