

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at the Riverside Elementary
16 South 700 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

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

2. PRAYER OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Easton Hieb, Scout from Troop 234, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Marci VanOrden and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the agenda as presented. All board members present voted aye. Bill Martin and Lon Harrington were absent. Motion passed 3-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018, Special Meetings of January 26 and February 9, 2018.

Resignations: Quincie Tominaga, High School Assistant Librarian; Elaine Serr, High School Assistant Librarian; Linda Sue Price, Jr. High Special Ed Parapro.

Transfer: Linda Sue Price, High School Assistant Librarian.

Budget, Payroll, and Claims Payable for January, 2018.

Carol Hepworth moved and Marci VanOrden seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All board members present voted aye. Bill Martin and Lon Harrington were absent. Motion passed 3-0.

5. PATRON FORUM

There was a request to speak during the Patron Forum but it was declined due to the fact that the subject did not pertain to an item on the agenda.

6. RIVERSIDE PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION

Janae Petersen and her staff gave a brief presentation. Mrs. Petersen introduced Mrs. Cindy Kofford, who discussed a new program Riverside Elementary has been piloting this year called Istation. Istation possibly could be replacing IRI testing. Mrs. Kofford feels it is a good program and will help teachers know proficiency rates of their students in comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling. Mr. Miller asked about the capability of Istation reporting these scores to the state. As this is a pilot program this year, they will learn more at the end of the year and pass that information on to the board. Mrs. Petersen also introduced Jennifer Capell, who talked about the Riverside Elementary Patriotic Program. The board watched a little presentation that they showed during the Program. It highlighted those relatives of students who are veterans. Mr. Miller thanked Riverside Elementary and said how impressed he was that they are instilling patriotism into students while they are young and helping them recognize the sacrifices veterans made for our country.

7. GRADUATION RATE DATA

Superintendent Kerns gave a brief presentation about Graduation rate data for the 2016-17 school year.

8. PLANT FACILITIES LEVY DISCUSSION

An open forum about the upcoming Plant Facilities Levy election took place between patrons and the board. A general overview of the levy was given by Trustee Miller. He discussed steps that the board and district were taking to get the word out about the upcoming election on March 13, 2018. The board also discussed why it was necessary for the levy to pass and what the plant facilities money will be used for. Trustee Hepworth discussed that this levy is a renewal. The differences between bonds and levies were also discussed. A question and answer period followed.

9. 2019-2020 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Principal Bonney and the district calendar committee have recommended that the board approve the 2019-20 district calendar. Superintendent Kerns has asked that a two-year calendar be in place. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Marci VanOrden and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar as presented. All board members present voted aye. Bill Martin and Lon Harrington were absent. Motion passed 3-0.

10. DAY ON THE HILL REPORT

Superintendent Kerns, Trustee Miller, and Trustee VanOrden attended the ISBA Day on the Hill that was held February 19-20, 2018. Trustee VanOrden enjoyed the experience and liked how they were able to spend time and talk with legislators in small groups. Trustee Miller liked talking with legislators about issues in the Snake River School District right during the legislative session. During the event, the state superintendent meeting was held and Superintendent Kerns enjoyed attending.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. February 23-24, State Wrestling in Pocatello
- b. February 26, Early Voting Begins for the Plant Facilities Levy
- c. March 13, Plant Facilities Levy Election
- d. Board Meeting March 21st will be at Moreland Elementary at 7:00 p.m.
- e. Law Conference will be April 23-24, 2018 in Boise

12. **POLICY READINGS**
SECOND READINGS:

Policy 2230 “Board Meetings” This policy is updated. It is a combination of four different policies given to us by our policy makers.

Policy 3020, “Superintendent Evaluation” This policy is updated to reflect the changes by the State Board of Education to IDAPA 08.02.02.121 regarding local district evaluation policies for school administrators. The last sentence of the third paragraph was changed to read, “this portion of the evaluation may be calculated using data from the current year and/or multiple years.”

Policy 3075, “Principal Evaluations” This policy is updated to reflect the changes pursuant to Idaho Administrative Code 08.02.02.121 regarding local district evaluation policies for school administrators. Confusing and extraneous wording from prior policies were removed in order to streamline the policy.

Policy 4310, “Access to Public Records” This policy is updated to reflect the updated legal reference for the Idaho Public Records Law.

Policy 5245, “Uniform Public School Building Safety” The updates to this policy reflect the most current state of law, including the requirement that all districts develop a best practices maintenance plan for school buildings.

Policy 5600, “Purchasing or Leasing Personal Property” This policy reflects the 2017 legislative changes, including addition of several new exemptions from the bidding requirements when purchasing personal property and modification of dollar thresholds for purchases. The new RFP procedure is also reflected in this update.

Policy 5610, “Supplemental Bidding Procedures” This policy is updated to reflect all the updates made during the 2017 legislative session.

Policy 5616, “Service Contracts” This policy reflects new exemptions and modification of dollar thresholds for purchases.

Policy 5619, “Public Works Contracts” This policy reflects new dollar thresholds for public works construction purchases. It also reflects additional modifications made during the 2017 session relating to the need for public works contractor’s licenses on projects less than \$50,000. (Note: It is expected that the licensing requirement may change again next session due to an oversight by the state’s Division of Building Services.)

Policy 5620, “Purchasing” The legislature amended the local government purchasing statute by adding several new exemptions to purchasing laws, increasing the thresholds for the various types of public purchasing, and adding an RFP procedure for purchases of goods.

Policy 6447, “English Learner Programs” This policy is new. It reflects Idaho standards and criteria regarding EL students and programs. It also largely leaves to states to develop criteria and standardized procedures for entrance into and exit from EL programs.

Policy 7150, “Certificated Employee Evaluations” This policy is updated to reflect the changes pursuant to Idaho Administrative Code 08.02.02.120. The policy now makes clear that the domain and component ratings will be determined based on a combination of professional practice and student achievement. The update also clarifies that all other certificated non-instructional staff will include student achievement in the evaluation, as applicable to the position.

Policy 7560, “Employer Recommendations” This policy reflects the updated legal reference to the Idaho Public Records Law.

Policy 7570, “Personnel Files” This policy includes updated legal reference to the Idaho Public Records Law.

Policy 8130, “Students in Foster Care” This policy is new. Requirements under Title I highlight the need to provide educational stability for children in foster care with emphasis that students in foster care have the opportunity to achieve at the same high levels as their peers. Transportation responsibilities and requirements are also addressed for students in foster care.

Policy 8140, “Homeless Student Education” This policy is updated adding new requirements for ensuring educational stability for children in foster care. This updated policy reflects the changes in definitions and makes other minor clarifications.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Marci VanOrden to approve the second readings of Policy 2230, “Board Meetings;” Policy 3020, “Superintendent Evaluation;” Policy 3075, “Principal Evaluations;” Policy 4310, “Access to Public Records;” Policy 5245, “Uniform Public School Building Safety;” Policy 5600, “Purchasing or Leasing Personal Property;” Policy 5610, Supplemental Bidding Procedures;” Policy 5616, “Service Contracts;” Policy 5619, “Public Works Contracts;” Policy 5620, “Purchasing;” Policy 6447, “English Learner Programs;” Policy 7150, “Certificated Employee Evaluations;” Policy 7560, “Employer Recommendations;” Policy 7570, “Personnel Files;” Policy 8130, “Students in Foster Care;” and Policy 8140, “Homeless Student Education;” All board members present voted aye. Bill Martin and Lon Harrington were absent. Motion passed 3-0.

13. ADJOURN

Marci VanOrden moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman

Date