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Palouse Prairie Educational Organization
Doing business as
Palouse Prairie School of Expeditionary Learning
Special Meeting

10/1/2014:

Location: Palouse Prairie School Building, 1500 Levick St, Moscow ID

Current Board: Brian Gardner (BG) Directors: Jacob Ellsworth (JE)
Della Bayly (DB) Jeneille Branen (JB)
Sarah Deming (SD)
Amy Ball (AB)
Greg Larson (GL)
Jessica Long (JL)
Carole Bogden (CB)

Meeting called to order at __6:01__.

Attending: **CB, JL, BG, AB, SD(arrives 6:06), JE**

Absent: **GL, DB**

Public: **none**

Note Taker: **BG**

1. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)

We welcome our guests to this evening's Palouse Prairie School board meeting. The meeting is public and has a structure to meet the legal requirements on public governing boards. At the same time we strive to have the meeting reflect the values of Palouse Prairie School. Our vision is for an inclusive, respectful and supportive learning environment. The goal for this meeting is to meet our vision, our legal requirements, and our practical need to accomplish business in an efficient manner.

Board Members will now introduce themselves.

Now, we would like to welcome members of the audience. Further in the agenda is a place for comment from the public within this board meeting. Please say your name, if you wish, so we may know who is presenting.

2. Approval of agenda (5 min) **AB moves to approve
SD seconds
unanimous approval**

3. Presentations & Reports

3.1 none

4. Announcements

4.1 none

5. Approval of minutes

5.1 Approve minutes from *none*

6. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)

At this point in the agenda, members of the public are welcome to come forward, identify themselves (name and address) and speak on any topic relevant to Palouse Prairie School and not on the agenda of this meeting. The time allotted for a speaker is three minutes. The Board will refrain from responding beyond asking for a clarification. The comments presented at this time will be reviewed by the Board.

7. Action Items (20 minutes)

7.1 Consent Agenda

Any member can ask to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as part of the regular meeting. These alterations to the agenda will happen at this point in the meeting. Removed items will be addressed immediately after the Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda items are not discussed and will be addressed as a single motion.

7.1.A. none

7.2 Declaration of emergency need for Special Education Instructor. Approval of Rhonda Brooks as Special education Instructor to fill that need subject to her obtaining a provisional certificate from Idaho SDE for that position and her continued work towards achieving full certification.

JE gives background to current situation. Rhonda Brooks was contracted as Spec Ed instructor assuming successful renewal of certification in ID (she has lifetime cert. in WA) by Sep 1. She unexpectedly failed a portion of cert. exam. At this point a new hire to replace her would be difficult and time consuming to find. She has 20 years experience in this field, is respected by her fellow SE instructors and has never had performance problems while at PPSEL. State SDE recommended a provisional cert. as a possible course of action.

BG: asks if director is comfortable with Rhonda serving under a provisional cert?

JE: Yes

JL: asks what options are available to PPSEL at this point.?

JE: describes timeline for Rhonda to get provisional cert. and retest for full cert. before May. Describes hiring process and likely need for additional training in school for a new hire.

AB: asks when would be best time to seek a new hire?

JE: May

SD asks if what negative impacts might come from the proposed provisional cert.?

JE: acknowledges possible negative public perception but no real negative impacts legally or to students.

Action 1: The Board of PPSEL declares an emergency need for a Special Education Instructor at the school.

AB Moves

SD seconds

Unanimous approval

Action 2: The Board approves the hiring of Rhonda Brooks as Special Ed. Inst. provided that she obtains a provisional certificate for that post from the State of Idaho. The Board also expects her to continue to seek full certification over the coming year.

CB Moves

JL seconds

Unanimous approval

8. Workshops

8.1 none

Meeting adjourned at ___6:25___.

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Brian Gardner, Chair, term expires 2017

Della Bayly, term expires 2016

Sarah Deming, Treasurer, term expires 2015

Amy Ball, Vice Chair, term expires 2015

Greg Larson, Secretary, term expires 2016

Jessica Long, term expires 2017

Carole Bogden, term expires 2017