

Snake River School Board of Trustees  
Held at the Snake River District Office  
103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**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, Carol Hepworth, Annis Williams, Kent Miller, and Kim Kunz. Also attending were Superintendent David 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**

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Kent Miller to amend the agenda removing item #16, Executive Session, and item #17, Return to Regular Session. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**4. BOARD TRAINING**

Superintendent Kerns gave a presentation for Board Training on Five Items to Infuse into Every Board Meeting.

**5. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments at this time.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 21, 2016

Resignations: Sandra Paulk, Moreland Kitchen Helper;

New Hires: Terry Groll, Maintenance Worker; Crystal Hansen, Moreland Kitchen Helper.

Budget and Claims Payable for September, 2016.

Property Disposal: 3 Midi keyboards previously used for advanced music theory class at the high school.

A motion was made by Annis Williams and seconded by Kim Kunz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**7. 2016-2017 CALENDAR CHANGES**

Superintendent Kerns would like to move the teacher in-service date scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Senior Project Day will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the high school will need a lot of teachers from around the district to help. Also, the Jr. SAT day scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> has been changed to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The calendar needs to reflect both changes. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Kent Miller and seconded by Carol Hepworth to amend the 2016-2017 school calendar with the proposed changes as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**8. RESCHEDULE APRIL 2017 BOARD MEETING**

Superintendent Kerns will be out of the country April 19, 2017, the date of the regular board meeting, and requests that the board meeting date be changed. It will be held at the high school this month. The board chose April 11, 2017. The yearly schedule will be amended.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Kent Miller to reschedule the regular board meeting from April 19, 2017 to April 11, 2017. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**9. TEN-YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN**

Superintendent Kerns presented the Ten-Year Maintenance Plan that has been submitted to the Division of Building Safety of the State Department by October 1, 2016. The plan was given to the board prior to the board meeting so it could be reviewed. Mr. Kunz asked about the Jr. High and the meaning of "Plant Maintainability" on page 13 along with the poor grade. Superintendent Kerns responded that the poor grade was due to the failing septic system. Mrs. Williams wanted to know how the projected enrollment numbers were figured. Superintendent Kerns said that they went by a system that was created by ISU that basically predicts the decline in the last 20 years. The board thanked Superintendent Kerns and Paul Groesbeck, Maintenance Supervisor, for the many hours of hard work getting the Ten-Year Maintenance Plan updated.

Annis Williams moved and Kim Kunz seconded to approve the Ten-Year Maintenance Plan as presented. All the board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**10. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The ISBA Executive Board has met and reviewed the Resolutions and their recommendation can be found at the bottom of each Resolution. The ISBA Executive Board respectfully requests that trustees meet to discuss these Resolutions and decide how each district will vote prior to the Business Session of the Annual Convention in November. In preparation for the Business Session at the conference, each Resolution was discussed by the board and how each member will vote at the Business Session was recorded.

**11. BOARD GOALS**

Superintendent Kerns proposed his recommendations for possible Board goals this year for board approval:

1. Student Attendance—Increase by 1%. Chairman Martin asked about flu shots and if it would be possible to offer flu shots to the district employees.
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 become more budget efficient.
5. Parent Involvement:
  - a. Review of parent policies.

**A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Kim Kunz to approve the 2016-17 Board Goals as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**12. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

- a. Bond Refinance Update: Superintendent Kerns discussed the bond refinancing. The bidding took place this morning at 9:30 a.m. Six bids came in. The best bid was from Raymond James and Associates at 1.57% and was accepted. The district's current rate is 3.86%. Preliminarily, to the tax payers in the Snake River School District, this means a savings of 10.298% or a total of \$879,125, which is about \$60,000+ per year. Superintendent Kerns was very excited about the savings.
- b. Jr. High Septic System Update: Representatives from Rocky Mountain Engineering and Surveying, (RMES), Jay Cornelison and David Assan, updated the board on the Jr. High Septic System and progress. The proposed drainage would measure 129 feet by 252 feet. It will be located east of the football field. On Thursday, October 20, 2016, soil samples will be taken, which is required by the Department of Environmental Quality. In this test, two holes will be excavated by Mecham Construction. The holes excavated will be 14-16 feet deep. Ken Keller from the health department will be present as well as a soil specialist and RMES representatives. They will give the board an update at the next board meeting. Many questions were asked and discussion held.

**13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. ISBA Annual Convention will be November 9-11, 2016 in Boise, Idaho.
- b. Board Meeting in November will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here at the district office.
- c. Parent Teacher Meetings are as follows:
  1. High School/Jr. High: October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
  2. Middle School: November 9-10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
  3. Rockford: November 10-11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:30 p.m.
  4. Moreland: November 14-17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
  5. Riverside: November 16-17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- d. IHSAA Legends of the Game: At the Boys Basketball State Tournament in March of 2017, the 1969 Boys State Championship Basketball Team will be honored during the 5A Championship Game at half-time.

**14. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Snake River Community Library: Mrs. Williams gave a report on the Community Library. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, The Library hosted Harvest Happenings and 97 children attended throughout the week. Justin Bench also talked to the kids about growing pumpkins and each child got a pumpkin. For Story Time, they have had 110 students attend. On November 8, the Library will be having a Political Party and on November 14<sup>th</sup> they will have a Family Night.
- b. Snake River Education Foundation: Mrs. Hepworth gave a report. They have many things planned including continuing with teacher treats again, they are trying to promote the Heritage Grant for teachers, and they will also be doing Snake River Days before the end of the school year.
- c. Technology: The Technology Committee has met and they discussed updating laptops and Chromebooks. There are new members on the committee and most of the time was spent updating them with the vision and plans for the future as far as technology.
- d. Snake River Activities Foundation: Mr. Miller talked about the Panther Priders Booster Club that operates under the umbrella of the Snake River Activities Foundation. On October 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school, they will be having a Fall Kickoff with dinner and an auction.

**15. SECOND READINGS:**

**Policy 2350, "ByLaws."** This policy is updated. Under #2, Term of Office, "Members of the Board of Trustees are elected for a term of three years" needs to be changed to four years. Changes are in green. Otherwise, no changes are needed.

**Policy 7132, "Supplemental Contracts for Extra-Duty Assignments."** This policy is being updated. In the second and third paragraphs, "Category A, B, or grand-fathered renewable contracts" has been changed to "Category 1, 2, 3, or renewable contracts." Also, to the list of stipends, the Jr. High Cross Country stipend of \$1300 is added. Discussion held.

**Annis Williams moved and Kim Kunz seconded to approve the second readings of Policy 2350, "ByLaws" and Policy 7132, "Supplemental Contracts for Extra-Duty Assignments." All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Policy 2110, "Board Member – Code of Ethics"** This policy, which was adopted in 2001, has been reviewed and updated.

**Policy 7205, "Non-Certificated (Classified) Employees: At Will-Employees"** This policy has been updated to incorporate a new section of Idaho Code, 33-1212A, which provides that "school districts and charter schools may employ noncertificated staff to serve in the role of academic and college or career advisors and student mentors." Discussion held.

Policy 8190, "Post Secondary Enrollment Options" This policy has been updated to reflect the legislative change to remove the dual enrollment prohibition for foreign exchange students and a requirement to notify parents of college and career advising available in the district.

Kent Miller moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the first readings of Policy 2110, "Board Member—Code of Ethics;" Policy 7205, "Non-Certificated (Classified) Employees: At Will-Employees;" and Policy 8190, "Post Secondary Enrollment Options." All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

16. ADJOURN

Annis Williams moved to Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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