

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2007**

Board Members Present:

Jackey Jones, Chair
Larry Sickles, Director
Robert Young, Director

Bruce A. McCallum, Vice Chair
Thomas Huyler, Director

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Sid Hobgood, Principal
Lynn Love, Deputy Clerk

Aaron Hale, Principal

Staff Absent

Dr. Peter Tarzian, Superintendent

The flag salute was given.

The Regular Board Meeting was open at 5:46 PM.

Additions or Amendments to the Agenda

Director McCallum asked to add his appointment as Volunteer Coordinator position to the action items.

Director Young asked to be able to present a letter and address the Board regarding a letter from a Polk County Deputy as an Information & Discussion item.

Audience Comments

None

Information & Discussion

Director Young Letter

Director Young stated his daughter is in a custody suit with her ex-husband who is a deputy with Polk County. Director Young said he asked Dr. Tarzian to write a letter responding to a comment made in the affidavit by the deputy regarding Falls City schools. Director Young said he talked to the District Attorney regarding the comment and was told it was only that deputy's personal opinion. Director Young said we have worked hard to improve our schools and he just wanted the Board aware of this situation.

Board members agreed they felt the deputy's comment was attacking our schools and appreciated Dr. Tarzian's letter.

Reports

Superintendent

Principal Hobgood presented Dr. Tarzian's Superintendent's report which consisted of the 2007-09 Continuous Improvement Plan. On page three of the plan it states the District is in compliance with all Division 22 Standards.

Principals' Reports Elementary

- Principal reported approximately 78% of the students participated in the Winter Music Program which was at the same time as a basketball game.
- There is a playground meeting tomorrow with parents and volunteers.
- Volunteers are reading to 1st and 2nd graders
- Leadership group is helping in the library so kids can check out books and take them home to read.
- Jocelyn Labrie's class gave a performance to their pen pals

Director McCallum asked if there was a master calendar of events for the schools and community as there was a dance put on by the arts council the same night the school had movie night. Principal replied a person could check the district web site although we have had problems keeping it up to date. Director McCallum asked if community events could be placed on the school calendar. Principal said he would look into it.

Director Young commented on the excellent organization of the music program, it was excellent.

Director Huyler asked about the progress of the playground equipment installation. Principal Hale replied contractor Donovan Watkins is working on it.

High School

Principal Hobgood reported regular attendance is improved although study table attendance is only about 50% of which two students were suspended. Director Sickles asked if it is the same students not showing up. Principal Hobgood replied yes and at this time he has no answers but is looking into solutions.

Principal Hobgood stated students have a tendency to spiral down this time of the year so if anyone has anything which students can do please let him know.

In the last month 18 students took the ASVB; 4 took the SAT's; 20 went to a career fair at WOU; 3 students have been nominated to the Shriner's for game. Vice Chair McCallum asked if this information has been given to the IO. Principal Hobgood replied he did not know.

Library Report

None at this time as Valerie is probably still at the library.

Information & Discussion

Resolution #1 for K – 3 Literacy Grant

Principal Hale applied for and received a \$4,000 grant for kindergarten through grade 3 literacy. This resolution gives authority to receive and expend the monies for the state grant.

Amend Policy DI Accounting & Internal Controls

Lynn reported the auditors in the management letter noted according to new federal requirements of SAS112 the District's internal controls are not writing or detailed enough. Thus we are presenting Policy DI-AR for the Board's approval to fulfill this requirement.

School Food Program

Jami Kidd said she will be giving a report each month through the budget process on the School Food program. Jami said she is researching how much responsibility does the school take on of a community issue.

Director Sickles asked is it correct the students receive a hot breakfast every other morning. Jami replied yes.

Vice Chair McCallum asked if Jami if she has done a garbage can survey. Jami replied no; the science class is doing garbage can survey.

Jami said she is struggling trying to decrease costs; said she is looking into grants but it is difficult and time consuming.

Telephone Port Installation Contract

Principal Hobgood said the two bids came in at \$7,215 and \$36,289. John Gilbert stated the big cost will be in the gym but be prepared for additional costs to the bid.

Maintenance Issues

Principal Hobgood for purposes of planning the new roof worked it was the gutters and windows. John Gilbert stated the gutters have no leaf guards and the window sashes need to be replaced.

John went over the maintenance project list reminding the Board the High Scholl is not ADA compliant. Director Sickles replied the discussion at Board retreats have been to wait until the bond is paid for and than ask for a new school. Chair Jones replied we have some time before Charley gets to the High School.

John reminded the Board we have deferred maintenance for too many years. John said before the bond is paid off the elementary will need a new roof and several furnaces. Director Huyler suggested adopting a plan for each building instead of band aiding. Director Sickles said we need to set real priorities and asked to have a bond report.

Action Items

Volunteer Coordinator

Director Sickles made a motion to appoint Vice Chair McCallum as Volunteer Coordinator of the football field and grounds. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McCallum. The vote was all ayes.

Consent Agenda

Director Sickles made a motion to approve and adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McCallum. The vote was all ayes.

Telephone Port Installation Contract

Director Huyler made a motion to approve and accept the bid from DC Electric for \$7,215. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McCallum. Director Young stated we are comparing apples to oranges and said he is concerned. Chair Jones said even if there are adds if will not come to the \$36, 289. The vote was all ayes to accept the DC Electric bid.

Approve the Consolidated Improvement Plan

Director Huyler made a motion to approve and adopt the Consolidated Improvement Plan as presented. Chair Jones seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes.

Library Report

Valerie went over the LSTA grant areas from which Wagner Library may choose from. Some of the areas are:

- o Author talks
- o Completer classes
- o Emergency preparedness
- o Genealogy
- o Write life story
- o Health

The list is not inclusive of all areas.

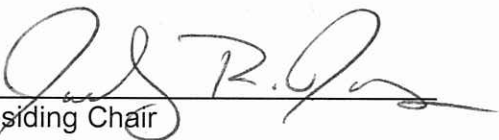
The Board directed Valerie to choose areas which leaned toward health and helping improve life.

Valerie spoke about Senate Bill 583 library patron information privacy. The Library Board needs to have a written policy to cover and protect patron privacy.

Director Young asked to arrange a coaches meeting with the Board in January and another staff meeting in February.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:22 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Presiding Chair

January 21, 2008

Date