

**Salmon School District #291
Board of Trustees
Regular Session Minutes
October 15, 2018**

Present were Chairman Chuck Overacker, Vice Chair Juniper MacFarlane, Trustee Richard Natelson, and Trustee Dorrie Prange. Trustee Candace Burns was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Superintendent, Chris Born and Clerk, Deb Cheney. Director Holden was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held. Student A did not attend.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Overacker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PIONEER CAMEO PERFORMANCE – Jennifer Platt

Students of Jennifer Platt, Music Teacher, sang the Star Spangled Banner

PUBLIC INPUT

Ashley Tarkalson, Guidance Counselor and Gear Up 2 Site Coordinator, spoke to the Board about results of the latest Gear Up grant application.

Tarkalson stated that for the past 14 years, Salmon Jr. Sr. High School has been awarded funds from the Idaho State GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant.

She stated that the grant begins with a cohort of 7th graders. Once they become 8th graders, it adds in the 7th grade class under them. The grant then follows these two cohorts throughout high school and their first year of college. With GEAR UP 2 coming to a close with the graduating class of 2018, it was time for the State of Idaho to renew the grant through the Federal Government. All grant proposals were due the first week of June. Many across the State crossed their fingers for good news that was to be delivered the end of September. Two weeks ago, the State of Idaho sent out an email stating that they were awarded GEAR UP Idaho 3 and that they were waiting to hear which schools had been selected. Salmon Jr. Sr. High School (SJSHS) was thought to have been awarded the funding needed to kick off GEAR UP Idaho 3 with this year's 7th grade class. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Mrs. Tarkalson stated that the GEAR UP State Coordinator, Jacque Deal, called her on October 11, 2018 to let her know that due to the fact that our District fell 1.03% below the 50% benchmark for Junior High recipient's receiving Free and Reduced Lunch

(48.97%), Salmon School District #291 did not qualify. The Federal Government would not budge on their decision.

Although GEAR UP follows only two classes throughout High School, the benefits have proven beneficial to the grades above and below them. Ashley Tarkalson stated, "This is heartbreaking news for our school district. The scholarships, college tours, financial literacy, etc., that GEAR UP Idaho blessed our students with, were life changing for many. Last year's cohort were recipients of a \$2,000/year for 4 years scholarship. Some of these students would never have been able to afford college without these extra funds. To know that we were 1.03% away is what hurts the most. This is the difference of a few more families turning in their Free and Reduced Lunch forms. She hopes that in the future, families will take the time to fill out the FRL at the beginning of the year, even those families who don't think they qualify. You just might, and this could mean future funding of different programs that could benefit your children. The total State Grant was estimated at 24.5 million dollars. Our district would have been received 1.3 million dollars over the 7 year grant cycle. That includes \$960,000 of student scholarship awards. One ACT test would have been paid for each participating student in his or her junior and senior year, totally approximately \$8,000. The grant would have covered the Career Information system that is available to all students. The cost of this program is \$200 per year. There will also be a loss of two all expense paid college trips paid per year for students in the cohort, service learning opportunities, financial literacy activities, first year of college support, parent support, ongoing professional development for SJSHS staff, site coordinator continuing education for new college and financial information, to name a few.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Agenda

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve the agenda. Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the October 15, 2018 agenda, second by Trustee Prange. Passed 4/0.

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting minutes of September 17, 2018
2. Personnel Recommendations
3. Treasurer's Report - September 2018
4. Accounts Payable - September 2018

Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Prange. Passed 4/0. Chairman Overacker abstained from voting on accounts payable.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising Request - Amber Pace, Drug Free Youth and Link Crew

Mrs. Pace reported that the Drug Free Youth grant doesn't cover t-shirts and food. They would like to do fundraising to cover these additional expenses. They would like to get approval for a spook alley. Pace said they can use McPhersons for a dance that is no cost to students. They would have the spook alley in McPerson's upstairs and charge admittance. They would like to hold the fundraiser on October 25, 2018.

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve the Idaho Drug Free Youth fundraiser request.

