

**HOONAH CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 25, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Grace Villarreal, Jamie Erickson, Dillion Styers, Heidi Jewell, Halle Budke, Student Representative, Robert Hutton.

**SUPERINTENDENT:** PJ Ford Slack, Ph.D

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelli Deitering, Recording Secretary, Amy Stevenson, Business Manager, Melody Douglas, Ralph Watkins, Principal, Jeremiah Byers, Maintenance, Jenny Miller, Tesh Miller, Pearl Miller, Daphine Wright, Glenda Hutton, Veronica Dalton, Aimee Smith, Sheryl Ross, Sally Dybdahl, Dave Ross, Jeff Hankla, Judy Hankla, Monica Southworth, Heather Powell, Stan Savland, Melissa Thaalesen.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Robert Hutton called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Five (5) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT REP & RETIRING STAFF:** Halle Budke was presented with a plaque from the Board. She distributed 2016-2017 Yearbooks to each Board Member from the Student Government. Judy Hankla was given a retirement present. Superintendent PJ Ford Slack was also presented with a retirement present. Carrot cake was served to audience.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:**

- None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

M/S Robert Hutton, Grace Villarreal moved to adopt the amended agenda. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

M/S Grace Villarreal, Heidi Jewell moved to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 27, 2017. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BOARD CALENDAR:**

- Workshop and Special Board Meeting June 3, 2017 @ 10:00am
- Next regular board meeting is June 15, 2017 @ 7:00pm

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH):**

- **Monica Southworth (Union Rep)** – Monica brought up two issues. One being that the paraprofessional's hours have been cut to 6.0 hours. The other being that staff morale is low.
- **Sally Dybdahl** – Sally spoke about the playground needing swings.
- **Ralph Watkins** – He thanked his staff, the School Board, and Superintendent PJ Ford Slack for guidance a wonderful year. He has enjoyed working with everybody and has learned a lot.
- **Sally Dybdahl** – Sally didn't realize that Superintendent PJ was retiring at this meeting. She will bring a gift for PJ at the next Regular Board Meeting, June 15, 2017.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

##### **A. Superintendent's Report – PJ Ford Slack, PhD**

- Written Report
- PJ spoke about the First Bloom Trip to Glacier Bay with the 5/6<sup>th</sup> graders. They learned about plants and birds.

##### **B. Business Office Report – Melody Douglas/Amy Stevenson**

- Attached Report
- Amy spoke about closing out grants and getting prepared for the audit at the end of July. Robert Hutton asked about the savings for Health Insurance? Jamie Erickson asked for a ball park figure? How much will the premium go down on average? Melody concluded that there will be a 27% savings. Heidi asked if the itemized budget they were looking at had already been cut by 5%? The answer was no. She also wondering about the 1% City Tax invoices.

##### **C. Principal's Report – Ralph Watkins**

- Ralph gave a verbal report. He had a visual graph on a television reporting Strategic Plans. He was proud to announce that 100% of the seniors graduated this year. K-11 data shows that 50% of the students at Hoonah City Schools are below proficiency. However, the numbers are steadily growing. He showed an example of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Robert Hutton commented that it is nice to see this data to get a grasp of how things are.

##### **D. ANEP Grant – Heather Powell**

- Written Report

##### **E. Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers**

- Written Report
- Fixing the stair's hand railing turned out to be a bigger task than anticipated.

**F. SPED Report – Sheryl Ross**

- Written report

**G. Pre-School Report – Heather Wheeler**

- Written Report

**H. Board Reports – Robert Hutton**

- No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1.0 Maintenance Contract for FY' 18**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal that we approve a FY 2018 Exempt Contract for Jeremiah Byers. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**1.1 New Teacher FY' 18 Contracts**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal that the Board of Education offer the following teachers 2017/2018 teaching contracts.

1. Sherman Fike – 5/6 Grade Teacher, Salary: \$57,229.76
2. Jennifer Marschke – SPED Teacher, Salary: \$47,556.53
3. Mimi Antal – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Salary: \$53,199.44
4. Eli Derenoff – Secondary Teacher, Math/Science, Salary: \$68,514.46
5. Christina Carrick – PreK/K Teacher, Salary: \$68,468.14
6. Rita Crouch – Secondary English teacher, Salary: \$68,514.46

Discussion: Heidi would like more electives in school. Ralph Watson commented that one teacher has a counselling background. Another teacher is willing to teach woodshop and small engines. Grace asked if the teachers are willing to do more than just their contract? Mimi speaks Russian and is an artist. The English teacher is a social and emotional counselor. Mr. Hutton commented that you get what you pay for. Even though, most of these teachers are at the high end of the salary, they will be worth it because of their experience. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2 Memorandum of Agreement for Rainforest Mediation and Consultation**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillion Styers that we approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Rainforest Mediation and Consultation for the 2017/2018 school year.

