

REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Plevna School Board was called to order by Chairman Rieger at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room of Plevna School. Trustees Bill Lane, Will Sparks, Scott Rieger and Teresa Rieger were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Walker and District Clerk Nicole Buerkle.

Visitors: See Attached List

All stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Chairman Rieger reviewed the public comment policy with the audience.

Dan Thielen spoke about being a past Trustee and helping to build the school. He watches the paper about who is on the Dean's List at college and feels Plevna offers a quality education.

Jan Stickney had a question regarding how things are put on the agenda. She has requested in the past to have a closed session meeting when she retired. She was wondering why this did not happen. Supt. Walker reviewed policy 1400 on Closed Sessions.

Minutes of December 12th Regular Meeting

Chairman Rieger asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 12th board meeting. Scott Rieger moved to approve the meeting minutes. Teresa Rieger seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Correspondence

None

Administrative Assistant Report

- Permission slips for the Missoula Children's Theatre went out to the students. There is confirmation on housing and a piano player.

Superintendent's Report

- The keyboard lab is being set up. 13 are currently set up and 4 more are coming. This is a great addition for the students.
- The 2018-2019 school calendar is being worked on and will be presented to the Board in February.
- We continue to work on a notification system for families through Infinite Campus.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Public Concern Regarding Status of Superintendent's Contract

Bill Lane gave a statement to support Supt. Walker's Contract. Bill Lane moved to rescind the motion and to have discussion for renewal of Supt. Walker's contract. Chairman Rieger seconded the motion. The chairman asked for any discussion.

Chairman Rieger asked Supt. Walker if she is waiving her rights. Supt. Walker waived her rights during this meeting.

- Dan Buerkle spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Britt Buerkle spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Becki Wagnon spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Lamar Wagnon spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Jim Leischner spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Norton Walker spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Josh McLachlan spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Nicole Buerkle spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Lynn Paul spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Albert Paul spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Jenna Paul spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Dan Thielen spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Claudine O'Connor spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Krissy Edgell spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Kate Wills spoke in support of the school board decision.
- John Edgell spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Gina Carroll spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Jason Oberlander spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Jan Stickney spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Tom Sparks spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Mindy Held spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.

Board discussion. Bill Lane commented and felt like that when they went into the meeting last month he was blindsided. He said that there is this division and apparently that we are a split board. Also, he commented on how our school is doing. The parents seem happy, faculty seems happy and the education is great. If someone has an issue they need to go through the proper channels following the policies and procedures in place or else, we open ourselves for more issues. We need this motion to pass and get on track again.

Chairman Rieger commented most of our board meetings consist of the Board Members. She feels especially bad for Supt. Walker. If parents are upset with policies, procedures or handbooks they should be upset with the board not with Supt. Walker.

Jim Leischner asked Trustees Scott Rieger, Teresa Rieger, and Will Sparks why they are not speaking and to give their reasons. Trustee, Scott Rieger, said that they were advised by legal counsel to not answer any audience questions.

A question was asked about the recall process for Board members.

Chairman Rieger said she did not have an answer so she called for a 5-minute recess.

After the recess, Chairman Rieger referred to Policy 1112 in reference to the recall process.

- Jordan O'Donnell spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Ry O'Connor spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.

Mindy Held asked a couple of questions to the board members. What are the qualifications to be on the board? Why was Supt. Walker not hired?

Supt. Walker gave a statement regarding her December 2017 evaluation.

- Kathy Johnson spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- Nancy Ayers spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Eileen Rieger spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.
- JC Ayers spoke in support of the school board decision.
- Claudine O'Connor spoke in support of the board retaining Supt. Walker.

Chairman Rieger asked if there was more discussion. Having none, the Board proceeded to vote. The vote on the motion to rescind. Chairman Rieger and Vice Chairman Lane voted aye. Scott Rieger, Will Sparks and Teresa Rieger voted nay for non-rescinding of the contract/renewal.

Superintendent Hiring Process/Job Posting

The Trustees discussed posting the Supt. job position. Trustee, Scott Rieger, discussed that MTSBA does have a Supt. search service. District Clerk, Nicole Buerkle, will look into the cost and the services provided. She will bring the information to the next board meeting. Scott Rieger moved to advertise the position with OPI. Will Sparks seconded the motion. All voted aye.

MHSA Proposals

Supt. Walker was asked to be the class C representative and reviewed the MHSA proposals. The two proposals are to amend eighth grade participation/academic/transfer by-laws and proposal to amend fines.

CONTINUING ITEMS

District Claims

Bill Lane moved to approve the district claims for January 2018 as presented. Teresa Rieger seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Activity Statement

Bill Lane moved to approve the activity statement for December 2017 as presented. Scott Rieger seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Confirm Date and Time of Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the PBS room.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk

Chairman