

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342  
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their rescheduled meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Trustees - Dustin Heinzerling, Kathryn Bomar and Eric Stiegers, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Shannon Morris, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, and one staff member. (Absent-Vice chairman Bryce Scrmisher – attending meeting in Boise).

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

\*Mr. Felgenhauer reviewed the Budget Status report for February 2014. Revenue is up with payments from the SDE to be coming in May and July. The counties send the other half of the supplemental levy payment in July as well. Expenses will be lower in the spring as the heat bill will be less. The budget looks good.

Trustee Eric Stiegers mentioned that Food Service is showing a negative difference each month.

\*Superintendent replied that the reimbursement lags to pay for the expenses. Personnel costs should be less with the resignation of the Food Service Manager. The Breakfast Cook is interested in the position. We need to work on getting the program to pay for itself. We started the program with about \$19,000.00 in the account before adding the Breakfast and FFV Programs this year. We need to continue Breakfast since the food has been ordered for the rest of the year. A Community Eligibility Program would allow students to eat both breakfast and lunch for free. At the April meeting, I will get those numbers for you. The Free and Reduced counts are reimbursed at about \$3.06 for lunch and \$1.85 for Breakfast.

Chairman asked what the percentage of participation of students eat lunch? Superintendent replied about 70%.

\*Legislative Update – JFAC approved the overall 5.1% increase for the education budget. The JFAC recommendation is usually (98%) adopted by the legislature. Most of the funding is earmarked on how to spend it. The discretionary funds will be up for the unit calculation. The District needs to submit a three (3) year Professional Development plan to receive some of the funding. The Smarter Balance Assessment will replace the ISAT tests. Both Common Core implementation and Digital Technology is getting funded at about \$150 per FTE for staffing or ADA for students. The Legislature goal is to be done by the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.

\*Building Inspection – The inspection this year went well without any write ups. Several recommendations have been taken care of or are in the process. (Tags for propane tank and update evacuation plan).

PRINCIPAL REPORT

\*Enrollment – 85 students with 51 in the Elementary and 34 in the Secondary.

\*Students of the Month – 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Austin Blosser for the elementary and 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Angela Ross for secondary.

\*Staff received IPAD training and are preparing for the Smarter Balance test to be given after Spring Break.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff member, Carol Hunt informed the Board of the Annual Book Fair to be held in the School Library the week of April 14-17<sup>th</sup> with the Title I Program holding a Reading Night Event on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hunt invited the Board to attend.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Kathryn Bomar commented that the training went well.

Trustee Eric Stiegers was unable to attend due to work.

Trustee Dustin Heinzerling thought the student comments were good. The training on policy was good as well.

Chairman Martin thought the morning training with ISBA went well and enjoyed the lunch with the students and the conversation regarding Lunch Program and Curriculum. The staff had comments that were interesting as well. The buffet lunch was a hit with the students.

Chairman reported information about the PTSA Sausage Feed regarding a family company in Spokane believes that they

have the spice ingredients needed to provide a sample taste test.

Trustee Eric Stiegers thought that the article in the Tribune must of caught their eye and that is why they contacted the PTSA to see if they could help get the feed going again.

CONSENT AGENDA – (AGENDA/MINUTES/FINANCE REPORT/CURRENT BILLS/EMPLOYEE LEAVE REPORT)  
Superintendent asked to add the Electronic Reader Board item to Unfinished Business.

Trustee Kathryn Bomar moved to accept the amended agenda as presented. Seconded by Eric Stiegers/Motion passed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY FOR 2014-2016

Chairman explained that he was delighted that the levy passed but disappointed in such a small turnout for the special discussion meeting held for the public last week.

Trustee Eric Stiegers noted that usually the no votes are who attend when you promote the levy.

Trustee Kathryn Bomar mentioned that Lewis County residents always vote no for the levy every year. She appreciated the older couple from last year who attended the public meeting to let others know that they supported the levy since their kids had attended school here years ago.

Superintendent Felgenhauer thanked the PTSA and staff for their efforts in helping to get the positive word out to the community and encourage them to support the school by voting for the levy. Passing the levy helps give the school stability for another two years.

Chairman noted that Lewis County pays a higher tax rate than NezPerce County for the same levy. That might be why they do not support the levy as well.

#### COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM

Superintendent reported that the information to the SDE will be the April 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> calculations. If we qualify, then we can make a decision regarding the program for next year.

#### ELECTRONIC READER BOARD

Superintendent reported that he spoke to P#1FCU Vice-President, Patty Mesheshnik, wants to get the sign up before Shebang Days. They will allow us to use their property to place the sign downtown. She is checking for a better price locally which will help with the maintenance costs. At the April meeting we will need to approve the estimated cost of \$18,000.00 and install expenses of an additional \$3,000.00. The area of placement is mostly solid rock.

Chairman explained that the quote for the sign was from a company in Florida. We will need someone local to due the install. If we find someone local for the purchase, then if work is needed, a local company can do the service needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### APPROVE BUDGET HEARING – JUNE 11, 2014 (7:30 P.M.)

Superintendent informed the Board that this is a requirement as per Idaho Code to give the patrons the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the Budget.

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Trustee Eric Stiegers moved to schedule the Budget Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on June 11, 2014. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

#### PROPOSED NEW POLICY #713.5 – SELECTION OF VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Superintendent recommended that the Board accept this as the first reading of the policy.

Trustee Eric Stiegers wondered if the class was short on students that required the new policy.

Superintendent explained that the policy addressed academic guidelines.

Chairman noted that at the policy training with the ISBA, he learned that Policy only needs one reading. He thought that to change policy you needed two readings.

Superintendent commented that the Board has a Policy in the manual stating that two readings are required. The second reading will give us the chance for any edits needed. Implementation of the policy will begin next year and not with our current graduating class.

Chairman stated that this will be considered the first reading as presented with the second reading at the next meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Kathryn Bomar moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel and student matters. Seconded by Eric Stiegers/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:50 P.M.

Personnel discussed.

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Student matters discussed.  
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OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:20 P.M.

No decisions were made.

#### PERSONNEL

Trustee Kathryn Bomar moved to accept the resignation of Debbie Marker. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

Trustee Dustin Heinzerling moved to approve Pam Phillips as the Head Cook for the remainder of the school year. Seconded by Eric Stiegers/Motion passed.

Trustee Eric Stiegers moved to approve Jessie Roehl as the Softball Coach. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 8:22 p.m.

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Chairman  
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