

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2022

**Members Present:** Pat Alfrey, Gus Hoene, & Keith Holcomb

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

**Others Present:** Greg Wherry, Martee & Mark Burke

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Pat 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 Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Public Input:** There was no public input.
4. **Action Items:**
  - **Auditor's Report:** The board called Kurt Folke with Qwest CPA's. Kurt went over the audit report with the board and administration. Kurt explained that the district added to the general fund carryover which leaves approximately 5 months of reserve for expenses, this was due to extra ESSER funds. Other funds were also discussed as well as all the new Federal ESSER funds. There was extra auditing required because of the expenses over \$750,000 again this year. The management reports were also discussed. *Gus moved to receive the auditor's report, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Resignation of Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball and Softball:** *Gus moved to approve the resignation of Steve Wilson for the above positions, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Emergency Declaration for Ag Position:** Jon explained the opportunity to hire Jarret Nuxoll with a provisional for this position. This was discussed last meeting. *Gus moved to approve this emergency declaration seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Hire of Music Positions:** Jon mentioned that this was also discussed last month and is now a recommendation to hire Laurie Karel as the music at the elementary and John Eynon for the band position at both schools. *Gus moved to approve the hire of Laurie and John for the music and band positions, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Hire of HS Volleyball JV & C Team Coach:** *Gus moved to approve Erika Shears as JV coach and Marlene Forsmann as C team coach, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Hire of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade GBB Coach:** *Keith moved to approve Kim Harman as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Policy 2620, Grade Policy:** Jon explained that the policy and handbook for grading is currently not consistent. After visiting with the staff, he would like to recommend changing the policy to what is currently being used. *Gus moved to approve the change of the grading policy for grades 1-3 to the current practice, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **District & School Handbooks:** Matt went through the changes in the Jr Sr high handbook. Jon went through the changes in both the elementary and District

handbooks. *Keith moved to approve the changes in all handbooks, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*

- **Bus Routes:** Jon mentioned that two of the routes were changed so they run opposite in the afternoon from the morning. The main reason for the change is the amount of time some students are on the bus on both routes. *After discussion Gus moved to approve the bus routes, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Elementary Schedule:** Jon mentioned that the release time program changed to Mondays and Tuesdays to accommodate the music program. Jon explained that there were many changes this year to the schedule because of our personnel work schedules. *Gus moved to approve the schedule, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Jr Sr High Schedule:** Matt explained that Suzi Quintal put the schedule together early in the summer and with the hire of new staff the schedule will work out. *Keith moved to approve the schedule, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
- **CIPA Regulations:** *With no changes Gus moved to approve the CIPA regulations, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Reports:**

- **Jr Sr High Report:** Matt went through the highlights of his report and had very few questions. Matt mentioned that the high school accreditation review is up this year again.
- **Elementary/Superintendent/Facilities:** Jon went through the highlights of his reports and added a proposal from Kim Schumacher for raising money for a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.

6. **Future Agenda Items:** Re-entry plan/COVID, Idaho School Board Convention and approval of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip.

7. **Adjourn:** Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

  
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Vice-Chairman of the Board

  
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Clerk of the Board