

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413,
TWIN FALLS COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413 Twin Falls County, Idaho was convened at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2016 at the Filer Intermediate School Library in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Section 33-510 and 67-2340 through 67-2347, Idaho Code, and pursuant to affirmation by the Clerk that notice of the special meeting had been given to each trustee and had been announced by written public notice posted at the school district office and at least two or more public buildings within the school district not less than twenty-four hours before such meeting was to be convened. The Affidavit of Posting of Notice and a copy of the notice of a special meeting of School Trustees were entered into the record and are attached hereto.

Present at the meeting were Trustees Fred Jaynes, Bryce Bowman, Aaron Williams, Superintendent John Graham, Business Manager Courtney Bingham and Clerk Teresa Kullhem when the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jaynes.

Trustee Bowman made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL SECTION

Community Input

Chairman Jaynes began the meeting by explaining the open meeting guidelines that would direct the meeting.

Kristan Young asked for clarification on procedures for resolving issues.

Gary Moon presented his concerns regarding college readiness and academic preparedness for our high school students.

Lisa Marshall is concerned with the trimester schedule and lack of consistency with academics.

Jill Moon wants to make sure that our students are prepared to take tests, i.e., ACT, SAT.

Shannon Tews believes the bar is set low at the high school. There is no honors English offered for seniors and not enough upper level classes for those preparing to go on to college.

Tracey Meyerhoeffer questions the purpose of Paw Tracks. Had questions regarding how the class was graded and if the class was for credit.

Deanne Cates is concerned with the open campus policy and the way it seems to be dividing the students socially. Open campus also seems to be creating a lot of trash in the parking lot.

Debbie Cobb would like to see our high school students receiving more help in working to obtain scholarships.

Lisa Marshall feels the high school needs to do a better job presenting college and careers fairs and getting information to the parents regarding college and career readiness.

Julie Koyle is concerned that the district is slipping and feels the district is not taking steps necessary to stay on top of things. The district needs to do a better job with accountability. Changes need to be made.

Karlene Sheen is concerned that there aren't enough upper level classes for students. Feels that letters come home from teachers at the beginning of the year outlining expectations, but then those expectations aren't followed through on.

Jerin Bowman is concerned with the chaos in the Elementary school parking lot. It is too small for the capacity of the school.

Sabrina Harrison voiced some ideas on how the Intermediate school could do a better job with congestion in the parking lot.

Melissa Grant feels the school parking lots are complete chaos and the more guidelines need to be implemented on procedures in parking lots.

Lisa Marshall is concerned about the high school parking lot and the confusion caused with the buses and where they drop off and pick up.

Kristan Young says she cracks down on her own kids and the way they drive in the parking lot. It's the parent's responsibility as well to make sure their students are responsible for their own actions.

Jessica and Paul Fischer have an issue with the current attendance policy and the way it penalizes good students. They see the need for more school spirit.

Lindsay Ricketts would like to see more school spirit at games with the possibility of taking buses to transport more students to the games.

Ray Sheen feels the cheerleaders and pep band have done a great job but when the fight song is played, no one stands up. It's up to parents to have more school spirit.

Sherri McKay would like to see the district find more sponsors to have more "freebies" to give away to promote school spirit.

Pete Jones feels the parent's needs to be more involved. He says that discipline and respect need to start at the top and go all the way down.

Arlene Summerfield has had both children and grandchildren in the District. She has seen a shift in school spirit and feel there should be recognition of all team members, not just the starters.

Kendra Child said that the positive energy only comes when we weed out the negative. It is the parents' responsibility to change the energy.

Fred Jaynes said the problem with taking pep buses to games would be finding chaperones to go along with the students.

Julie Koyle said she feels disrespect seems to start in the classroom and school discipline as a whole is lacking.

Ray Sheen feels if the athletic department stepped up to help weed out the negative the problem would stop.

Joe Maloney shared that a positive crowd atmosphere is also helpful to coaches.

Trustee Williams asked if the respect issue was across the board. Tracey Meyerhoeffler feels there is a general lack of social skill involved but better classroom management could alleviate some of the problem. There should be no tolerance for disrespect.

Jessica Florian would like to see a district wide policy that addresses behavior and respect.

Tony Mayer feels more boundaries need to be established with consequences for broken boundaries.

Clinton Child stated that his children begin and end their day with riding the bus. It has been a very negative experience. He also feels Filer's reputation precedes it and referees do not want to come to Filer to officiate.

Jerre and Shannon Tews feel parents need to do more to improve the district. High school academics and athletics need improvement. Our kids are largely impacted by our administration.

Verna Snyder feels there is a lack of boundaries at the high school. We need to set a higher standard.

Jessica Fischer feels cell phone use needs to be limited.

Lindsay Ricketts stated that parents need to back our administration. The community needs to step up and be an example of respect.

Susan Parent feels cell phone use needs to have set boundaries. She does not feel that common courtesies are taught any more. Parents need to back teachers. Students need boundaries and limitations.

Kristan Young thanked the Board for the work that they do in the District.

Trustee Bowman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Chairman Jaynes adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Fred W. Jaynes
Chairman

Teresa Kullhem
Clerk