

Timpanogos Academy School Board Meeting
Thursday Mar 16th, 2023 7:00pm
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PRESENT:

At 7:00pm, Board members Kim Seager, Jennie Bruce, Amy Tressler, Minta Valentine, Paul Johnson, and Phil Cardon are in attendance. This constitutes a full quorum. Principal Errol Porter and Board Secretary Frank Anderson are also in attendance.

Board member Rachel Thacker and Phil Cardon are excused.

1 - Agenda Approval

Kim Seager moved to amend the agenda by adding items “5C-Math Survey” and “6.5 – 5th Grade Maturation Materials”. The motion was seconded by Minta Valentine and passed unanimously.

2 – Review of Last Meeting’s Business/ Approval of Minutes/Confirm Next Board Meeting

Jennie Bruce made a motion to approve the February 2023 board minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Paul Johnson and passed unanimously.

The Board confirmed that the next two Board meetings will be April 13th, 2023 and May 4th, 2023.

3 – Public Input

None at this time.

4 – PTO Report – Julie Bellon

Mrs. Bellon reported on the following items:

- a) Completed and on-going events: This year’s “Parents and Pastries”, the “Word Power Challenge”, and the SEP Luncheon were all successful; and the “Battle of the Books” is now in progress.
- b) Upcoming Events: The next upcoming events include the Poetry Contest on March 30th and then the upcoming “Health and Safety Week”. The PTO is planning to provide a hygiene kit for each 5th grade student.
- c) News: The new amplifier for the new sound system has now been installed, and the Board established this year’s Board Elections to commence immediately following the scheduled Art Show on April 27th.

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5 – Principal’s Report – Errol Porter

* A) LETRS Progress: As of today, 14 of 15 teachers have completed Unit 1 “with Mastery” and the 15th teacher has yet to take the test. The first of two group virtual meetings are scheduled to begin this week.

* B) Legislative Results: Mr. Porter went over the major pieces of legislation that were passed during the recently concluded session:

HB 477: Full Day Kindergarten was passes as optional, but any school that offers full day kindergarten must also offer a Half-day option for those who want that option

HB 308: No More school wide “Letter Grades” would be assigned.

HB 215: Provides a \$4200 increase for Educator Salary adjustment.

HB 465: Mandates that all school libraries adopt a platform by 2024 that will allow parents to view all library materials.

HB 400: Obligates school districts to come up with programs to address school absenteeism.

* C) Math Survey: Mr. Porter informed the Board that the USBE had emailed teachers a “Blended Learning Survey” to be given to students, and that the USBRE communications stated that this survey was not required to have any prior parental approval. However, Mr. Porter believes we should always ask for parental permission before administering anything like this to students.

* D) Enrollment Status: Mr. Anderson reported that projected enrollment for next year was currently at 568 with a waiting list in all grades. Mr. Anderson anticipates with high confidence that enrollment levels will be sustained around 535 to 540 by the time the school year begins next year.

6 – USBE Climate Survey – Frank Anderson

Mr. Anderson updated the Board about the Bi-annual “School Climate Survey” that will need to be administered to all students in the school, all faculty and staff, and all parents of students this year. Parents can opt-out their students from the survey if they choose, and Mr. Anderson noted that he would be sending a copy of all of the questions for parents for their review prior to deciding if they wanted their students to participate or not.

7 – Budget Report – Finance Office

Mr. Smith reported on the status of the Budget to date and that revenue and expenses were both in line with expectations and on-track for the year as of February 28th of 2023, which is just about 67% of the fiscal school year.

Mr. Smith also noted that we do not have information from the state yet as to any and all of the new funding levels that were passed during the recently concluded session. The information we are waiting for includes funding formulas and rules; so until we get this information it’s not possible to put together a proposed budget for the next school year.

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12 – Board Position Reports:

- a) **PTO/Curriculum, Jennie Bruce:** Mrs. Bruce led a board discussion about adding the “Heggerty for Grade 1” materials into the school’s curriculum. Heggerty is currently being used in Kindergarten with excellent results, and the plan would also be to add “Heggerty for 2nd Grade” the following year. Overall Board consensus was to move forward with this plan.
- b) **Publicity, Minta Valentine:** None at this time.
- c) **Uniforms, Amy Tressler:** None at this time.
- d) **Risk Management & Facilities, Paul Johnson:** Mr. Porter reported that the main summer projects this year would be to install the flooring in the West Gym, and to renovate areas of the East Building to allow for Mrs. Morelli’s first grade classroom and Mrs. Haw’s Kindergarten classroom to swap places. This will include adding bathroom facilities into what will be the new Kindergarten room plus additional faculty restroom and preparation room renovations.
- e) **CFO, Rachel Thacker:** None at this time, Mrs. Thacker is not here.
- f) **Human Resources & Website, Phil Cardon:** None at this time, Mr. Cardon is not here.
- g) **Board Chair, Kim Seager:** Mrs. Seager led a discussion of plans for this year’s Board Elections; which are for the seats currently held by Jennie Bruce and Minta Valentine.

13 – Board Training

The Board listened to Episode #4 from the “Board Wiser” training program, titled “Preventing Board Schizophrenia”.

14 – Closed Session

Motion for a closed session was made by Kim Seager. A roll call vote was called for and all present board members individually voted “aye” when asked.

15 - Adjournment:

Kim Seager moved to adjourn without objection.