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Quinter Public Schools, USD 293

Special Meeting Agenda February 22, 2018

PLACE: QHS Auditorium

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

- 1 JH Sports Practices ®
 - * Coaches Discussion
 - * Public Forum (Pre-Approved 5 minute limit)
- 2 March Board of Education Meeting Date ®
- 3 Personnel- (Executive Session and/or Action)
- 4 Negotiations- (Executive Session and/or Action)
- 5 Student Issues- (Executive Session and/or Action)

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Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Special Board Meeting
February 22, 2018

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Special Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. In attendance were Travis Hargitt, Robert Herl, Shane Mann, Giovanni Caasi, Tara Thornburg, and Kristal Werth. Also Attending were Supt./Princ. Kari Kephart; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Coaches Tamara Kuntz, Shelby Herl, Ed Mense, John Crist, Angela Wagoner, Kayla Johnson, Adrienne Pauls, Allison Polifka, Brian Roesch, Micah Roehl, Matt Havlas, and Scott Crist; Public Forum requests: Leanna Wylie, Collin Thielen, Andrea Charles, Blake Selensky, Brittney Walt, Rebekah Kitch, Jodi Gillespie, Robert Aitken and Candace Hendrich; and additional 27 Patrons/Parents and 19 Students.

Agenda Items:

The meeting was held to discuss the items for which the meeting was called: JH Sports Practices (R), Coaches Discussion, Public Forum, Personnel (Action and/or Executive Session), Negotiations (Action and/or Executive Session), and Student Matters (Action and/or Executive Session). Notification was done by e-mail on Friday February 16, 2018, and by SchoolWay App on February 20, 2018.

Information Report:

Mrs. Kephart reviewed the timeline of discussion for JH sports practices' impact on student achievement in USD 293. Nov. BOE meeting under "all-school building report" data was shared on practice budget impacts, student achievement concerns at QES and QJSHS; Nov. QES Site Council meeting data was reviewed at BOE meeting was shared with members; Dec. BOE meeting under "new business" possible solutions with pros and cons, plans for after school junior high and high school practices, and considerations were reviewed; January BOE meeting under "old business" Mrs. Kephart shared a draft survey, which was adjusted and finalized by the BOE; February BOE meeting under "old business" BOE reviewed the compiled data from the returned surveys and the board recommended scheduling a special meeting; February QES Site Council meeting Mrs. Kephart shared update with 8 members and received feedback. Mrs. Kephart reported on 2018-2019 schedules at QES and QJSHS if JH sports practices were moved and if not moved to after school and practice schedules impacts by sport.

Information Report:

Giovanni Caasi entered the Board of Education meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Coaches Discussion:

Mr. Betz directed open comments by each coach present that wanted to speak on his/her concerns and options for solutions. Some concerns presented were: participation numbers would go down in both JH and HS sports, student study time would be affected, HS students' free time activities while waiting for late practice, early practice affecting sleep time for students, freshman students would not be legally able to drive to late practices if they went home after school, difficult finding enough coaches and coaches' pay, religion classes on Wednesdays would be affected, family time would be limited, City Recreation would be affected, cheerleading practices would be affected, not enough space if gyms are split and would cause distractions or limit skill rotations, working students would have limited time for jobs, club participation would be limited to meeting times, morning practices are not efficient, and families with HS and JH athletes will have to arrange some place for JH child when HS child is playing at away game. Some solutions presented were: Not allowing GS teachers to coach or limit them to one coach per season, instead of purchasing a curtain to separate gym use those funds to hire another teacher or pay substitutes. BOE of education and administration answered additional questions from coaches.

Public Forum:

Mr. Betz directed public forum on request to appear before the board from teachers, parents, and students in the order they were received. Leanna Wylie, Collin Thielen, Andrea Charles, Blake Selensky, Brittney Walt, Rebekah Kitch, Jodi Gillespie, Robert Aitken, and Candace Hendrich. Concerns were similar to the coaches concerns with addition to effects on students who live outside of town and on farms will limit their time to help with calving season and if they live far from town they will be leaving early or getting home later, the students would have no free time to just be kids, and questions were asked about 8th and 7th hour differences between JH and HS, and students not receiving enough academic structured time. Personal experiences presented on JH after school practices were expressed that they still found family time, were able to keep grades up, hold a job, and made them more prepared for the real world.

Information Report:

Mr. Betz informed the guests in attendance that the regular board meeting for March would be moved to March 5th due to parent/teacher/student conferences on March 12th. Guests were reminded that they are welcome to speak at that meeting which would be held in the auditorium, and to do so they would need to fill out and turn it in a request to appear before the board prior to the meeting for approval. Request forms are available in the district office. The board of education went into executive session at 8:48 PM.

Executive Session:

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss employees' performances pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the auditorium at 9:08 PM. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:07 P.M. with no discussion until 9:08 P. M.

Information Report:

The board of education and administrators discussed comments presented during the meeting. Solutions presented were clarified. Purchasing a curtain to separate the main gym is a capital expense so would not offset the cost of substitutes or additional staff due to it being a general fund expenditure. The possibility of holding JH girls basketball practices after school at the GS was discussed. Discussion was done on some of the benefits the smaller GS gym would offer along with items that would need to be addressed practicing this way, like competing at other schools with gyms with a restraining line.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Special Board of Education meeting at 9:48 P.M.

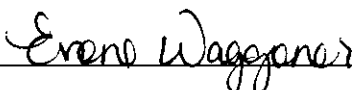
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Date:

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