

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 17, 2009**

**Board Members Present:**

Bruce McCallum, Chair  
John Davis, Director  
Jackey Jones, Director

Robert Young, Vice Chair  
Larry Sickles, Director

**Staff Present:**

Dr. Peter Tarzian, Superintendent  
Sid Hobgood, Principal

Aaron Hale, Principal  
Lynn Love, Deputy Clerk

Chair McCallum called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The flag salute was given.

**Additions, amendments and adoption of the agenda**

Chair McCallum said he would read a letter from Jami Kidd.

**Recognition of Audience**

Chair McCallum informed audience members to limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

Shanda Yother asked to address the board regarding the school food program. Mrs. Yother asked the Board for a clear vision for the program and to identify stakeholders i.e. a round table consisting of members from the staff, community and the Board.

Vice Chair Young asked to have the item added to the Board retreat agenda.

**Reports**

**High School**

Principal Hobgood asked Board members if they had any questions regarding any of the materials included in the Board packet on the high school proficiency program. Vice Chair Young asked how often are you meeting with parents? Mr. Hobgood replied every other week.

Vice Chair Young asked where are you at with the eligibility issues. Director Sickles said it is very important to resolve the eligibility issues and that it is not what was originally presented.

Chair McCallum asked if more than two Board members could be present at the meetings. Dr. Tarzian said they could attend an informational meeting but may not make a consensus or decisions as a board member at the meeting. Vice Chair Young said it would be best if they just kept to no more than two members at any informational meeting.

Principial Hobgood said the next meeting would be Thursday 6 PM. It was decided Director Davis and Sickles would go.

Mr. Ron Carey told the Board he has spent about twenty (20) hours of research on proficiency learning. Mr. Carey said his concern is implementing the program school-wide stating it is not right to include the seniors as they must meet all standards in order to graduate. The program and the implementation must be a success for all students.

Mr. Justin Carey said he thought the program was putting undue stress on the students. Dr. Tarzian replied the program gives students more options although it may take a year to work out all the bugs; it is not the intent to flunk or not graduate any student.

Mr. Scott Allen said his concern is how many times are you going to change the program it should have been researched more and the implementation more defined.

Mrs. Allen said she thought no research was done. Jenn Drill said we need to move toward solutions. Vice Chair Young replied the board has been reviewing this material for two years you should have been at the meetings if you have interests in the schools' programs.

Chair McCallum stated in the interest of time we need to move forward and invited all audience members to come future Board meetings.

### **Elementary School**

Principal Hale thanked the Board to allow him to go to the conference at North Carolina University.

Principal Hale informed the Board Elaine Wilson is working with the elementary students and will be putting on a winter program.

Vice Chair Young left the meeting at 7 PM.

### **Business**

Lynn Love reported she was working on the following:

- QSCB program
- Cash flows and budgets
- Personnel information in the accounting program.

### **Maintenance**

John Gilbert reported hand stations have been installed at all buildings.

### **Information Items**

#### **Coaches Reports**

Art Houghtaling gave a report on the football season. Jenn Drill gave a report on volleyball.

#### **Cleaning Procedures**

John said he is working on cleaning procedures for the district.

### **Policy Updates**

Dr. Tarzian informed the Board he is just about finished with reviewing the policies.

### **Jami Kidd Letter**

Chair McCallum handed out copies of the letter written by Jami Kidd for information only.

### **Action Items**

#### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was adopted as presented.

**Adopt Policy EA District Support of Civic Activities**

Director Sickles made a motion to adopt Policy EA District Support of Civic Activities. Director Davis seconded the motion. The vote is as follows:

Chair McCallum	Aye	Director Jones	Aye
Director Davis	Aye	Director Sickles	Aye

**Adopt Policy IKH Learning for Proficiency**

Director Sickles made a motion to adopt Policy IKH Proficiency Learning. Director Jones seconded the motion. The vote is as follows:

Chair McCallum	Aye	Director Jones	Aye
Director Davis	Aye	Director Sickles	Aye

**Resolution #6 Support for House Bills 2649 & 3405**

Director Sickles made a motion to support HB2649 and HB3405. Director Jones seconded the motion. The vote is as follows:

Chair McCallum	Aye	Director Jones	Aye
Director Davis	Aye	Director Sickles	Aye

Vice Chair Young returned to the meeting at 7:47 PM.

**Superintendent Evaluation Criteria / Board Self-Evaluation / Goal Setting**

Director Davis informed the Board a superintendent search could take up to a year and the following need to be defined before the search begins:

- Cost
- Superintendent model
- Job description
- Evaluation process

Dr. Tarzian suggested adding this item to the retreat agenda and set timelines at that time.

**Resolution #7 Budget Adjustments**

Vice Chair Young made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #7 for Budget Adjustments. Director Sickles seconded the motion. The vote is as follows:

Chair McCallum	Aye	Director Jones	Aye
Director Davis	Aye	Director Sickles	Aye
Vice Chair Young	Aye		

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:15 PM.

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Presiding Chair

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January 26, 2010  
Date