

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Yaak School Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Trish Lauer, at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday October 18, 2023, at the Yaak School Trish opened the meeting, welcomed visitors, reviewed meeting protocol, and stated that the meeting was being recorded. Trish introduced Kim Bowcutt, our new employee, she will be our Paraprofessional Title IA and Classroom Aide.

Trustees Present: Trish Lauer, David Gambill, and Herb Oehlke

Others Present: Diane Downey, District Clerk, Sabre Alderete, Head Teacher, Ron Webb, Pam Fuqua, Kim Bowcutt and Bill Sullivan.

Minutes:

The minutes from the September 20, 2023, regular board meeting were reviewed. David moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Herb seconded, and Trish concurred.

Maintenance Committee:

- David reported that he had checked the water filters in the pressure tank room, and they looked good. No need to replace them yet. The heater has been set up in the pressure tank room. Diane advised that the GFI plug in that space has had issues and Artie should check to make sure it has not tripped and needs reset. Sabre' asked if the filters in the teacherage could be checked as well. David will ask Artie to check the teacherage appliances and faucet filters. Diane asked if we had made arrangements with the church to send our water sample to the lab with theirs. David stated that it would be easier for him to just do it. He will take a sample down in December.
- Snow removal was discussed. Trish reached out to Jim Hammond but has not heard back at this time. Diane and David have plans to attend the County Transportation Committee on the 26th so we can voice our concerns at that time. A roof rack was purchased from Artie. Herb has purchased roofing screws so we can start replacing loose and missing ones. This is an overdue maintenance item. Sabre' asked if we could get some brighter lighting on the sidewalk and porch at the front of the school. Herb will get lights from Ace and install them.

Technology Committee:

- Three email accounts were given to MSGIA so we could participate in the phishing testing that is being offered by our Liability Insurance.

Old Business:

- Trish thanked the Oehlke family for all their hard work on this project. Herb updated us on the progress of the Playground Project. They are planning on working to button things up over the weekend. Diane reminded Herb we need to get the basketball goals stored for the winter.
- ESSER II Grant funds have all been spent. Final cash requests and final expenditure reports have been submitted. Diane, Sabre' and Trish will be working on the required self-assessment for ESSER grants. We had not budgeted for Indirect Cost in our original application ESSER III does have qualifying expenditures so Diane will do a budget amendment for indirect cost on that grant.
- Going forward all grants will have indirect cost budgeted into them. These funds need to be used to help offset the added expense for new clerk training time and other administrative costs.
- Trish asked that we do a detailed review of ESSER III remaining funds at our next meeting as we will have to make budget amendments for funds that may not be spent under the original budgeted items.

New Business:

- Fall Student Count was seven (7), all students were present on count day.
- Trish volunteered to be the chairperson for the Curriculum Committee and stated that Angelo Alderete has volunteered to chair the Fundraising Committee. Dave moved to accept, Herb seconded, and Trish concurred.
- Trish stated that the curriculum committee will be holding their meetings at 2:30 p.m. each month prior to the board meetings. The first meeting will be November 15th at 2:30 p.m. Trish invited anyone from the public that would like to sit on the committee to join them. Diane asked if the curriculum committee to take on the review of new library books prior to their purchase. Library books need to be approved by the teacher and the board, so the curriculum committee is the perfect place for this process to be accomplished.

- Safe Return to School Plan is due for updating. Sabre' will make the updates and forward updated to copy to board members. Approval of the update will be done at the November 15th meeting.

Teachers Report:

- Sabre' thanked everyone for their support after her leg injury.
- School has been in session for 33 days and Sabre' has concerns about chronic absenteeism. She will be sending letters out to those parents that have children that are chronically absent.
- There was an internet outage on October 10th, EL Internet responded in a timely manner, service was out for the whole day. Sabre' got student laptops connected to her StarLink so they could complete testing.
- The students have chosen to support the WINGS Walk this year with a Read-a-Thon. Sponsors sign-up sheets are available, students will be reading through the month of October. The students' goal is to raise \$1,500.00.
- Sabre' presented a proposal for a field trip to Tacoma Washington to visit the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium. The plan is to stay at an Airbnb close to the zoo, this will lower the cost of lodging and food. The trip will take place in May. Sabre' fielded questions, David moved to approve the out of State field trip, Herb seconded, and Trish concurred. Ron asked if there were any trips planned for the fall/winter and reminded Sabre' of the Stonehenge Air Museum in Fortine that he recommended last year. The students will also be attending the Teepee raising ceremony held at the Trego School. This trip will be paid for with IEFA funds.
- Halloween day students will be served lunch and dressing up for the day.
- November the 10th at 9 a.m. the students will host a Veterans Breakfast. This will be open to all veterans and their spouses. There will be a raffle for a patriotic quilt that was made and donated by Cheri Javorsky. The students will visit with the veterans then share their stories with their classmates.
- State assessment scores from the 22-23 SY were reviewed. The two students that were tested last year scored advanced in both Language Arts and Math.
- Students voted to spend Student Activity fund for the purchase of planners. These will assist them in keeping track of assignments and

Clerk's Report, Financials & Expenditures:

- Final expenditure reports for the 22-23 SY grant cycle have been submitted. Diane did a quick review of amounts spent and carry over amounts.
- A review of the funds available for the 23-24 grant cycle. There was discussion on the use of Title IVA Funds that have been budgeted for supplies. Sabre' stated that we need to figure out some type of floor covering for library space that is used for art. Sabre' asked if we had the approval of the retention stipend in writing, Diane stated that she did not but would contact the Title IIA person at OPI and get confirmation in writing.
- Diane did a detailed reporting on September expenditures. September financial reports from the treasurer have not been received yet.
- Reviewed October expenditures to date. (See attached for detail)

Policy Review:

Policy 3150 was presented for the second reading. Herb moved that policy 3150 be adopted as presented David seconded, and Trish concurred. Policy 3141 first reading was conducted. Trish suggested that the optional sections be struck from the policy we adopt. There was some discussion, and it was decided the optional section will be removed and policy will go to second reading at the November meeting. The Board approved the new form for Religious Exemption from Immunizations.

Public Comment:

Bill Sullivan voiced his concern about the road plowing issues. Trish asked that we wait for clarification from County on this issue before approaching them and then it should be a community wide thing not spearheaded by the school.

Next Regular Meeting: November 15, 2023 @ 3:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Diane Downey, District Clerk

_____ Trish Lauer, Chair

_____ David Gambill, Vice Chair

_____ Herb Oehlke, Board Trustee