

## **Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitehall School District 4, 47 and 2 of Madison and Jefferson Counties was held on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

### Board Members:

Gina Ossello  
Jeff Briggs  
Scott Prevost  
Bill Whitehurst  
James Reiff  
Paul Shaw

### Administrators:

John T. Sullivan, Superintendent  
Patti Drake, District Clerk  
Hannah Nieskens, 6-12 Principal  
Kurtis Koenig, K-5 Principal

Visitors: Marci Whitehurst

## **AGENDA**

### **ITEM:**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Gina Ossello

#### **Flag Salute**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to approve the agenda.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

#### **Visitors**

The visitors were welcomed to the meeting and were told that a public comment period for matters of a general nature would be held later in the meeting.

#### **Minutes**

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 9, 2019

Bill Whitehurst seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2019.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Correspondence**

None

**Senior Parents**

Marci Whitehurst was present at the meeting to inform the board about the Senior trip and ask the boards permission to take the students out of state. The seniors will meet at the bus barn at 11:00 pm on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from there they will go into Butte to the Escapology. At 2:00 am they will board the bus and drive to Lagoon in Salt Lake City, UT where they will spend the day at the amusement and water park and then return to Whitehall that evening.

James Reiff made a high school motion to approve the senior trip. Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**REPORTS:**

**Elementary Principal**

(See attached)

**High School Principal**

(See attached)

**Superintendent**

(See attached) Mr. Sullivan wished all the teams good luck this weekend. He also thanked Jen and Scott Prevost for running the concession stand this year, Whitehall Rotary for taking tickets, Joy Smith for everything she does around the school and for the students, Jim Reinschmidt for all the work he is doing around the school and Dan Lacey for getting everything ready for the games, he is always there. He also thanked the paraprofessionals for everything they do.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Strategic Plan Update**

There have been two meetings held to develop a new three-year strategic plan. Mr. Sullivan was asked to put together a report of what has been accomplished from the previous strategic plan. He presented the report that was put together by him and the committee chairs. The report listed the strategies accomplished and additional items that were accomplished but were not on the plan, in each of the following areas: Communication Objective, Facilities and Maintenance Objective, Finance Objective, School Health and Safety Objective, School Leadership Objective, Teacher/Staff Growth and Development, High School Curriculum, K-5 Curriculum, Communication and Technology. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, 2019, they will meet in March and bring the final plan to the board in April. (See attached report.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance to Standards Application –  
Library Change**

The library is the only place that the District receives a deviation on our accreditation. Based on enrollment, to meet the standards requirement in the library, we need a 1.1 librarian. We would like to apply to OPI for a variance for our middle school and operate as a K-12 Library. We need the board to approve the application for a variance.

James Reiff made a joint motion to approve the application for the variance.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Budget Review**

Mr. Sullivan briefly went over the general budget in both districts. The budget looks good. He explained that each classroom receives \$500 for classroom supplies and we will be ordering those supplies for next year in the next couple of months.

### **Staff Hire**

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to approve the hiring of Janine Burrows as a paraprofessional. She will be replacing a paraprofessional that had to resign unexpectedly.

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to hire Janine Burrows.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Substitute Staff**

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to approve the hiring of Sadie Gooch and Todd Breitenfeldt as substitutes.

James Reiff made a joint motion to hire Sadie Gooch and Todd Breitenfeldt.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Claims and Accounts**

Claims approval list was presented to the board.

Paul Shaw made a high school motion to approve payment of the high school claims for February as submitted.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Jeff Briggs made an elementary motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for February as submitted.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff

Opposed: None

Motion carried

### **Meeting**

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to adjourn the meeting.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, James Reiff, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Clerk