

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342  
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their rescheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 in the School Library at 7:00 p.m. as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustee Dustin Heinzerling, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Shannon Morris, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, three staff members, two patrons and seven students. (Absent-Trustee Kathryn Bomar/illness)

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDNET REPORT

Budget Status (12/31/13) – Property taxes should be received this month on about the 25<sup>th</sup>. State Department of Education payment will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Governors budget highlights will be how to implement \$60 million for education that is requested by Supt. Luna.

Title IA After School Program- Eight students have been attending and after losing two that moved, six are staying for the program after school. The students range from third to sixth grades and are working on Math and Reading skills. The program teacher is Ms. Ashle Long and Title IA teacher Oscar Tiegs.

Board Training at Lewiston Red Lion (2/13/14) – ISBA trainer Jackie Hopper confirmed the training for 8:30 am until 11:30 that morning. Students and staff will join you for lunch and an afternoon of discussions.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Enrollment – 85 students with 49 in the Elementary and 36 in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Students of the Month – Lacey Hovey selected for the Secondary and Joss Reid for the Elementary students.

2013-14 Second Semester Class Schedule – New Audio and Guitar classes to be offered.

Patron comments to the school included that this is the first year the Christmas decorations were not destroyed down town during break by children, so we must be doing something right here.

Students are returning from two weeks off school to prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester finals now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent volunteer who drives van for Girls Basketball and previous Volleyball informed the Board of her concern that if Culdesac has their own team next year and do not have enough girls to finish the season for Volleyball, they will not have the option of continuing the coop with Highland. After three years with the coop, it would be a shame if the Senior girls were unable to finish their fourth year in competition. Eight girls will not be enough for a team.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Cecil Martin welcomed Eric Steigers as the At-Large Appointment for Trustee Zone #4. It is nice to have a full five member Board. Chairman thanked the staff for joining them for a holiday dinner get together last month and the flower gifts.

Mr. Stiegers commented that the newsletter has a positive attitude.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher thanked the PTSA for the dinner before the meeting in honor of Board appreciation month.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Employee Leave Approval)

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE

Eric Steigers was sworn in by the District Clerk as Zone #4 At-Large Appointment to serve until the 2015 election.

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ROOF BIDS

Superintendent reported that the current flat roof has standing water when the drain plugs which causes leaks and is in poor

shape. The Board put the roof replacement out to bid for the job to be done this summer. Five bids specifications were sent out but only one returned. The question is if the City and State inspectors will approve the design.

Chairman explained that a sloped metal roof will solve the water issue.

Trustee Eric Steigers commented that flat roofs are never a good idea. Why was only one bid received?

Superintendent reviewed the bid from Profitt Corporation for a total of \$111,954.70 which included the contingency if the architect changes the structure that a rebid would be necessary. Mr. Profitt did the Elementary roof this last summer. He has also tried to patch the existing roof to help stop leaks until the new roof is built. Last year we did not receive any interests for the Elementary roof quotes and finally Mr. Profitt was able to get time to do it. Some of the contractors were concerned with the timeframe for bidding the main roof. The levy will help fund the roof expenses.

Trustee Dustin Heinzerling mentioned the concern of the possible design change by the inspectors or architect.

Superintendent noted that the bid addressed the concern with the option to rebid if that happens.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the roof bid from Profitt Corporation as presented. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### STUDENT DRESS CODE CHANGE PRESENTATION

The students submitted a request to change the dress code to allow them to wear hats. The presentation by the students went well with the Board to consider the change for a second reading at the next meeting with changes to include that a teacher has the right to restrict hats in their own classroom.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the student Dress Code Policy 715.0 with option of teacher allowed to dictate if hats appropriate for their classroom for the first reading. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

### PTSA SAUSAGE FEED REQUEST TO USE SCHOOL FACILITY

PTSA President Mindy Scrimsher requested to use the school for the annual sausage feed for the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to allow the PTSA to use the school building for the sausage feed. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

### SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY REQUEST FOR 2014-2016

Chairman commented that the previous two-year levy will expire in June.

Superintendent recommended that another two-year supplemental levy request should be for the same amount of \$250,000.00 per year for the next two years. It will replace the levy that is expiring. The request will include \$105,000 for building maintenance to cover boiler/roof/security/water issues, \$18,000 for liability insurance, \$22,000 for purchase services for student educational needs, \$28,000 for technology support with computers/network, \$32,000 for the new state standards curriculum for common core requirements, \$20,000 for supplies and instructional materials for classrooms, \$20,000 for student events/activities K-12 and \$5,000 for the emergency contingency fund for unexpected expenses.

These funds will help the school to continue to repair the building and meet the student needs for the new curriculum. The past two years of the supplemental levy has helped and if continued will help the school recover from several years of cutbacks. Hard decisions have been made and the levy is needed to continue that recovery.

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Chairman discussed the many years that the levy was for a minimal amount and with less state funds that is not possible any longer. A small gradual increase versus a large jump like two years ago, after no taxes when it failed, is a tough sale.

Trustee Steigers explained that the school needs to let the voters know that the need is still there and that the sticker shock from the previous increase will not be there this time as the taxes will be similar with the current rate.

Superintendent Felgenhauer reminded the Board that the election is March 11 and the request for the ballot needs to be submitted 60 days before the election to the County.

Chairman commented that if the election fails in March the option would be to run it in May as it would be hard to run the school without those funds. The school is headed in the right direction and recommended that the request be approved.

Superintendent commented that the School received a five star rating and would not be able to maintain that level of instruction without the levy funds.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to run the supplemental levy requests 2014-2016 of \$250,000.00 for each of the two years on March 11, 2014. Seconded by Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Superintendent noted that the Board needs to hold an open meeting to discuss the levy information with the patrons.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for Personnel and Student Matters. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:30 P.M.

Personnel issue discussed.

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Student matters discussed

Superintendent

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:12 P.M.

No decisions were made during executive session.

#### PERSONNEL / STUDENT MATTERS

No motions needed at this time / informational items only.

ADJOURNED: 9:12 p.m.

Minutes recorded by

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Chairman

Clerk