

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Dustin Heinzerling and Kathryn Bomar, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Chase Woodford, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, and two staff members. (Absent-Trustee Eric Steigers due to work)

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BUDGET STATUS (11/30/15) - Mr. Felgenhauer commented that more than half of the revenue from the State Department has been paid to the District. January the first half of the supplemental levy tax payment will be made to the school with another state payment in February to follow. The only account that is falling behind is the Food Service Account.

BOARD GOALS WORKSHOP (2/11/16) – This workshop is scheduled with the ISBA trainer at the Red Lion in Lewiston for a goals setting session in the morning. The staff and students join the Board in the afternoon for a round table discussion.

TRANSPORTATION AUDIT-The SDE Transportation did an inspection of the buses with only one repair needed out of the 133 check points that were reviewed. The inspection includes riding a route with a driver and to verify the claim report that is submitted by the district.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

ENROLLMENT – Culdesac School has four in preschool, 31 in elementary, 24 in junior high and 22 students in high school for a total of 81.

STUDENTS of the Month-elementary is Brian Butler and secondary is Logan Gray.

ACTIVITIES-Junior High Boys Basketball has their final game at Timberline tomorrow.

SENIOR PROJECTS-presentations will be December 15th in the Library at 9:00 a.m.

GEAR UP CAREER PARENT NIGHT – December 16th with the student Christmas program to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff Carol Hunt commented that the staff would like to extend a thank you to the Board for their dedication and appreciate everything they do for the students. The staff appreciation dinner and jackets were wonderful.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher noted that it is nice to see everyone get together.

Chairman Martin extended a sincere thank you to the staff for the good work and dedication with the dinner and jackets to show the Boards appreciation. The PTSA made a donation to help pay for half of the jackets with the school logo for the staff as well.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Leave Report/Section 125 Plan – ACA regulations update)

Superintendent Felgenhauer asked the Board to add under New Business the Alternative Authorization Approval for Chelsie Fugate to the agenda.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING – POLICY #113 WELLNESS

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the revision of Policy #113 – Wellness for the second reading. Seconded by Trustee Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

SECOND READING – POLICY #226 SCHOOL DAY

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the revision of Policy #225 – School Day for the second reading. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

SECOND READING – POLICY #724.5 GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Superintendent submitted additional information on this item stating concerns regarding the opposition for this policy. The Board discussion included that the policy has received the first reading and waiting to see what options are available to them.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to table Policy #724.5. Seconded by Trustee Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

Board advised the Principal to let them know if the second reading is needed to enable him to function regarding this policy.

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY – MARCH 8, 2016

Superintendent presented the Board a draft for them to review and bring back to the next meeting for publication in the newsletter. The recommendation is for a two-year levy of \$250,000.00 per year for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. It would replace the current levy for the same amount. The big item to discuss is the building maintenance issues for the next few years.

Kinzer has had another two HVAC units installed and replaced the Kindergarten unit that was installed this summer since it was only a cooling unit last Friday. We are still planning to remodel the upstairs restrooms this year. Other items of concern include the technology needed for the security cameras and an entryway door that can be locked with the ability to buzz people into the building for safety issues. Other items discussed - address the viewing area of the stairways with cameras, water and sewer drainage, elementary bathroom and locker room has leaking heater units and the janitor closet moisture problem is from the boiler steam pipes.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to request a two-year supplemental levy of \$250,000.00 for each year effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 for the March 8, 2016 election. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

NEW BUS SPECIFICATIONS

Superintendent shared with the Board the SDE basic bus specifications that Joe Hasenoehrl submitted for consideration. The item to discuss is if a handicap lift is needed which may cost an additional \$10,000.00. The bus that would be traded in is the only bus equipped with a lift. The new bus would be a 42 passenger with a 36 seating accommodation for additional leg room.

Trustee Kathryn Bomar commented that it would be more affordable to have the bus equipped with the lift versus trying to have one installed at a later date. She had to have a lift installed in a van which cost \$25,000.00.

Chairman commented that seat belts have not been made mandatory for a new bus. Several years ago, the discussion was that a school bus should be equipped with seat belts for student safety. Then, an accident in Texas changed that conversion when students ended up being trapped in the seat belts on the bus.

Superintendent explained that he would bring this item back under Unfinished Business at the January meeting to allow the Board more time to review the specifications. It would be good to make a decision by February to get the bus delivered by July. Option for delivery is to have someone fly back east and drive it here versus delivery by manufacturer.

ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Superintendent asked that the Board approve for the Ag Teacher Chelsie Fugate, an alternative authorization for a biological science endorsement application. She will be required to pass the PRAXIS for this endorsement as she already has the necessary credits for this request. This would allow the students to receive a science credit to help with meeting additional science credits needed for graduation requirements. This application requires a \$100.00 fee to be paid.

Principal explained that the deadline is December 16th for the application which would allow the students to get that science credit for first semester if approved tonight. The SDE Teacher Certification will review the application to verify transcripts for approval for the endorsement. Once the application is approved by SDE, the teacher has a year to complete the PRAXIS test.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the alternative authorization for Chelsie Fugate. Seconded by Trustee Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk