TWO RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special School Board Meeting - March 1, 2021

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Jaimie Salta at 6:05 p.m.
- 2. The following members were present: Commissioners Michael Canty, Gregory Ross, Maria Veldre, Randy Williams and Jaimie Salta. Commissioners Zak Peterson and Julie Schroeder were excused.
- 3. Written notice of this meeting was sent to the news media on Friday, February 26, 2021.
- 4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 5. Motion by Com. Canty, seconded by Com. Ross, to approve the agenda as posted; motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion regarding the position of School/Community Health, Fitness, Wellness & Recreation Coordinator.

Jaimie Salta began the discussion by stating that he has strong feelings about the recent approval of this new job. Greg Ross also reported that he believes that our test scores should improve before looking at this position. Jaimie stated that he feels this deserved more time to decide than a five minute discussion. Jaimie contacted WASB and was told that this position that was approved at the last meeting can be rescinded up until the time a contract is signed. Jaimie stated that our district is behind the state average based on the STAR assessment. He feels our athletic programs are among the best in the state. Randy Williams disagreed with him. It was stated that the majority of the money for our athletic programs comes from Booster Clubs. Brian Gallagher agreed with the academic assessment, but stated that we have begun the right work with PLCs. We are absolutely heading in the right direction. We shouldn't neglect other areas because we are low in math. We are behind from an athletic standpoint. Brian stated strength and conditioning carries over to academics in areas of self-esteem and athletes have the best GPAs and attendance. Athletes are held to higher standards and we need to look to the future. This is a great starting point. Tim Engh stated that he believes we are taking huge steps in our testing and believes we will be above average by year three. Tim also believes that the lack of alignment at the middle school and high school is an issue and that all programs should be aligned with an unbiased person leading for equity. Jaimie stated that he feels this position is a want, not a need and believes we should look into hiring a Curriculum Director first and we should wait for the new District Administrator to be hired. Maria Veldre stated the expectation is that the new District Administrator we hire will be in line with the mission and goals of our District. We do not want to start over with all of the hard work our administrative team is doing. Jaimie would like the Board to rescind the approval of the School/Community Health, Fitness, Wellness & Recreation Coordinator position. It was suggested that several questions be answered prior to that vote.

Randy Williams asked Jaimie why he wants this position rescinded. There was discussion that continued and the topic will continue at the next Board meeting.

Jaimie requested that we create a policy stating that all new positions need to be presented to the Board one meeting prior to being placed on the agenda for approval.

6. Motion by Com. Canty seconded by Com. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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