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OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their annual meeting on July 14, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Lori Zenner, Trustees-Richard Grant, Rick Milionis and Kathryn Bomar, Consultant Superintendent Darrell Olson, Principal Jon Hussman, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, four staff members, parent, student and two guests.

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute. The gavel was passed to the Superintendent for election of Board of Trustee Officers.

TRUSTEES REORGANIZATION/MEETING PLACE - DATE & TIME/CLERK APPOINTMENT

Superintendent Olson opened the floor for Chairman nominations:

Richard Grant nominated Cecil Martin.

Superintendent hearing no other nominations called for a vote/Nomination passed.

Superintendent passed gavel to Chairman to continue election of officers.

Chairman opened floor for Vice-chairman nominations:

Lori Zenner nominated Kathryn Bomar. Kathryn Bomar denied nominations due to other duty obligations.

Rick Milionis nominated Lori Zenner. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

Lori Zenner moved to appoint Loretta Hammond-Nichols as Board Clerk. Seconded by Rick Milionis/Motion passed.

Superintendent stated the Board holds their regular meeting in the School Library at 7:00 p.m. with July and August at 8:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month for the year.

Richard Grant moved to keep the date, time and place the same as last year for the regular monthly meetings. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Budget Status Report for June 2010 shows Revenue of \$1,430,038 for M&O with Actual Revenue at \$1,409,610 at the close of the year. The Expenditures budget or \$1,514,573 for M&O shows Actual with encumbrances over of \$35,989.00. Federal funds Revenue Budget is \$298,893 with expenses over \$19,429 for the year in encumbrances. The Audit in May with the Special Education Division included a request for emergency funding to help offset the special education costs for the year as our student count almost doubled for special needs.

Superintendent provided a proposed schedule of his services for the 2010-11 year to the Board. A schedule of actual days for 2009-10 was provided which totaled about double from the original schedule submitted. This past year proved to be demanding more time than expected from his first proposal.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Hussman will not be able to make a class schedule until all teaching staff are hired. He asked the Board's preference of A/B Block or 7-period Day Schedule. He noted that the 7-period Day provided easier scheduling. Block Schedule allows students more time for homework.

Chairman commented that the A/B Block Schedule was used to coordinate classes with Highland for the Coop. He preferred the 7-period Day Schedule. Prep time is a draw back with the Block Schedule.

Lori Zenner stated that the students and staff liked the Block Schedule better.

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Richard Grant noted that the students at the input meeting liked the 90 minute block schedule.

Kathryn Bomar asked if staff had a preference.

Jessica Schultz/ Science Teacher stated that the 7-period does not allow enough time for students to complete hands-on tasks. The 90 minutes block allows a start up activity, reading and question time and a hands-on activity. The new staff could mentor with existing staff to learn to juggle the different activities. If the school is hiring new staff from LCSC these new teachers will already have those skills as that is how they are instructed to teach. Culdesac students need more one on one time with teachers to help keep them on task. Journaling will be used this year to log daily tasks for students to help keep them on track.

Chairman asked that this style be demonstrated as in the past it has not. Staff, students, parents and teachers need to be on board with this method for it to be successful. The students are not doing homework on a regular basis with the block schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Concerns for teachers with 45 minute preps; sharing Lunch program and Transportation options with Lewiston for next year and Snake River Counseling versus Lewiston shared counselor.

BOARD COMMENTS

Superintendent reviewed for the Board the Post Falls Resolution for the upcoming November ISBA Conference submission requesting support. Board agreed to support resolution regarding continuance of the Financial Emergency if the economy continues in this down turn.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda-Revised, Minutes, Finance Report, Current Bills) Clerk asked the Board to adjust the bill list for \$21,966.55 for the consent agenda.

Lori Zenner moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Rick Milionis/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010 SUMMER SCHOOL

Mr. Hussman reported that letters were sent to 29 families inviting them to attend summer school. This summer the focus is reading and math with assessments and study skills. The program will be run by the new Special Ed Teacher and two Title IA Aides. The assessment will be done through the PLATO program.

LEWISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT COOP FOR TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SERVICE AND COUNSELOR

Superintendent reviewed the discussion that the Board had since March in working on a coop of services with Lewiston since the coop with Highland dissolved. Lewiston will share .5FTE Counselor with Culdesac. Transportation training and mechanic work will be done by Lewiston. The menu and nutrition analysis will be preformed by Lewiston for Food Service. Lewiston hired John Gibbs as their mechanic this summer which will be helpful as we won't have to run the bus to town for repairs. As Lewiston performs services for Culdesac, they will bill us each month for reimbursement.

