

Teton County School District #401  
Minutes of a Special Student Enrollment Meeting  
District Office  
Thursday, September 8, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Delwyn Jensen, Chair

Chris Isaacson, Vice Chair

Shelley Streit

Nan Pugh

Ben Kearsley

Monte Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

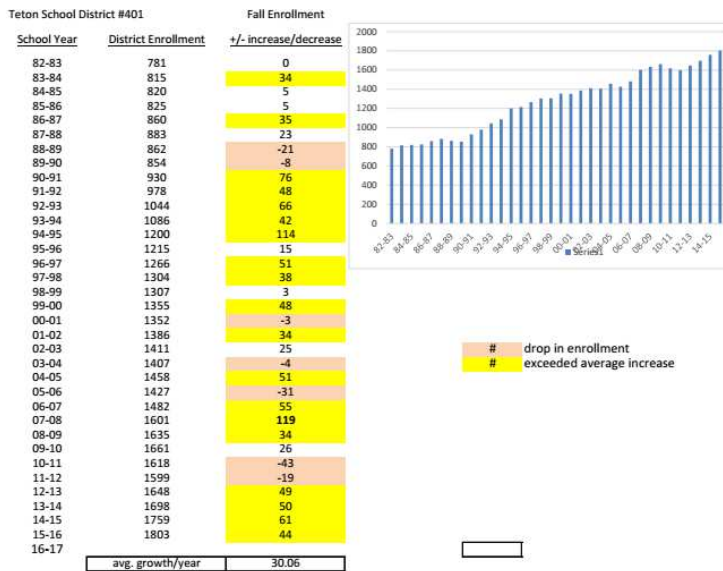
Becca Berry, Clerk

Excused:

## Welcome

Delwyn lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Enrollment Review/Emergency Levy



Mr. Woolstenhulme explained that the District is down 22 students from last year at this time. The dip in enrollment does follow our trend. There are 1781 students enrolled as of today. Because we are down students, we are not eligible for the emergency levy. As the principals have looked at the students and families who have left, most are leaving to go to a place where it is more affordable to live; most of them were lower income families.

The lower elementary classes were the ones who lost the most. 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade grew, but everyone else dropped in enrollment.

### 2016-2016 Enrollment

Grade	Enrollment
12	105
11	132
10	131
9	122
8	141
7	140
6	126
5	126
4	136
3	164
2	144
1	157
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Pre	16
Basin District	20
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## **Strategic Plan Review**

Chris sent the Board what she has so far for the Strategic Plan. There is a lot of data in the appendix. Chris overviewed what is included in the plan and appendix. Nan will send Chris her acronyms. Shelley talked to Karen Russell and she will take the big document and put some graphics from the small document/pamphlet so the two documents look somewhat unified.

The board decided to move student topics higher up in the plan.

Chris also sent the brochure out. The Board will look through it before Monday's meeting.

The website link/contact info should be in the brochure. People will find the initiatives more interesting than the goals. Discussion on graduation rate; state rate versus who actually graduated. They will put something positive. The graduation rate is pretty good, but with the way Idaho and the Federal government reports it, it doesn't seem as good as it really is.

Doing everything with the brochure will cost \$4-\$5k.

## **Goals**

Nan does not like the student achievement goal. Discussion on rigorous goals. The District is only on year two of MAP, so the goals cannot be too specific. Nan does not think the requirements in 5340 are rigorous enough to be part of the District's goal. Chris noted that the unclear part is addressing the groups that are not part of MAP (only 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade take MAP). Discussion on goal.

Two goals for student achievement: students and best teaching practices.

Nan would like a safety goal to be: No major student/staff incidences every year. Ben suggested, "All students will be safe at school every day."

Nan suggested pairing fiscal responsibility with community relations. Mr. Woolstenhulme explained that fiscal responsibility is one of the main areas of government mistrust. It is a leverage point in the community, might be good to keep it there. The Board decided it is important to specifically list fiscal responsibility as one of the objectives/goals.

Discussion on which initiatives to keep and cut under fiscal responsibility.

Ben said in his business he goes by: track, trim, target. Chris likes that and suggested making it their strategy for fiscal responsibility. Nan would like to increase the public's knowledge of fiscal responsibility. Shelley suggested something along the lines of being responsible stewards or maintaining the financial integrity of the district. Delwyn suggested, "Operate with a balanced budget annually."

The Board reviewed Community Relations. Ben suggested focusing on social media this year. Goal: The school district will improve its presence on social media on a regular basis.

Nan suggested that the PR committee be a second goal. Ben suggested, "Establish a board of influential stakeholders by January 2017." Discussions on initiatives.

Goal: Create a district wide tech plan that allows our educators and staff to integrate current technology as natural part of the education experience.

Monte will work on this part for Monday with Shelley's help tomorrow.

Discussion on the Leadership Premium. Megan Bybee would like a Board member to be on the committee. Delwyn would be careful to get involved in teacher matters but someone can go if they want. Last year approving the plan became a 45 minute discussion because the board did not feel it was hard enough.

Ben moved to adjourn. Nan seconded. Passed 5-0 at 9:15 pm.