Vice Chair MacFarlane moved to approve the Idaho Drug Free Youth fundraiser request, second by Trustee Prange. Passed 4/0

Fundraising Request – Pioneer PTO

Pioneer PTO provided a list of of reoccurring events. They are asking approval for new local fundraising efforts:

- Lemhi County Discount Card
The first fundraiser is in the preliminary stage. The PTO would like to sell local discount cards for \$20-\$25 dollars. They would possibly entertain the idea of asking some regional businesses such as Lost Trail Powder Mountain;
- Family Night On the Ice
This event would take place in January. It would be a family free skate event. PTO would sell food and hot beverages for profit;
- Tupperware with Jennifer Platt
Tupperware would donate 40% of all sales through PTO. They plan on doing this fundraiser before mother's day. Tupperware puts out a special fundraising catalog.

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve the PTO fundraiser request. Trustee Prange moved to approve the PTO fundraising request, second by Trustee Natelson. Passed 4/0

Request from Student A

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve or deny Student A's early graduation participation request which would enable Student A to come back to school and participate in graduation if she graduates early.

Vice Chair MacFarlane moved to allow Student A to participate in graduation if she graduates early, second by Trustee Natelson. Passed 4/0

New High School Sport Request

Superintendent Born asked the Board if they had any questions about the materials submitted by Michael Lane. Born stated that the Board needs to consider Title IX requirements as they discuss the request.

Discussion followed regarding the proportion of female to male student sports involvement as well as possible financial consequences of Title IX requirements. Superintendent Born stated that the Board would need to be prepared to eliminate baseball if, in the future, we are out of Title IX compliance. He stated that the Board would have to be willing to eliminate baseball to avoid costly court costs. The decision would have to be made before the baseball schedule is completed. Mr. Burgess, Athletic Director, said that he contacted a school in Idaho Falls and 80% percent of their scheduling has been completed for spring sports. Superintendent Born stated that payment for Baseball Coaches will have to go through the District due to Title IX and liability.

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve or deny the request to add baseball as a new high school sport.

Vice Chair MacFarlane moved to approve the request to add baseball as a new high school sport, second by Trustee Natelson.

More discussion followed. Vice Chair MacFarlane withdrew her motion.

Vice Chair MacFarlane moved to approve the request to add baseball on a trial basis for one year as a new high school sport, second by Trustee Natelson. Passed 4/0.

Continuous Improvement Plan

Vice Chair MacFarlane stated that she appreciates Director Holden's work on the Continuous Improvement Plan. Trustee Prange stated that she would like to continue visiting and discussing the plan throughout the year.

Superintendent Born recommended the Board approve the Continuous Improvement Plan.

Trustee Natelson motioned to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan as presented, second by Vice Chair MacFarlane. Passed 4/0.

Proposed School Board Policy Changes (First Reading):

Superintendent Born stated that he and Director Holden went through all of the 8000-9000 Board Policies. There were no changes to the 9000 policies. Born will be going over the 8100 Transportation Policies with Mark Austin, Transportation Supervisor.

8200 – Healthy Lifestyles/Child Nutrition and Wellness

8210 – District Nutrition Committee/Menu Planning

8220 – Food Services/Daytime Sales and Vending Machines

8230 – District Nutrition Standards/Role of Food in Rewards, Activities, Concessions, & Parties

8235 – Water Consumption/Water Bottle Policy

8240 – School Meals/Wellness Education for Students, Parents, and Staff (spelling error)

8245 – Competitive Food Services (Delete)

8250 – Monitoring and Compliance Bottom should be in red (that isn't marked out)

8260 – Vending Machines (Delete)

8270 – Teacher to Student Incentive (Delete)

8310 – Automated External Defibrillators (Delete) Not Policy

8310F(1) – Automated External Defibrillators (Delete) Not Policy

8310F(2) – Automated External Defibrillators (Delete) Not Policy

8310P – Automated External Defibrillators (Delete) Not Policy

With Superintendent Born's recommendation, Trustee Prange motioned to approve the first reading of the proposed changes to School Board Policies 8200, 8210, 8220, 8230, 8235, 8240, 8245, 8250, 8260, 8270, 8310, 8310F(1), 8310F(2), and 8310P as well as the review of the 9000s. Trustee Natelson seconded the motion. Passed 4/0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Driver Training – Jennifer Platt

Mrs. Platt stated that the biggest killer of students is car accidents. Her goal/job is to try to prevent collisions and fatalities from happening. Driver's education is only the beginning. It takes 5-7 years to get the experience they need to be good drivers. The State requires thirty hours in class instruction, six hours driving time, and six hours observation time. Platt has to grade on three things: classwork, driving, and attitude. Students must score a minimum of 80 percent in each category to pass driver's education.

