

**Salmon School District #291**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Minutes**  
**May 17, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chuck Overacker at 6:00 p.m.

Present were, Chairman Chuck Overacker, Vice Chair Juniper MacFarlane, Trustee Richard Natelson, Trustee Tammy Dahle, and Trustee Kellen Miller. A Quorum was present. Also, present were Superintendent Chris Born, Director of Finance, Planning and Program Evaluation, Eileen Holden, and Board Clerk Chaylin Farrand.

**Regular Session**

Chairman Chuck Overacker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

Dave Gusky told the Board that he was there to request approval to observe some of the high school classes. Chuck Overacker explained that the Board could not approve anything unless it was under the action items on the agenda. Gusky explained that he wanted to see what the schools are teaching students. Overacker told Gusky that he would have to get on the next school board meeting agenda to formally request sitting in on a class.

**Action Items**

**Approve Agenda**

Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the agenda for the May 17, 2021, meeting. Trustee Miller seconded. Passed 5/0.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2021
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Accounts Payable April 2021
4. Personnel Recommendations

Trustee Miller motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Dahle second. Passed 5/0.

**New Business**

**Amendments to Fern Waters Public Charter: Jennifer Coffey**

Jennifer Coffee introduced herself to the Board as the current Chairperson for Fern Waters Charter School. Representing Fern Waters. She asked the Board if they would approve the amendments Fern Water Charter School had submitted.

Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the amendments to the public charter. Trustee Miller seconded. Passed 5/0.

**Proposed 5- and 10-Year Plan**

Superintendent Born went over the 5- and 10-year plan provided in the packet. He explained that all the items needed to be completed but would not necessarily be completed in the order they were listed in. He told the Board that they are continually crossing items off the list. Born explained that the number one project was for new carpet to be installed in the main office at the Pioneer. He explained that when they replaced the hallway

carpet the office had seemed to be in the best shape but once put against the new carpet in the hallways it was apparent it needed replaced.

Born also explained that one of the larger projects would be to upgrade the surveillance systems at the Pioneer.

Trustee MacFarlane motioned to approve the 5- and 10-year plan. Trustee Natelson seconded. Passed 5/0.

### **Board Training**

Superintendent Born explained that the best dates for the training seemed to be June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Natelson explained that he would not be able to make those dates work.

Trustee Miller motioned to approve the Board Training on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Dahle seconded. Passed 4/0. Natelson abstained.

### **Information Items**

#### **Pioneer Elementary Administrators Report**

Jill Patton thanked the Board for allowing the teachers at the Pioneer to make their own decision to wear masks longer than the mandate had permitted. She told the Board that the Elementary school would be transitioning to not wearing masks anymore. Patton explained that they were trying to make sure that all the activities that rev up the students were scheduled for as late in the year as possible. Jill Patton told the Board that she was in the process of working with teachers to plan for the new portable. The two 4<sup>th</sup> grades would be moving into the new portable. She explained that with having the portable they would be able to get one of the teachers out of a basic oversized closet and SLP would be moved into that room.

Trustee Natelson expressed that he had heard from several people that Ms. Patton was doing a fantastic job. He thanked her for being so present.

#### **SJSHS Administrators Report**

Russ Bradshaw told the Board that he would like to respond to the gentleman from public input. He told them that he would like to let him know that he would be more than happy to sit down with him and talk about the curriculum. Russ Bradshaw reported that the Counselors were working with 6<sup>th</sup> graders to work on rules and behavior. He explained that they have a lot of energy. Bradshaw reported that the Golfers were at state and that there were 33 students headed to state track.

Trustee Dahle asked how prom turned out.

Bradshaw told her that it went well there was a good turnout plenty of chaperones and the SRO was there.

#### **Director of Finance, Planning and Program Evaluation**

Eileen Holden told the Board they should have received an invitation to graduation. She reported that she had submitted the calendars to the state. Holden told them that it ended up being 5 separate calendars that she must come up with. She reported that she had requested additional money for the blended learning grant.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Chris Born told the Board that now was the time to stay out of Eileen's office since it was budget season. He reported that on Tuesday they would have their last region 6 Superintendents meeting. And on Thursday he would be headed to Idaho Falls for the Road Show. Born reported that the hiring had been going well. Hiring Chay's job and the Pioneer Secretary were difficult positions to fill but they were able to fill those positions with qualified applicants. He reported that when they hired Ashely Tarkalson as the replacement for Jenelle Thomas it opened the Guidance Secretary position. He reported that they were also able to find a qualified applicant for that position as well. Superintendent Born told the Board that IASA is August 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Chuck Overacker, Chairman

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Date

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Chaylin Farrand, Board Clerk

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