Rick Milionis noted Jodi Hoff of Lewiston with Food Service is Excellent to keep the program cost efficient and works on rotating menus. This will help as the school can use Lewiston's discount costs.

Lori Zenner asked if Culdesac had to buy large quantities for the discount.

Superintendent explained that Lewiston buys the quantity and Culdesac would purchase from the Lewiston warehouse. The Fiesta Market in Pasco has great deals on occasion and he will be bringing bargain priced items for the menu items if he knows ahead and the Program can reimburse him.

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Richard Grant moved to enter into the Lewiston School District coop with Culdesac in Transportation, Food Service and Counselor services for the 2010-11 year. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR VAN PURCHASE REQUEST

Superintendent Olson asked that he be reimbursed for the Seattle trip to purchase the van at the auction.

Lori Zenner moved to approve the reimbursement for Mr. Olson's travel expenses to purchase the school van as presented. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

HIGHLAND BUS PROPOSAL

The District is having the bus inspected as requested by Highland before leasing the bus for extracurricular. Highland will provide their own CDL driver, insurance, and fuel. The purchase price will be \$500 a month for twelve months for a total of \$6,000.00. Since we are cooping with Highland for extracurricular this bus arrangement will benefit both schools.

Richard Grant moved to accept the Craigmont lease purchase agreement for Bus #6 as proposed. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2010-11

Attorney Steve Meade worked with the District for several years and moved from ISBA to another legal firm. He does not require a retainer like Eberharter-Maki and his rate is \$125.00 per hour. Superintendent recommended that the Board rescind their motion to approve Eberharter-Maki and use Steve Meade for this coming year legal services.

Kathryn Bomar moved to rescind previous legal retainer with Eberharter-Maki and hire Steve Meade for this year legal services. Seconded by Rick Milionis/Motion passed.

TABLE OF HOPE

Santiago Grule and University of Idaho representative thanked the Board of their support with the community garden project. Additional boxes will be built for next year to expand the project with lunch being served on Saturday. A Memorandum of Understanding is being requested to explain the expectations of the project. Next year the University of Idaho will provide a staff member to come do Nutrition education in the classroom. It is a free service and will help the students understand the importance of the garden and eating healthy. The staff member is Mackenzie who will be doing the classes.

Science Teacher, Jessica Schultz explained that each class has their own garden box. The Nutrition class takes about 30 to 45 minutes. This information will help with teacher curriculum in the class. It will teach the students about good choices in diet and add value to the importance of the garden.

Santiago asked that the Board give permission to continue the Table of Hope as the current agreement expires in August. The Board was invited to attend the Festival in July at the Nezperce County Fairgrounds that will demonstrate the different projects around the area that have been taking place. Culdesac's project will be included in this event. Board agreed to have the Principal do the follow – up requirements as needed.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

Open enrollment request for Jared and Katelin Spears was discussed. Both children are with the new Social Studies Teacher that is coming to Culdesac from Lewiston. One student is on a 504 but neither seems to be a problem for the 3rd and 6th grades next year.

Rick Milionis moved to accept Jared and Katelin Spears open enrollment request for 2010-11 school year. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT/ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS FOR AUCTION

Items included old IMAC's, lockers, big TV's, old photo copiers/printers, kiln, Dr Ed car, Bus #6, old cafeteria mixer, misc. computer screens and towers. If items are not sold then the ASB Auction in October can use them for fundraiser.

Lori Zenner asked that the items being advertised for local patrons to have the opportunity to bid on the them. Superintendent explained the surplus information will be published and posted.

Lori Zenner moved to declare the miscellaneous items as surplus. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

Lori Zenner moved to enter executive session for personnel and classified employees as per IC 67-2345 subsection paragraph C. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:15 P.M.

Classified personnel discussed.

Personnel issues discussed.

Certificated personnel discussed.

No decisions made during executive session.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:10 P.M.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Superintendent asked the Board if he could meet with individual classified staff to work towards wage/benefit cuts that would fit within the budget.

Chairman asked that Lori and Richard meet with the Classified Staff to express the Board's point of view and reason for the cutbacks on Monday at 4:00 p.m. regarding the appreciation that the Board has for their value within the school. The Board feels that these employees deserve a raise if it was possible.

Lori Zenner moved to allow Mr. Olson to meet and confer with the classified staff individually to adjust wages/benefits as per Board guidelines for the 2010-11 school year. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

CERTIFICATED STAFF CONTRACTS

Richard Grant moved to accept certificated contracts for 2010-11 as presented. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 11:29 P.M.

Chairman
Clerk

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