Discussion: Heidi asked that we try to keep Doug who already has a relationship with the students even though a new teacher has a counseling degree. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

### **1.3 FY16 Transfer Fund Balance**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal move that we transfer FY16 remaining Community Education, Impact Aid, and Comprehensive Literacy funds as presented. Discussion: Robert Hutton would like to know why these remaining funds aren't picked up when the professionals check over our books. Melody responded that these are grant funds received in prior years. They are old grants with a fund balance. Some will roll over to FY18 and they will decide where the funds are best suited to go. Maybe to special revenue funds. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

### **1.4 Corvus Design Bid for the Playground**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillion Styers that we approve the proposal from Corvus Design in the amount of \$8,122.00 to start the design phase of the installation of a new playground. Discussion: Everybody is excited. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

### **1.5 Memorandum of Agreement for Douglas Enterprise, Inc.**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal move that we approve a contract with Douglas Enterprises for professional services in the amount of \$16,800 plus related travel expenses be approved. Discussion: Heidi asked about the bidding process? How many other proposals did the school get besides Douglas Enterprise? There was not a bidding process. Heidi wanted to make sure that the board is following processes and policies and Jamie agreed. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-No, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillion Styers-No, Jamie Erickson-No, Robert Hutton-Yes. **MOTION DENIED.** Robert Hutton asked PJ to advertise this bid so there are at least two additional bids to choose from.

### **1.6 Article 5, Series 5000, Students, BP 5141.41-Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence & Article 5, Series 5000, Students, BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights for First Reading**

M/S Heidi Jewell, Jamie Erickson move that we approve Article 5, Series 5000, Students, BP 5141.41-Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence &

Article 5, Series 5000, Students, BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights for First Reading. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Dillion Styers-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **1.0 Implications to the District of Borough Formation**

Travis Lewis would like to present to the School Board about Borough Formation. They are interested in hearing this. A 15 minute presentation should be sufficient. There should also be time for questions and answers after the presentation. Stan Savland mentioned that the City Council meetings are also discussing Borough Formation and that it is difficult to research.

### **1.1 Policy Updates**

The school board will need one hour to review policy and make minor changes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE-MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

- No Public Comments

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

- **Heidi Jewell** – She urged the audience and the school board to attend the next city council meeting. The city budget for police is way more than school.
- **Jamie Erickson** – She addressed Monica's concerns for the paraprofessionals and the staff morale. It is important to amend these issues. Policy and procedure should be available to all staff members. Always have communication and support. This should be discussed for the retreat agenda for August.
- **Grace Villarreal** - She commented about how nice graduation was. She was happy to hear that prom was a success. She welcomed Kelli Deitering as the new School Board Secretary.
- **Robert Hutton** – Robert Hutton seconds everybody's comments. M/S Robert Hutton, Heidi Jewell moves that we extend the two hour to a maximum of 3 hours. The meeting will be out by 9:32pm. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED**. He requested that during the transition of administration, communications with the administrators should be routed through him.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

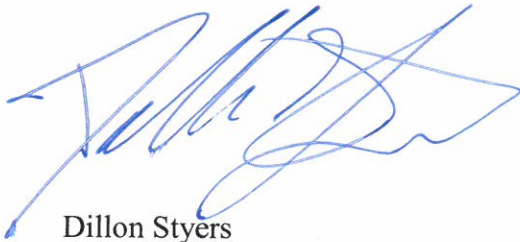
M/S Robert Hutton, Grace Villarreal moves that we go into executive session. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED.** Executive session began at 8:31pm. Back from executive session 9:06 pm. Robert Hutton made a statement saying he has been charged by the board with working a MOA with a mentor and Ralph.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


M/S Robert Hutton, Heidi Jewell a motion to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Dillon Styers  
Board Secretary



Kelli Deitering  
School Board Secretary