

**Swan Valley Elementary School
Regular School Board Meeting
July 14, 2022**

Board Members Present: James Boyd, Jesse Russell, Sara Lamar, and Kitty Logan. Sophie Trull was absent.

Clerk: Heather Mincey was absent, Katie Gleason recorded.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the School Office.

Public Comment: Tom Fitzsimmon inquired as to why a teacher was let go because he didn't have the proper credentials, which has been extended and still let go. James Boyd responded the teacher was nonrenewed due to the board having to following the law and at the time the teacher did not have the correct extension. New information was just received by the administration and board this afternoon about the expiring provisional licensure being extended by one year. The teacher was encouraged to reapply for the position in the case the license was renewed. Tom Fitzsimmons also inquired as to why the principal did not have to have the correct licensure. James Boyd responded the administrator is actually a supervising teacher working on his principal licensure through the correct steps and does have a valid teaching license.

Colleen Harrington inquired as to what has become of the climate surveys from the staff, students, and families. The board responded they will be reviewed at the board strategic planning session in August.

Approval of Board Minutes: Kitty Logan made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of June 13, 2022. Sara Lamar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Business Manager Report: Aaron Morgenstern reported Heather Mincey will have June's books and the end of the year books closed next week. She will report at the August meeting.

Administrator Report:

Facility Maintenance Report: Aaron Morgenstern reported they are awaiting a quote for the boiler and there was a few more contractors Chris Auchenbach was looking to talk to for additional quotes. Chris Auchenbach will be starting to work on the floors next week.

Hiring Committee Report: Aaron Morgenstern reported there were 2 applications received for the teaching position. One accepted a job elsewhere, and the other applicant was interviewed. The committee unanimously voted to not extend an offer to that candidate. He did receive an email today from Chris Mauldin stating his provisional license had been extended until June 30, 2023. Kitty Logan stated she was in favor of a special meeting to rehire Chris Mauldin as the K-2 teacher.

Old Business:

ESSER Building Improvements:

James Boyd stated he would like to look into burying the power lines. It would cost the district \$150 for the bid from Missoula Electric Cooperative. He feels it is a safety issue.

New Business:

Technologic Contract:

This item was tabled as the board did not have the contract but would like it added to the special board meeting

Discussion of Windows and Doors Estimate:

Aaron Morgenstern presented one bid for the replacement of doors and windows and felt it was too high. James Boyd stated the district should try and keep it local as he feels the outside contractors will continue to have high bids. The board stated they would like to see more bids from local contractors.

Board Calendar: There will be a special board meeting Tuesday July 19, 2022 to rehire Chris Mauldin and approve the Technologic contract. The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7pm following the board strategic planning session with Debra Silk at 3:30 pm.

James Boyd stated he would not be able to make the special board meeting but he wanted the board to hear his thoughts on the rehire. He felt how Chris Mauldin handled the decision at the end of school year was very unprofessional. He has heard of some parents in favor of his teaching and some parents were not happy with his teaching.

Jesse Russell made a motion to adjourn and sign warrants. Sara Lamar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Date

Clerk Date