Students must be 14 ½ years old before they can sign up for driver's education. Once they successfully complete driver's education they need to drive for at least six months with a licensed adult driver. Platt also must have at least one parent contact per session. She usually has three contacts. Students can sign up for driver's education by contacting Pam Fabeny at the Alternative School. Mrs. Fabeny does an excellent job of enrolling and tracking students enrollment in driver's education. Mrs. Platt is required to attend a yearly training to keep her certification to teach driver's education. She welcomed Board members to drop in to her class any time.

Mrs. Platt reported that Advanced Opportunity funds could be used for driver's education if the school offers credits for the class. Superintendent Born called Bonneville High School to see if they offer driver's education. Bonneville dropped the class when the recession hit in 2008. There was no answer as to why. He doesn't know of any other school district that offers driver's education. He is curious why schools don't use it. Born and Platt will continue looking into it.

Administrator's Report – John Hamilton, Principal

Pioneer has implemented a buddy bench at their playground. It is painted gold. If a student doesn't have someone to play with, they sit on the buddy bench so other students can invite them to play with them.

Pioneer students have finished their first ISIP assessments. Laurie Dupree and Kelly Wilkins went to an ISIP data training last week. They learned how to use the data at the class, grade, and school level. There will be some teacher trainings taking place in the near future so that each teacher will be able to use the data that is provided.

In the near future, Pioneer will have a soft-lockdown drill, the Great Shakeout drill, a fire drill, and hospital provided screenings for audio and visual concerns. They also have an all day math training provided by the I-Ready staff.

There will be a Red Ribbon assembly on the afternoon of October 25th, followed by the PTO Fall Carnival that same evening.

Salmon Jr. Sr. High School Administrator's Report – Doug Owen, Principal

Mr. Owen stated that the school was one student per grade level shy of receiving the Gear Up Grant. We won't be able to apply for the Gear Up grant for seven years.

Mr. Owen gave accolades to Ashley Tarkalson, Guidance Counselor, for putting on a successful FAFSA night. He stated that other schools he has worked at have not had the participation percentages that we get here. Two-thirds of our senior students attended with their parents. This is the first step students must take when attending college.

Students and teachers survived homecoming week. It was also in-service week so everyone was very busy. Upcoming events include The Great Shakeout, health screenings, and one last round of immunizations to make sure the school is in compliance. Jostens is coming to the school because seniors need to start planning for graduation. Red ribbon week is coming up and they will have a speaker November 1st from 10:00 – 11:00. He also stated that there were good speakers at Teacher In-service.

Director of Finance, Planning, and Program Evaluation Report – Eileen Holden

Director Holden was absent.

Superintendent's Report – Chris Born

Superintendent Born attended the monthly Superintendent meeting at the College of Eastern Idaho in Idaho Falls on October 11, 2018. He reported on:

- **Funding Formula:** There is concern regarding the multiplier for SPED, ELL/LEP, and At-Risk students. There is a proposal to throw out the Career Ladder, since there is concern over the Salary Based Apportionment (Career Ladder). Superintendents would like to create another line item for Salary Based Apportionment. They would like to see ISBA and IEA join them in this effort. Superintendents do not know what the definition for At Risk will be. The definition will determine the funding.
- Mr. Born received Idaho Suicide Prevention hotline stickers for restroom paper towel dispensers, mirrors, and staff work areas. This is a serious issue, particularly in the summer due to no counseling and students not seeing their friends.
- Superintendent Born reported that Idaho Falls, Ririe, and Bonneville School Districts were audited by Medicaid. They all have to repay Medicaid funds. Currently Shelley is being audited.
- IHSAA – Private schools are recruiting international students for sports. IHSAA will be deciding if schools are allowed to recruit students.

Superintendent Born invited the Board to attend the District Cross Country meet this Wednesday at the Salmon Valley Golf Course. The girls will race at 2:00 p.m. and the boys at 3:00 p.m.

Born received official notice that Candace Burns is resigning from the Salmon School Board. He asked for the Board's direction to open the position. Notice will run in the newspaper two times. Chairman Overacker stated that he knows there are people interested in applying for the position.

A Board meeting to review the audit has been scheduled for October 24th at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the District Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Chuck Overacker, Chairman

Date

Deborah K. Cheney, Board Clerk

Date