

**Salmon School District #291
Board of Trustees
Special Board Session Minutes
January 30, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Overacker at 6:06 p.m.

Present were Chairman Chuck Overacker, Vice Chair Juniper MacFarlane, Trustee Richard Natelson, and Trustee Kellen Miller. A quorum was present. Also present were Superintendent Chris Born; Director of Finance, Planning, and Program Evaluation, Eileen Holden; and Clerk, Deb Cheney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Natelson motioned to move into Executive Session: 74-206 (1)(b): To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public office, employee, staff member, individual agent or public-school student, second by Trustee Miller. Passed 4/0.

The following Trustees voted to move into Executive Session: Chairman Overacker, Vice Chair MacFarlane, Trustee Natelson, and Trustee Miller. Passed 4/0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

The Board discussed Superintendent Evaluation.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session began at 6:53 p.m. Chairman Overacker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Agenda

Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the agenda, second by Vice Chair MacFarlane. Passed 4/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Selecting Architectural Firms to Interview

The Board discussed the Architectural Firms who submitted Request for Qualifications (RFQs).

Superintendent Born had contacted the firms to see if they would come to Salmon to be interviewed. He asked the Board what they want to hear and see from the firms. Vice Chair MacFarlane stated she would like to know what materials would be used and would like to discuss the design of the building. A lot of schools are built with flat roofs. She would like to know why, as it seems we have had problems with our flat roofed schools. Superintendent Born stated that we should look at a building that would last 80 to 100 years.

The consensus from the Board conversation was that they want to build an economical school that will last and provide the needs of Salmon’s students and community for many years to come. They discussed the need to contact the architect firm’s references before interviewing. They also wanted to encourage the use of local contractors.

Chairman Overacker stated that some people would like to see a basic footprint before voting. Trustee Natelson stated that we shouldn’t rush into it. Chairman Overacker stated that there will be a committee that selects the building design. Superintendent Born stated that we need to let the architects know what Salmon’s community members would like in the building design, such as a peaked roof, separation for elementary and middle school students, a gym, and security. The Board agreed that they want to find the top ten items the community would like to see included in the new school, then ask the architect how they would fit those ideas into the design of the new K-8 school.

Chairman Overacker stated that he it would be nice to have a rough floor plan at least two to three weeks before the bond election. Vice Chair MacFarlane stated that it is very important to involve the community in the design of the school. After more discussion, the Board agreed that there should be a public meeting with no action on February 13th to discuss what the community wants in the building.

The Board then reviewed the upcoming meetings:

- Saturday, February 2nd - Board Meeting with Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation
- Monday, February 4th - Community Bond Meeting, 5:30 p.m., led by the Community Group, Steele Memorial Clinic
- Wednesday, February 13th – Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - Public Meeting with no action (to possibly be held at Steele Memorial Clinic or the Elks).
- Monday, February 25th – Board Meeting, noon, Architect Firm interviews. Give each firm representative(s) 1 hour to present their information and ½ hour for questions. Schedule 2-hour blocks.
- March 7th - Possibly Public Meeting with no action

The Board asked Superintendent Born to contact Superintendents from those schools who have worked with the architect firms who submitted RFQs, then report on his findings at the February 2nd Board meeting.

Trustee Natelson motioned to table the selection of Architect Firms to interview, second by Trustee Miller. Passed 4/0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chuck Overacker, Chairman

Date

Deborah K. Cheney, Board Clerk

Date