

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2025

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


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

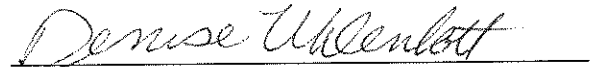
Others Present: Greg Wherry and Carly Behler. There were many community members present. A sign-up sheet is included with the minutes.

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.** Aaron then read a notice to the patrons regarding open meeting law.
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:**
 - **Consideration of Possible Self-Declaration of Open Meeting Violation regarding May 23 Special Board Meeting with Consideration of Declaring related Board Action Void:** Jon read the resolution which is attached. *Gus moved to approve the resolution stating self-declaring related board action null and void and to revisit at this meeting.*
 - **2025-2026 Budget Hearing:** Denise went through the budget explaining the 7.4% increase in the general fund based on career ladder increase and special needs student population increase. *After a few questions, Gus moved to approve the budget, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Preschool Agreement:** Jon stated that this agreement is the same as last year's and he doesn't see any need for changes. *Gus moved to approve the preschool agreement, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Hire of Paraprofessionals:** Matt recommended CiCi Chavez for the high school paraprofessional and Jon recommended Hope McIntire for the elementary paraprofessional. *Keith moved to approve the hires for both schools, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Policy Update 2nd Reading:** Aaron suggested postponing this item until July. *Gus moved to postpone the policies until July, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
6. **Reports:**
 - **Jr/Sr High:** Matt went through his report, he corrected the date of graduation was on June 6th. Matt explained the ISAT and Map testing results.
 - **Elementary/Supt/Facilities:** Jon went through his report with no additions. Jon also went through the last of the testing results that were not available last month.
7. **Future Agenda Items:** Policies and Gym Foyer Project
8. **Executive Session – Idaho Code – 74-206(1)(b) Personnel:** 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 7:50 p.m. regarding 3 personnel issues. All board members were present. Also present were the administrators,

clerk – Denise, Carly and employee A. Employee A left the executive session at 8:05 p.m. At 8:22 p.m. the board discussed Employee B. At 8:32 p.m. the board discussed Employee C.

9. **Reconvene:** The board moved out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. *Gus moved to not renew employee A's extracurricular contract for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously. Gus moved to not renew employee B's extracurricular contract for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously. Gus moved to not renew employee C's extracurricular contract for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
10. **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.


Chairman of the Board


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