

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance: Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Lori Zenner, Trustees Richard Grant and Kathryn Bomar (Zone #4 Position-Vacant), Superintendent Darrell Olson, Principal Jon Hussman, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, eleven staff members, five patrons, one student and three guests.

ORDER/SALUTE

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- *Budget Status – (3/30/11) Mr. Olson reviewed the statement with the Board expressing that this is a tight budget and hopes that a small balance will be available for next year.
- *Legislative Update-The Governor has signed major education bills that are in effect and will affect us in July.
- *Region II ISBA meeting is April 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Lewiston for Trustees to attend.
- *Annual Legislative Tour is May 3 with the Superintendent and Clerk attending.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- *Enrollment-Principal Jon Hussman reported that Culdesac School has 89 students enrolled for K-12 grades.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments expressed included: Open enrollment letter, student academic /social issues, tuition questions regarding those who would like to return to Culdesac but can't afford the tuition rate options, procedure of collection for tuition, funds for those students who attend other schools, the overflow of special education students at Culdesac, student concern not attending their last senior year at Culdesac as student attended since Kindergarten is upsetting not to graduate with their classmates, some ADA funding is provided for those students in attendance, a possible scholarship may be lost if the student can't attend next year, tuition fundraiser information provided for area parochial school, and teacher encouraged from community support of the school.

Chairman asked that those questions regarding student issues be submitted to the Administration for review and response. The tuition fee is for all out of district students and it can't be eliminated without Board decision. Chairman remarked that denied enrollment can be due to a full capacity of a program. The State Department of Education sets the tuition rate for the school.

Superintendent noted that the Board can't pick and choose who to accept. All applicants need to be reviewed. The State sets the tuition rate from the cost per student rate for our school. The current financial difficulty forces the school to look at funding needs to meet the educational costs of students who don't provide any tax dollars to help fund the school. Reduction in funding for next year will mean reducing staff. Open enrollment students attending without paying tuition, is unfair to the local students who do pay tax dollars to attend.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Richard Grant commented that the tuition decision was a hard one but had to be made due to budget crunch.

Chairman Cecil Martin agreed that the tuition discussion was difficult. He doesn't want to lose the out of district students, but increasing the levy due to state funding cuts and the district being out of money, we can't afford not to charge.

Trustee Kathy Bomar remarked that she has voted to admit open enrollment students in the past few years without realizing the cost to the district. Several years of state cutbacks has forced the levy rate request to \$350,000.00.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/2011-12 Food Service Program Renewal/2011-12 GEAR UP Plan Renewal) Additions on the revised agenda: 2011-12 Food Service Renewal, 2011-12 GEAR UP Renewal, Quadrant Consulting Contract and Highland Sports letter.

Lori Zenner moved to accept the revised consent agenda as presented/Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LEVY ELECTION – MAY 17, 2011

The Supplemental Levy Election will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 with polls open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm at Culdesac City Hall, Gifford Community Building, Spaulding Nezperce National Historical Park and Lapwai City Hall for Nezperce County. Lewis County Poll usually at the John Quinn Residence will be by mail-in ballot. The Board is asking for \$350,000.00 for the general maintenance and operation budget of the school for one year only. The cost is about \$8.40 per \$1,000.00 of market value. Items that this levy will fund include: Special Education staffing and services, IEP supply, materials, software/hardware, four (4) Instructional aides, Title I staff, transportation costs, staff benefits, elementary and secondary supply and materials, texts, software and equipment, library supplies, computer replacements, a field trip for each teacher, and emergency repairs.

Principal Hussman reported that several Aides are learning the Medicaid billing process to help bring back reimbursement for costs that have been paid out for counseling services last year.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-MAY 18, 2011

Chairman informed the Board that the election canvass by the County can take 10 days for the results. Informal information from the election will be given out the next day to the clerk by email. A special meeting is needed to discuss the budget after the levy election. If the levy fails, the budget will need to be reworked with \$350,000.00 of cuts.

Lori Zenner moved to call a special meeting on May 18, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss Levy and Budget/Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

ZONE #5 TRUSTEE DECLARED ELECTED

Cecil Martin was declared elected due to only one candidate for Zone #5 by the Clerk. A certificate of election was delivered to Mr. Martin and he will be sworn in at the annual meeting in July.

ZONE #4 TRUSTEE-NO PETITION-NO ELECTION/VACANT/OPEN FOR APPOINTMENT

The Board of Trustees has 90 days to appoint for the position from within the zone of the vacancy. This deadline is the May meeting. After that time, if the Board has not filled the position by appointment, the County Commissioners will be responsible for finding an appointment. The Commissioners will be making the appointment from at-large for Zone #4. The appointment will serve in that position until the next election. Appointment will be sworn in at the July meeting.

