

Snake River School Board of Trustees  
Held at Riverside Elementary  
16 South 700 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Kent Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Chairman Kent Miller, Bill Martin, Kim Kunz, Carol Hepworth, and Annis Williams. Also attending were Superintendent Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

**2. PRAYER OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kim Kunz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Carol Hepworth moved and Bill Martin seconded to approve the agenda as amended to add #14, Family Athletic Pass. All the board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 21, 2015

New Hire: Kimberly Watt, Moreland Special Education Parapro.

Budget Report, Payroll, & Claims Payable for October, 2015.

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

**5. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments at this time.

**6. RIVERSIDE PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION**

Principal Janae Van Orden gave a brief presentation on things that are happening at Riverside Elementary. Parent Teacher Conferences were recently held and the staff feels they were successful and they were a positive experience. As this is Principal Van Orden's first year and also two new teachers at the second grade level and two at the third grade level, it has been a learning experience but all are working together to help and mentor. They have set goals and have made plans for improvements. Principal Van Orden also discussed the recent inservice where they did training with RTI and Milepost. She also discussed fall STAR testing results of second and third grade reading and mathematics. Riverside Elementary has started a program called Core Plus More to help strengthen or gain new skills and Principal Van Orden felt it has been going very well. Discussion was held on student achievement. The board asked Principal Van Orden what they could do for Riverside Elementary. Of concern was the phone system and Superintendent Kerns will follow up with Maintenance and Technology. Principal Van Orden said that they are working on improving the security system but all in all things are running smoothly. Chairman Miller and the board thanked Riverside Elementary for all of their hard work and for the great things that they are doing.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT MINUTE**

Superintendent Kerns read a letter he received from Marsh Valley High School thanking the Snake River High School football team for the sportsmanship that was rendered in the Marsh Valley/Snake River football game. Kent Miller discussed the experience he had at the game. Superintendent Kerns also presented to the Board of Trustees the Boardsmanship Awards that were given at the ISBA Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on November 12, 2015.

**8. ISBA CONFERENCE REPORT**

Chairman Miller, Mrs. Hepworth, and Superintendent Kerns reported on their experience and training at the ISBA Conference. Discussion held on the different classes and presentations that were given. The board thought that it was a good learning experience and venue. Chairman Miller discussed the Business Session and the process and results of the resolutions.

**9. BOARD TRAINING—REVIEW OF STANDARDS OF ISBA**

Superintendent Kerns reviewed Standard 3, Advocacy, of The 6 Standards of Idaho School Boards Association. Discussion was held.

**10. BOARD GOALS**

Superintendent Kerns proposed the following goals:

1. Attendance—Increase by 1%.
2. Policies—a goal of updating and reviewing 20% each year.
3. Student Achievement—Improve Math ISAT scores by 10% and English/Language Arts ISAT scores by 5%.
4. General Fiscal Goals:
  - a. A continued balanced budget and to be more budget efficient.
  - b. Evaluate and restore coaching stipends.
  - c. Evaluate and restore Jr. High Athletics and Transportation.
5. Mrs. Hepworth would like to add a goal on Advocacy and Superintendent Kerns will work with her and discuss it at the next board meeting.

The board would like to have these goals available at each board meeting so they can look at them and remember what they are.

**11. SNAKE RIVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT**

Lon Harrington, Chairman of the Community Library, went over the library highlights and things that were happening at the library. Kerry Christiansen and Sally Nelson are new to the library board. He thanked the board for their support and the board thanked Mr. Harrington and his staff for the great service they provide.

**12. SNAKE RIVER EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mrs. Hepworth gave a Snake River Education Report and also discussed the services they offer. They have just started a monthly teacher appreciation treat and that has been going well. There are many upcoming events that they are excited about. They will also help send Dustin Albertson to a Medical Conference over the summer. The board thanked the Education Foundation for all that they do for our district and community.

13. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. Board Meeting December 16, 2015 will be at Moreland Elementary at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Elementary Christmas Programs for Grades 1-6 will be on different dates the week of December 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

14. **FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS**

Mr. Martin presented why he thinks a family athletic pass would be good for our district. Extensive discussion held. He would like to have it in place by the beginning of the home winter games and the board decided that it should be available no later than December 1, 2015. Requirements for the cards were discussed. Mr. Martin and Superintendent Kerns will meet with the high school principal and athletic director to go over requirements and prices.

15. **POLICY READINGS  
SECOND READINGS:**

**Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements."** This policy has been updated. Superintendent Kerns continued the discussion on the proposed reduction of English, Science, and Government credits to graduate and also the changes of PE credits and Senior Project class. No further changes will be made at this time.

**Policy 6518, "Visual Media"** This policy is updated. (Requested changes are in green). On the first page in paragraph 4 and also on the second page in paragraph 4, after "written approval of the building principal," "using form 6518f1" will be added to reference when the form will be used.

**Policy 6538, "Guest Speakers"** This policy is updated and a form is being added. (Changes are in green). Discussion held. The statement, "All visual or audio materials brought in or presented by the guest speaker are subject to the requirements of Policy 6518, Visual Media," will be added to the policy after the sentence, "Vulgarity or explicit visual or audio materials are not acceptable in the classroom at any age."

**Kim Kunz moved and Annis Williams seconded to approve the second readings of Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements," Policy 6518, "Visual Media," and Policy 6538, "Guest Speakers." All the board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Policy 4430, "Registered Sex Offenders."** This policy is new for our district. Discussion held. As this is a first reading of the policy, no changes were made and board members will review this policy further along with Superintendent Kerns. The board would like clarification on the section on "Notice." The policy says that notices need to be placed at all public entrances. Superintendent Kerns will look for clarification and report to the board.

**Policy 4440, "Tobacco Use on District Property."** This policy is new and prohibits the use of all forms of tobacco on all district premises at all times. Discussion held.

**Policy 6357, "Virtual Learning or Correspondence Courses."** This policy needs to be updated and discussion held.

**Policy 8730, "Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response."** This policy is new. It is very similar to Policy 8735. State and federal laws require secondary schools to adopt a policy on the prevention and response to adolescent relationship abuse and sexual assault. Discussion held. Since this is the first reading, the board asked if Superintendent Kerns would review this policy further and make changes where possible. On page 5, under Prevention, the board would like to keep 1, 2, 3, and 7 and scratch 4, 5, and 6. It was suggested that review of this policy with students be done in their advisory class at the high school and junior high throughout the year. Also, on the last page under Policy Monitoring, the board would like to strike all of the italics in that paragraph.

**Bill Martin moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the first readings of Policy 4430, "Registered Sex Offenders," Policy 4440, "Tobacco Use on District Property," Policy 6357, "Virtual Learning or Correspondence Courses," and Policy 8730, "Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response." All the board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Kim Kunz moved and Bill Martin seconded to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 (1a) to consider the hiring and evaluation of the superintendent, and (1b) Personnel. A roll call vote was taken: Bill Martin, aye; Annis Williams, aye; Kim Kunz, aye; Carol Hepworth, aye; and Kent Miller, aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

The board went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Also attending were Superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs. Principal Janae Van Orden entered executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and left executive session at 9:28 p.m.

Personnel issues were discussed from 9:28 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Superintendent Kerns left executive session at 9:45 p.m. and the hiring and evaluation of the superintendent was considered and discussed from 9:45 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.

17. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Carol Hepworth moved and Annis Williams seconded to return to Regular Session.

The board returned to regular session at 10:25 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

Kent Miller moved to adjourn.

The board adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Arlisa Coombs*  
Clerk

*Kent Miller*  
Chairman

12-15-2015

Date

