

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at the Snake River District Office
103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Chairman Bill Martin, Kent Miller, Carol Hepworth, Marci VanOrden, and Lon Harrington. Also attending was Superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

2. PRAYER OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Boy Scout from Troop 200 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol Hepworth to amend the agenda moving Item #14 Executive Session and Item #15 Return to Regular Session to Item #8 and Item #9. Also to amend the agenda to change the purpose of Executive Session, from subsection (b) personnel to subsection (c) acquiring an interest in real property. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments at this time.

5. BOARD PRESENTATION

Superintendent Kerns gave a PowerPoint presentation for Board Training on Becoming a Better Board Member.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 19, 2017

Resignations: Vicki Seamons, Jr. High Title I Parapro; Shelia Engemann, Jr. High Special Ed Parapro; Karen Sasser, Bus Driver.

New Hires: Charlotte Reid, Jr. High Teacher; Vivian Kirkham, Middle School Special Ed Parapro; Cheryl Overmeyer, Middle School Special Ed Parapro; Evelia Diaz, Middle School LEP Parapro; Melody Rodriguez, High School Assistant Librarian; Louise Anderson, Bus Driver; Paul Turpin, Food Service Deliverer.

Budget, Pavroll, and Claims Payable for July, 2017.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. SEPTIC SYSTEM UPDATE

Superintendent Kerns, Paul Groesbeck, David Assan from Rocky Mountain Engineering and Surveying, and Susan Lorenz from SICOG (Southeast Idaho Council of Governments) updated the board on the septic system. Mr. Groesbeck discussed the need for the plant facility levy to pass in November because of all of the projected maintenance and improvement needs for each building, including the septic system. Extensive discussion was held. Mr. Assan updated the board on the septic system. Ms. Lorenz reviewed with the board a summary of what has taken place so far in the process. She also spoke with DEQ about pumping and the hardship it has caused to our district. When they find a solution, they will let the district know. Superintendent Kerns said that a scoping meeting, which will help fulfill a requirement of a grant, will tentatively be held on October 18, 2017 at the high school in the commons at 6 p.m. This meeting will be an informative meeting on the septic system and also for the plant facility levy.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Under Idaho Code 74-206 (1c) acquiring an interest in real property, Kent Miller motioned and Lon Harrington seconded to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken: Kent Miller, aye; Carol Hepworth, aye; Lon Harrington, aye; Marci VanOrden, aye; and Bill Martin, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

The board went into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Also attending were Superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs. Acquiring an interest in real property was discussed until 8:30 p.m.

9. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington to return to Regular Session. All the board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

The board returned to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

10. BUS ROUTES AND SAFETY BUSING

The board is required by law to review safety busing and routes for the 2017-2018 school year during its August board meeting. Sherrye Saxton, Transportation Supervisor, reviewed this with the board. Safety busing is a requirement by law that says you cannot transport students within a mile and a half of the school unless you have been approved for safety busing. In order to do that, the district must prove that the area a 1 ½ miles around the school is unsafe. All of our schools qualify for safety busing and there are no changes from last year. Last year there were 241 students within a 1 ½ miles of schools that qualify. Last year, the daily average number of students riding the bus was 777. There are 17 routes, one being a special needs bus. There are 25 buses. The board also needs to approve turnarounds and backups within the district, which are the same as they have been in the past. There are students who live in Atomic City for which transportation is provided. The board thanked Mrs. Saxton for her hard work.

A motion was made by Marci VanOrden and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the district bus routes, turnarounds, and safety busing as established for the 2017-2018 school year. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

11. SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL DETERMINATION RESULTS

The district received a letter with results of the annual determination for special education from Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Our level meets the requirements with a 4.0, which is a perfect score. Rose Larson discussed this with the board.

12. TECHNOLOGY 1:1 INITIATIVE UPDATE

The 1:1 initiative implementation is in full swing and has been successful. Steve Schellenberg, Technology Director, gave a brief update as to the deployment of Chromebooks. 130 Chromebooks were purchased. August 17, 2017 will be teacher training on the Chromebooks. There will be Chromebooks available for those other than freshmen to purchase at \$200.00. Those involved feel that it has been a positive experience and are excited to see how this year unfolds. The money is state money dedicated to technology. There are 6 carts of 30 Chromebooks at the high school that are spread throughout the various departments so there are devices available for those students other than freshmen. Discussion was held. The board thanked Mr. Schellenberg and his committee.

13. PLANT FACILITY LEVY PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION

The District's current Plant Facility Levy will end on June 30, 2018 and must be renewed to carry on operations. Superintendent Kerns recommends that the amount for the levy be increased from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and that an election be held asking patrons on November 7, 2017. Passage is critical for the district to keep its facilities operating and in good repair. There are many projects around the district that need to be done. Such projects include roof repair, snow removal and equipment, carpet and paint costs, parking lot maintenance, sprinkler system upgrades, light repairs at the football field, heat pumps, etc. Discussion held.

Chairman Martin read the following:

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees of School District No. 52, Bingham County, Idaho, have heretofore, by resolution duly adopted, created and established a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-804 and 33-901, Idaho Code, as amended, the Board of Trustees of Snake River School District No. 52, Bingham County, Idaho, have determined there is a need for a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$750,000) for the first fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and continuing each year in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$750,000) for ten (10) years, for the purpose of allowing the District to acquire, purchase or improve school site or sites; to accumulate funds for and to build a school house or school houses or other building or buildings; to demolish or remove school buildings; to add to, remodel or repair any existing building; to furnish and equip any building or buildings, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate buildings of the district; to purchase school buses; for lease and lease purchase agreements for any of the above purposes and to repay loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities; and to upgrade technology.

A motion was made by Kent Miller and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve that an election be held on November 7, 2017, to ask the qualified voters of the district for their determination on a School Plant Facility Reserve Fund Levy in the amount of \$750,000 each year for ten years. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Marci VanOrden to move the September 20, 2017 board meeting to Snake River Middle School Board Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the tour of the facility, 6:30 p.m. for the Meet the Board Reception, and 7:00 p.m. for Board of Trustees Meeting. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. The first day back for teachers is August 22nd (the District is closed on the 21st due to the solar eclipse) beginning with the Opening Meeting at 8:00 am at the high school cafeteria.
- b. The first day for students is August 23rd
- c. Joint Teacher In-Service with Blackfoot at the BPAC on August 25, 2017.
- d. Meet the Board Reception and Next Board Meeting will be September 20, 2017.
- e. Annual ISBA Conference will be November 8-10, 2017. Registration opened today.

15. POLICY READINGS
SECOND READINGS:

Policy 3020, "Superintendent Evaluation" This policy has been updated to include changed requirement that the Superintendent evaluations be completed no later than June 1, rather than May 1, to allow for ISAT (or other objective, measurable data if ISAT data isn't available) data to be used in the evaluation. In the third paragraph the following change was made: "Progress toward the goals outlined by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the superintendent in the district's continuous improvement plan will be included in the superintendent's evaluation. No other changes were made.

Policy 5270, "Electronic Surveillance." This policy has been updated to address use of electronic surveillance on school district property and how such records may become an education or personnel record. It clarifies that surveillance video is a public record unless additional action is taken to make the record an educational or personnel record. The school district reserves the right to edit, including concealing identifies as required under appropriate law prior to releasing any video. Many changes were made to the procedure.

Policy 5345, "Gifts, Grants and Bequests." This policy has been updated to include a maximum value for gifts, grants, or bequests. Schools are seeing more support from the local community through gifts and donations, particularly from local businesses for expensive equipment such as scoreboards, iPads, computers, etc. with the condition that the business be able to advertise or include a message on the donated property. No other revisions or changes were made.

Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the second reading of Policy 3020, "Superintendent Evaluation," Policy 5270, "Electronic Surveillance," and Policy 5345, "Gifts, Grants, and Bequests." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

FIRST READINGS:

Policy 2420, "Board Member Conflict of Interest." This policy is amended to add definitions consistent with the Idaho Ethics in Government Act (Idaho Code 74-401) and Idaho prohibitions against contracts with officers (Idaho Code 74-502) and to more fully reflect the state of current Idaho law. Mr. Miller would like Superintendent Kerns to look into definitions about second degree relations. Extensive discussion held. No other revisions were made.

Policy 4110, "Advertising and Distributing Materials in the Schools by Non-School Related Entities" This policy is updated. Advertising in schools by non-school related entities is becoming a big issue with schools. As budgets are tightened, many schools are looking to the private business for donations and gifts to assist with educating students. Examples of private donations include scoreboards, iPads, computers, video equipment, tech supplies/equipment, etc. In exchange, companies may request to "advertise" or place messages on the donated property, or signs on a school field. School District should be careful about what advertising is allowed in schools. Students are a captive audience. Moreover, districts that allow advertising must not discriminate, unless there is an articulable reason and important interest outlined in its policies.

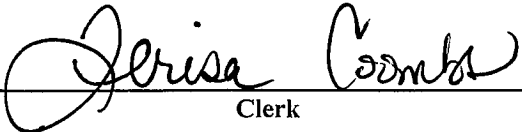
Carol Hepworth moved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the first reading of Policy 2420, "Board Member Conflict of Interest" and Policy 4110, "Advertising and Distributing Materials in the Schools by Non-School Related Entities." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.


16. ADJOURN

Kent Miller moved to Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clerk


Chairman
9-20-17
Date