

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting in the school library on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustee Mitchell Reid, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Chase Woodford, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, 2 employees and 1 patron. (Vacant Zone #4 and Dustin Heinzerling-Zone #3 Resigned)

ORDER/SALUTE

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Superintendent Report

Budget Status (1/31/20) – Expenditures should be about 50% of the revenue.

2020 Legislative Update – Legislative concerns include – property tax relief that removes schools options to run Levy elections for March and August. Rules for content standards removed for math/language arts and science. Teacher certification options being reviewed by the State Board of Education. Proposal to start school after Labor Day due to local fairs. High School ISAT 10th grade assessment change to SAT or ACT exams. Public school funding to be based on enrollment versus ADA. This should implement 2022 with some small school special conditions built into the formula. Flex schedules for elementary students if they are ahead in the classroom performing as proficient.

Board Workshop-Lewiston Red Lion (2/13/20) 9:00am -3:30pm – ISBA presenter in the morning to cover school safety training. Student and staff representatives to join the meeting about 10:30 and stay for lunch and the afternoon roundtable discussions.

Architect KOM Update – Safety Remodel Project for school office/reception entry area - The bid will be advertised on February 18 and 25 in the Tribune. Bids are due on March 12 and a special meeting on March 18 maybe needed to award bid. A pre-walk inspection of the area is scheduled for March 3.

Principal Report

Enrollment – Seven preschool, 64 elementary, 13 junior high and 27 high school students for 111.

Students of the Month – Elementary is Junior Berry and high school is Joss Reid.

Events/Activities – LCSC provided tickets to the game for the junior high boys to watch the Western Mountain game with the LC team giving autographs as a season end event. A volleyball spirit contest assembly between staff and students was fun with a pie in the face to the loser of the event. Night of the Arts in combination with the Science Fair had a great turnout. PTSA sponsored the ice cream social at the end of the evening. Compunet will be here end of the month to switch out the new IP phones for the school. GEAR UP Grant purchased a Glowforge laser cut printer with filter for classroom application. It can stencil designs and cut them on paper, wood, plastic and engraves. Ag program is using an ink scape software for the plasma cutter and now has a forge for welding.

Public Comments

Ag teacher commented on the good turnout for the Night of the Arts/Science Fair. The ice cream social was a hit as well that night.

Board Comments

Chairman Martin noted it was nice to have a quorum tonight to conduct business.

CONSENT AGENDA - (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Employee Leave Approval/Safety Busing Approval)
Superintendent reported that no changes needed for the agenda.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Board of Trustees Reorganization

Chairman Martin turned the gavel over to the Superintendent to conduct the business of nominations.

Superintendent Felgenhauer asked for nominations of Board Chairman.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher nominated Cecil Martin for Chairman.

Superintendent asked for any other nominations. Hearing none – closed nominations for Chairman.

Vote taken: Three yes votes and zero no votes. Cecil Martin declared Chairman for the Board of Trustees.

Superintendent returned gavel to Chairman Martin to ask for vice-chairman nominations.

Chairman Martin called for vice-chairman nominations.

Trustee Mitchell Reid nominated Bryce Scrimsher for vice-chairman.

Chair asked for any other nominations. Hearing none – closed nominations for vice-chairman.

Vote taken: Three yes votes and zero no votes. Bryce Scrimsher declared Vice-chairmen of the Board.

Clerk/Treasurer Appointment

Chairman Martin asked for appointment of the clerk/treasurer position.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve Loretta Hammond-Nichols as the clerk/treasurer for the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Account Signatures and Federal Depository Approval-Potlatch #1Federal Credit Union

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher noted that the signatures for accounts have not changed due to the same officials on the Board and continue to recognize P#1FCU as the federal depositor for the district.

Set Time/Date Of Monthly Board Meetings

Superintendent asked that the notice submitted for the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm except summer (June/July/August) at 8:00 pm be approved.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the time/date notice of meetings as presented. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Review Board Code of Ethics – Policy #101.3

Superintendent reported that no changes were needed to the policy.

Chairman Martin asked that the policy be noted as reviewed in the minutes.

PTSA Facility Request for Sausage Feed Event

Superintendent noted that the approval is needed for insurance coverage of the event.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the PTSA facility request for the March 8 event. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Review Policy Section #301

Superintendent noted that no changes were needed – only the date updated on the policy sections.

Board agreed to the review of policy section #301 for February. (301.1/301.2/301.3/301.4)

First Reading Proposed Revision Policy #302.1-Budget and Program Planning

Board agreed to the first reading of the policy.

First Reading Proposed Revision Policy #302.4-Budget Implementation
Board agreed to the first reading of the policy.

First Reading Proposed Revision Policy #302.5-Budget Amendments
Board agreed to the first reading of the policy.

New Business

Trustee Zone #4 Position At-Large Appointment/Oath of Office
Chairman Martin asked patron Eric Steigers to join the Board as Zone #4 Trustee.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to appoint Eric Steigers as the Zone #4 At Large Trustee position.
Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Clerk L H-Nichols delivered the Oath of Office to Trustee Zone #4 official Eric Steigers.

Approve/Disapprove Bids For Fiber Project

Superintendent reported that three bids were received. Principal Woodford reviewed those bids with the Superintendent to evaluate the matrix rubric to submit a recommendation to the Board. The three bids received were:

CenturyLink had the lowest bid with a 5-year price break per month of \$1,615. Connect fee of \$12,000 for a total of \$108,900 to be Erate reimbursed at 80%.

Fatbeam bid was at \$3.5 million.

First Step bid would be an alternate option at \$4,410 month if other grants/funding does not approve the 5-year option with CenturyLink.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the CenturyLink bid as the lowest bid and if unable to secure the matching grant funds then First Step to be the internet alternative option. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Accept Resignation/Declare Trustee Zone #3 Position Vacant

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept Zone #3 resignation and declare the position vacant. Trustee Mitchell Reid seconded/Motion passed.

Superintendent noted that Board has 90 days to appoint from within the zone and then another 30 days for an at-large appointment outside the zone for the trustee position.

Appoint Board Members For Employment Agreement Discussions

Trustees Bryce Scrimsher and Mitchell Reid volunteered for the appointments.

Superintendent noted that the meetings are held the day of regular Board meetings at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved for Bryce Scrimsher and Mitchell Reid represent the Board in the employee discussions. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Emergency Closures (1/13/20 – 2 Hour Late Start and 1/14/20 – All Day) Approval

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the emergency closures as presented due to bad weather/road conditions. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Request To Start High School Drama Club

Superintendent submitted the request by the English teacher to start a new Drama Club.

Principal noted the success maybe dependent on the number of interested students who participate.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the Drama Club request. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Approve Cooperative For 2020 Softball With Nezperce and Highland Schools

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the softball cooperative with Nezperce and Highland.

Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session As Per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) For Personnel And Student Matters

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to enter executive session as per ID 74-206 1(b) for personnel and student matters. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid. Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

Into executive session: 7:58 pm

Clerk excused from session

Student Matter discussed – open enrollment requests – then Principal dismissed from session.

Personnel discussed – Superintendent contract evaluation by Board - then Superintendent excused.

Out of executive session: 8:45 pm

No decisions were made during executive session.

Superintendent records minutes

OPEN SESSION

Student Matters – Open Enrollment Requests

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the open enrollment requests as presented for 2020 second semester and the 2020-2021 requests for next year. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Personnel – Superintendent Evaluation

Chair noted that the evaluation was discussed and asked the Clerk to file a copy of the report.

ADJOURNED: 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk