

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGAR-BLUNT-ONIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT 58-3  
Agar, Blunt and Onida, South Dakota  
November 17, 2020

The special meeting of the School Board was called to order at the Sully Buttes Multi-Purpose gym, at 6:30 p.m. by President Bob Graff, with Board Members Kimberley Farries, Megan Jaeger, Tory Smith and Tom Yackley present. Others present were Superintendent Kevin Pickner, JH/SH Principal Jeremy Chicoine, Business Manager Mary Sieck, Lee Kinney of BankWest Insurance and Sheila Ring of the Onida Watchman. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the facility/gym usage policy.

President Graff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Yackley and seconded by Jaeger to amend and approve the agenda to add Item 5.2) Approval of Open Gym Supervisors Contracts, Item 5.3) Consider Calendar Revision, Item 6) Executive Session (SDCL 1-25-2 (1)) for personnel and renumber Adjournment as Item 7. All members voted aye.

Board Member Melani Paiz arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Chairman Graff stated that the meeting was called to review the policy that was approved on November 9<sup>th</sup> regarding facility/gym usage. There was correspondence from the school attorney and EMC, the District's insurance company, recommended keeping the prior policy language. Lee Kinney, of BankWest Insurance and our local agent, also had conversations with the insurance company. He said that the problem is minors in the gyms unsupervised. He also said that the recommendation was to use supervisors that were 21 years and older. Kinney also said that, as a parent, he does not like students in the weight room alone or with others that are unsupervised. Principal Chicoine inquired about 19-20 year old high school graduates being allowed gym access. College students will be home at Thanksgiving until the semester starts in January and they will want access. Mr. Kinney said that he would ask the insurance company's position. Supt. Pickner made the recommendation to go with supervisors that are 21 years and older and have Mr. Kinney check with the insurance company on high school graduates as supervisors.

Motion by Farries and seconded by Yackley to rescind the policy that was approved at the November 9, 2020 regular school board meeting and replace with the original policy. Supt. Pickner stated that only parents with school-aged children would have their key fobs activated. A letter will sent to those parents with an effective date of November 24. The Agar Hall and City Auditorium have codes and patrons will have to sign an agreement to get those codes. All members voted aye.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Jaeger to approve contracts for Mark Senftner (Wednesday nights) and Mary Sieck (Sunday nights) at \$11.50 per hour, for open gym beginning November 29, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. There is no weight room access. All members voted aye.

Supt. Pickner asked the Board to consider a calendar revision for the end of the first semester. Currently school is scheduled to dismiss on December 22 at 12:45 p.m. and he requested that the Board approved ending the semester on Friday, December 18 at normal dismissal time (3:20 pm). These days will not be added onto the end of the calendar. All staff members will be paid for December 21 (full day) and December 22 (12:45 dismissal time). Motion by Farries and seconded by Jaeger to revise the calendar for early dismissal for Christmas vacation and that the last day of the semester be December 18, 2020. All members voted in favor.

Motion by Yackley and seconded Paiz to go into executive session, pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel at 6:52 p.m. All members voted aye.

President Graff declared the Board out of executive session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Farries and seconded by Yackley to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All members voted aye.

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Chairman of the Board

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