

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342  
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in the School Library at 7:00 p.m. as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Lori Zenner, Trustee Kathryn Bomar, Superintendent Darrell Olson, Principal Jon Hussman, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, six staff members, 12 patrons, three students and two guests. (Absent – Trustee Richard Grant / Trustee Zone #4 Vacant)

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

\*Superintendent reviewed the budget status report noting the revenue was up and expecting the expenditures to be under budget. This is a tight budget and the difference will be unrestricted cash balance.

\*Legislative Tour meeting in Lewiston was on May 3 with Supt. Luna and his staff to discuss the overview financial status of the SDE. Many of the questions answered were not those you like to hear. The meeting was informative and most of you read about the meeting in the Tribune.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

\*Enrollment is at 90 students.

\*Child Find services and Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for May 19, 2011 from 9:00 am until noon.

\*Title I Parent Night will be on May 13, 2011 to include Science Fair, Parent Night for Title I with ISAT scores available and PTSA showing a movie with popcorn.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff concerned about school calendar with four day work week, Tuesday – Friday calendar not a good fit with area schools and prefer Monday – Thursday option which works better for extracurricular, Highland School invited Culdesac to participate with them since the coop has been dissolved, no in-service days for staff during October during the state-wide two day conferences were in calendar, contact hours for students should cover days for staff FTE for a lengthened day for the students and staff, start day preferred is August 23, 2011 with last day being June 15, 2011 makes the calendar stretch to 10 months versus nine months, Field trip for bus use charge is \$3.16 per mile or if using two rental vans would be \$200.00 option for the Silverwood trip, Paraprofessionals schedule for next year is needed and Highland is offering driver education.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman noted that the signs distributed by PTSA will remind everyone to vote for the Levy on May 17 and thanked those who put forth the time and effort. The Levy results that night will be unofficial but on May 18 we need to meet to discuss levy and budget.

Lori Zenner thanked Loretta Hammond-Nichols for clarifying laws and getting that information out to everyone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent informed the Board of the Revised Agenda with the following changes added: Summer School Approval for July 5-August 12 from 8:30 am until 11:30 am, PERSI Certification Approval for Sick Leave Days provided for staff, Transfer from M&O Account to Bus/Plant Account for Bus Depreciation for \$18,645.00 as per IC.

Lori Zenner moved to accept the consent agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISTRICT INSURANCE BIDS

Superintendent recommended that this item be put on the June Agenda as the announcement sent out stated that the bids would be opened on June 8 or May 11 and since one company has not submitted their quote, it would be better to wait until June to review all quotes. Only two bids have been received to date.

Kathy Bomar moved to extend the date to June 8, 2011 for insurance bids. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

#### LEVY ELECTION - MAY 17, 2011

The levy funds are critical to the programs at Culdesac. The County has 10 days to certify election. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

#### PROPOSED 2011-12 M&O BUDGET

The proposed budget for 2011-12 has the \$350,000.00 levy in the budget for the Board to review. May 18<sup>th</sup> discussion will be to discuss options for any changes after the levy results. The other area schools running levies that are still dropping extracurricular from their budgets are Troy and Grangeville.

#### ZONE #4 TRUSTEE POSITION – VACANT

After the 90 days expire and no appointment is made for the position from within the zone boundaries, then the Board will ask the County Commissioner to appoint the position from at large.

Lori Zenner asked Mr. Olson to contact the County Commissioner for the Zone #4 appointment. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

#### 2011 GRADUATION PRESENTATION

Seniors asked Mr. Martin and Mrs. Zenner to present the diplomas for graduation on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 6:11 p.m.

#### SCIENCE GRANT APPROVAL FOR SILVERWOOD TRIP

Principal Hussman explained that the trip is for a half day of science and the other half will be used as an incentive for students who have kept their grades up.

Lori Zenner moved to approve the Science field trip as presented. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

#### 2011-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent explained that three options are being brought to the Board for review. The fourth option was not a Monday – Thursday and will not be presented. The calendar needs sent to the SDE by May 15. The four day week presents a small savings for the budget.

Teacher asked that Tuesday – Friday option be considered since other area schools use that calendar for the four day week which will fit better with other school calendars for both academics and sports. A request from the staff is to lengthen the school day to increase the contact time for full time staffing.

Patron comment was to lengthen the student day to reduce the number of days in the calendar to save more money in the budget and the Monday – Thursday schedule makes more sense than the Tuesday – Friday schedule to match other schools in the area.

Superintendent Olson commented that the calendar marked #4 received the most votes. The calendar starts August 25 and ends June 6. The four day week is Tuesday – Friday to accommodate doctors who offices are open on Monday and not Fridays and avoid rescheduling weeks with Holidays on Mondays. The calendar has two days off for Thanksgiving and December Winter Break from 22 – 29. Spring Break is the first week of April. Due to personnel issues the Tuesday – Friday calendar option has been presented. If additional information is needed, we will need to discuss that issue in executive session under personnel.

Kathy Bomar moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel issues. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:24 P.M.

Personnel issues were discussed.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:40 P.M.

Personnel issues related to the calendar were discussed.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept calendar #4 option for the 2011-12 school calendar with the start date of August 25 and end date of June 6. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### STAFF RESIGNATION

Special Education Teacher Kate Dutcher submitted a resignation to Mr. Olson since she took a contract with Highland School. Superintendent Olson commented she was a great person.

Lori Zenner moved to accept the staff resignation as presented. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

##### STAFF OPENING

Superintendent Olson recommended opening the Special Education position.

Kathy Bomar moved to open the Special Education position. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

##### MEDICAID POSITION BILLING PAY RATE

Superintendent asked that the Board set a rate of pay for the staff doing reimbursement claims for Medicaid.

Principal Hussman commented that the two ladies have learned the guidelines needed for the process and the school has received about \$8,000.00 in reimbursements. He explained that the industry average is \$14.00 to \$15.00 per hour.

Lori Zenner asked what services were being reimbursed.

Principal Hussman explained PRS for last year and this year hopefully Speech and PT services if students qualify.

Lori Zenner asked if either lady has an AA degree as the request rate is equivalent to Social Worker pay rate. Principal reply – no.

Lori Zenner moved to set the pay rate for Medicaid billing at \$13.50 per hour for the position. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

##### LEWISTON COOP AGREEMENT

Mr. Olson explained that the agreement is to continue Food Service and Transportation services again this next year. The Lewiston School Board approved the contract at their Monday meeting. Superintendent recommended the approval as it has reduced costs for those programs.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept the coop agreement with Lewiston for Culdesac school year 2011-12. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

##### DISTRICT NEGOTIATION DATES

Lori Zenner moved to accept the negotiation dates of May 12, 17 and 24 with the time to be set at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed. Clerk Loretta Hammond-Nichols was asked to post and record the minutes for negotiations as the new law requires the meeting to be held in public and minutes recorded.

Lori Zenner moved to enter executive session for student issue and personnel. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Board Poll: Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:06 P.M.

Student issue discussed was alternative path to graduation.

Parents and student invited into session.

Superintendent reviewed student materials regarding graduation requirements for completion.

Principal agreed that IDLA course meets standards.

Parents submitted letter of acceptance from community college.

Chairman explained that the issue is confidential and the family will be contacted with the decision by letter.

Family dismissed.

Board discussed options.

Mr. Olson recommended approval and would send the letter of decision after the motion in open session.

Personnel issues discussed.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:24 P.M.

No decisions were made in executive session.

#### STUDENT ISSUE

Lori Zenner moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on the student matter. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

PERSONNEL – Informational only at this time.

Adjourned: 10: 37 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk