

Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at the Snake River Jr. High School
1060 West 110 South, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Monday, December 11, 2017

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Kent Miller, Carol Hepworth, Marci VanOrden, Lon Harrington, and Bill Martin. Also attending was Superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

2. PRAYER OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kent Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Marci VanOrden to approve the agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments at this time.

5. DISCUSSION OF PLANT FACILITY LEVY NEEDS

A planning session and discussion about strategies for the upcoming plant facility levy election that will take place in March was performed. The following list was compiled on ways to get the word out and advertise about the election:

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| 1. SREF pamphlet and website advertisement | 7. Focus on Renewal, in existence for 30+ years |
| 2. PTA – Phone tree | 8. Involve SREA, help with Teacher Inservice |
| 3. Send out emails, PowerSchool announcements | 9. Advertise at school events, Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| 4. Facility Committee | 10. Informational Meetings/FB Live |
| 5. Social Media- FB, Website, Schoolway | 11. Press Release for Morning News/TV Stations |
| 6. Involve the Library to help advertise | 12. Newsletter Mailings |

Points of Emphasis:

1. Local tax is the only source of revenue to specifically maintain district facilities
2. Differences between a supplemental levy, a plant facility levy, and a bond
3. People want to know how the money is spent and how it affects their taxes

Extensive discussion and planning took place. More discussion will take place at the next board meeting, which will be December 20, 2017.

**6. POLICY READINGS
SECOND READINGS:**

Policy 5618, “Personnel Conflict of Interest” This policy is revised to more fully reflect the state of current Idaho law with respect to employee conflicts of interest and to ensure compliance with EDGAR which requires school districts receiving federal funds to have written conflicts of interest policies. Superintendent Kerns checked up on the statement in the last paragraph on the first page that says, “An employee may accept an award of five hundred dollars (\$500) or less...” to make sure it is not conflicting with other policies. In his opinion, there were no conflicts. No other changes.

Policy 6112, “Homework” This policy needs to be deleted as it is included in the new Policy 6510, Parental Rights and Involvement Policy.

Policy 6510, “Controversial Materials” This policy needs to be deleted as it is included in Policy 6433, “Selection of Curriculum Materials.

Policy 6512, “Selection of Instructional Materials” This policy needs to be deleted as it is included in Policy 6433, “Selection of Curriculum Materials.”

Policy 6514, “Selection of Textbooks” This policy needs to be deleted as it is included in Policy 6433, “Selection of Curriculum Materials.”

Policy 6510, “Parental Rights and Involvement Policy” This policy is new. A committee met and discussed this policy. This policy provides that parents shall be notified by the district annually of their rights under the statute. On the last page under Parental Objections to Learning Materials or Activities, (See 6433F) was added behind the “Patron Request for Reconsideration of Educational Materials or Activities.” Also, under Legal References, The Idaho Code Sections were updated. On the second page under the heading “Parental Objections to Learning Materials or Activities,” The first sentence was changed to “Efforts will be made to select the best possible books and instructional materials to be used in the classroom.” In that same paragraph with the sentence beginning with “The superintendent or designee will then review the material and respond within eight (8) working days was added.

Policy 7115, "Suspension of Teaching Certificate" This policy is being updated to reflect changes to Category names from A, B, and grandfathered to 1, 2, 3, or renewable. Under Legal Reference, Policy Reference: Policy 7130, Discharge of Certificated Employees.

Policy 7132, "Supplemental Contracts for Extra Duty Assignments." This policy is being updated to include optional extra duty and extra day contracts and the right associated with those contracts as set forth in HB537.

Policy 7170, "Leadership Premiums" This policy is being updated. The legislature passed new parameters regarding leadership premiums in HB627, which are reflected in this policy update.

Policy 8110, "Attendance--K-8" and Policy 8111, "Attendance--High School" Updates were made to this policy by Superintendent Kerns with the intent of having each policy align with the other.

Lon Harrington moved and Kent Miller seconded to approve the deletion of Policy 6112, "Homework," Policy 6510, "Controversial Materials," Policy 6512, "Selection of Instructional Materials," and Policy 6514, "Selection of Textbooks." Also moved and seconded to approve the second readings of Policy 5618, "Personnel Conflict of Interest," Policy 7115, "Suspension of Teaching Certificate," Policy 7132, "Supplemental Contracts for Extra-Duty Assignments," Policy 7170, "Leadership Premiums," Policy 8110, "Attendance— K-8," and Policy 8110, "Attendance—High School." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

FIRST READINGS:

Policy 6445, "Gifted/Talented Education" This policy is new. It provides guidelines to help implement and regulate the Gifted/Talented Education Program. No changes made.

Policy 6511, "Reading Assessment and Intervention Program" This policy is new. The legislature has aimed to identify and address student literacy early and set forth requirements that school districts must meet. No other changes made.

Policy 7317, "Time and Effort Reporting Policy" This policy is being replaced and amended to clarify time and reporting requirements and to include references to EDGAR. **7317 P1: Time and Effort Reporting Procedure:** This procedure reflects current regulations which require school districts receiving federal funds to have written time and effort reporting procedures. **7317 F1: Semi-Annual Certification/Personal Activity Report (PAR) Form:** Required form for Federal Reporting.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the first readings of Policy 6445, "Gifted/Talented Education," Policy 6511, "Reading Assessment and Intervention Program," and Policy 7137, "Time and Effort Reporting Policy, Procedure, and Form." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Under Idaho Code 74-206 [1b] to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 [1b] Discipline Matters, Teacher A; [1b] Student Discipline Matters, Student 2017-6-100, Student 2017-6-101, and Student 2017-6-102; and [1d] Exempt Records, Marci VanOrden motioned and Kent Miller 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 7:50 p.m. Also attending were Superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs. Discipline Matters, Teacher A discussed until 8:00 p.m. Beginning at 8:00 p.m., Student Discipline Matters, Student 2017-6-100, Student 2017-6-101, and Student 2017-6-102 were discussed until 8:15 p.m.

8. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Kent Miller 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 8:15 p.m.

9. ACTION ITEM

Lon Harrington moved and Kent Miller seconded to remove Teacher A from probationary status. 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.

10. ADJOURN

Marci VanOrden moved and Lon Harrington seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Arisa Coombs
Clerk

Bill Martin
Chairman

12-20-17
Date