QUADRANT CONSULTING CONTRACT

Mr. Olson informed the Board that this company submitted a quote to update the trustee zones as required by the recent census to redistrict the zones according to population. Another company submitted a quote but was more expensive. It will cost \$750.00 for the service if the zone boundaries do not have to be changed. The cost is \$1800.00 to rewrite changed zone boundaries if needed.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept Quadrant Consulting contract as submitted. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL SPORTS LETTER

Superintendent received a response from the Highland Superintendent after sending the letter dissolving the sports coop for next year.

Chairman read the letter that extends an invitation for students to join Highland to participate in sports for next year to play as Highland Huskies.

NEW BUSINESS

FOUR DAY SCHOOL WEEK FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Olson submitted a four day week calendar for the Board to review for the 2011-12 school year. This calendar with four versions went out to staff for input. No response was returned for consideration. This calendar follows this year with the same student contact hours. This schedule is Tuesday through Fridays. Mondays are off to avoid rescheduling for holidays and most doctor offices are closed on Fridays. This will give students and staff Mondays to schedule appointments and not miss school. Some Mondays will be used next year for extended Title I and Special Education Programs for staff collaboration. No early releases are scheduled in this calendar. This should reduce some costs in the area of staffing, transportation and food service programs due to one less day of work.

Kathy Bomar asked why Monday off instead of Friday. Superintendent replied that avoids Monday holidays and having to reschedule those weeks during the calendar.

Chairman noted that with Mondays off, the staff will not be needing subs and that will be a savings. Students participating with Highland sports next year will be responsible to work out those details. The school day schedule for students will start at 8:15 am and end the day at 3:21 pm. The first day of school would be August 23, 2011 for kids with a two-day Thanksgiving break, Winter break from December 22 until January 3 with school for students ending on June 8, 2012.

Mr. Olson reported that the staff had concerns of the length of the day and did not want to comment on the calendar as that may affect their contract time.

Richard Grant commented that the school would save electricity with one less day of operation. It would be nice to hear the staff input on the calendar.

Richard Grant moved to accept a four day school week calendar for the 2011-12 school year/Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

CAFETERIA WORKER HIRE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Olson submitted the Head Cook, Pam Phillips, recommendation to hire Cherie Ankney for the kitchen position. Mr. Olsen informed the Board that the previous employee was making \$9.25 hour.

Lori Zenner moved to approve the recommendation to hire Cherie Ankney for the kitchen position at \$9.25 per hour/Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

CULDESAC JSD #342 RESOLUTION #10-11-1

ISBA requested that the Board pass a resolution to cover the new law by the legislature that was effective retroactive to January 1, 2011 for out of compliance policy. This summer we will review policy to bring them up to date.

Chairman explained that with the education reform changes this resolution will make out of compliance policy null and void. Chairman Martin read the resolution to negate various policy under the new retroactive laws regarding employment/negotiations conflicts to be rescinded upon emergency reading and adoption of the resolution effective January 1, 2011.

Richard Grant moved to accept the emergency reading of resolution #10-11-1 with adoption effective January 1, 2011/Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

ANNUAL EDUCATION LAW WORKSHOP

Mr. Olson asked the Board to attend the April 18 and 19 meeting in Boise for new negotiation law training.

Trustee Lori Zenner asked that the information be shared with the school attorney.

Kathy Bomar moved to have Superintendent Olson attend the law workshop in Boise at school expense/Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

BOARD NEGOTIATORS

Kathy Bomar moved to have Richard Grant and Lori Zenner to continue as the Board Negotiators/Seconded by Cecil Martin/Motion passed.

Superintendent explained with the new laws that negotiations will be held in open session in a public meeting. Public can not ask questions or speak but may be present to listen to the negotiations. The meetings will need to be posted with 24 hours notice in advance before each negotiations meeting.

ALTERNATE PATH TO GRADUATION PROPOSAL

Superintendent Olson informed the Board that this is informational only tonight and if necessary will be brought back next meeting if the senior does not pass the ISAT test for graduation. A copy of the Board policy for this item will be presented if this issue needs to be addressed. Student personnel will be in executive session for discussion.

Principal Hussman noted that the senior presentations will be given on May 13, not on May 6th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Richard Grant moved to enter executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 for personnel /Seconded by Lori Zenner/Board poll: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:02 PM

Personnel discussed.

Principal dismissed.

Personnel evaluations discussed.

Clerk dismissed.

Superintendent recorded minutes as acting clerk during executive session.

Certificated staff invited to executive session.

Personnel issues discussed.

Dismissed certificated staff.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:30 PM

No decisions were made during executive session.

Superintendent as acting Clerk

Clerk resumed recording minutes.

PERSONNEL

No action needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 PM

Chairman

Clerk