

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 12th day of March, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Board Present:** Nevada Miller, Corbin Hammond, Rene Villagrana. Debbie Webb was absent.

**Others Present:** Earlyna Hammond, Clerk, Carolyn Whitney, teacher, Mary Murphy.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. Rene motioned to approve the Agenda Corbin seconded and AIF. Minutes: Corbin motioned to approve and Rene seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

Mary Murphy was present to show interest in being on the school board. After discussion, Corbin motioned to appoint Mary to fill the vacant board position. Rene seconded. AIF. Welcome Mary!!

**PENDING BILLS/PAID BILLS**

There was discussion and Rene motioned to approve the bills as presented and Corbin seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN REPORT**

Carolyn reported that everything is going well.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

Rene opened a bank statement and performed Internal control. Checks were signed.

**SITE COUNCIL REPORT**

None.

**POLICY UPDATE**

Tabled.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Ms. K stated that things are good. She is working on the Auto Librarian. There was an Internet outage during the bad winds.

**TEACHER REPORT**

Science Inquiry will be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at the school. The Harney Tech conference is going to be offered on April 12<sup>th</sup> and Carolyn would like to cancel that school day- there are enough days to do this. Corbin motioned to cancel school and Rene seconded. AIF.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> the Science Fair is going to be held here. Just the rural schools will be attending.

The Eighth grader is interested in signing up for Acorns. Nevada and Carolyn will meet with the parents.

Music Program: Catherine has been sick and with field studies, science fair, Artist In Residence, etc there will just be an "end of year program". April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the fiddle presentation at the Elks.

REN newsletter was distributed. Carolyn will be absent this Thursday and April 4<sup>th</sup> for REN. Sheri will sub.

Carolyn is still working on Division 22. The Civil Rights Data is completed. Carolyn missed Joe Baker's call regarding coming out to fix/replace the heaters in the gym but will take photos for the heater and get them to him.

Carolyn reminded the board that the screws in the roof still need to be looked at- possible expenditure for budget. A couple shingles came off of the storage shed at the doublewide teacherage. Ryan Curtis can hopefully look at the screws and Clint can look at the shed.

Ms. Caitlyn came and taught field hockey- the kids love it!! The play at Diamond was wonderful! Very work and time intensive so perhaps don't participate every year.

Ms. Caitlin day in Fields is coming up and Miss Sheri will take them. The ESD field study is the 20-22 to Anthony Lakes.

The field study to Astoria could be in May.

The last day of school is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Carolyn asked if there could be the possibility of preschool next year and use literacy grant to fund it? There was also discussion of needing an aide or not with only 3 students? There are still SRSA monies to fund the aide position and it's been helpful.

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Only the fence pole broken.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

April meeting: move time to 6:00 on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Letter of Intent for Carolyn for 25-26. Corbin motioned to give Carolyn a letter of intent and Rene seconded. AIF.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Playground Update: it has arrived and waiting for Ryan to fit into schedule. Possibly mid April?

State Land: it's been a year with no decision made. Corbin called Judge Hart and he has no new information. Mary has Ladd's number and will give it to Corbin.

Fence: Rene would like to take on this project. He can harvest juniper trees from Roaring Springs. He would like to replace broken poles for now. Then in the summer, he might ask for the BLM fire crew to volunteer to help with the fence.

Teacherage: Mary asked if the Hotel could rent the teacherage for a family working at the hotel from April through June 15<sup>th</sup>? The board agreed to a cleaning deposit/no pets. Rental fee discussion: Rene motioned \$300/month plus electricity and \$150 cleaning fee. Corbin seconded. AIF. Earlyna will send a rental agreement to Mary and Clint will do the yard.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earlyna Hammond, Clerk