

**Snake River School Board of Trustees  
Held at Snake River Middle School  
1060 West 110 South, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bill Martin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

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

**b. Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020; Special Meeting January 27, 2020; Special Meeting February 3, 2020; and Special Meeting February 5, 2020

**Resignation:** Naomi Edmonds, Moreland Preschool Teacher

**New Hire/Payroll Status Change:** Carmelita Flores, Rockford LEP Parapro; Louise Andersen, Moreland Preschool Parapro (from 4 hours to 3 hours)

**Budget, Payroll, and Claims Payable** for January 2020

**A motion was made by Bill Martin and seconded by Marci VanOrden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**4. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Snake River Middle School Presentation**

Snake River Middle School Principal, Dean Bonney, thanked the Board and Superintendent Kerns for all of the support they have given the Middle School teachers and staff. Syd Hale, teacher at the middle school, discussed a program that she has helped implement called SeaPerch, which is an innovative underwater robotics program that gives teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV). Roger Davison, from the Naval Nuclear Laboratory, has been the regional coordinator for SeaPerch. He discussed the program and how students have started building a ROV following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering, science, and mathematics. Throughout the project, students learn engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork, and technical applications. Engineers from the Naval Nuclear Laboratory have been volunteering their knowledge and help students with the hope that students will look at the Navy in the future as a career. The theme for the program this year is "Cleaning the Oceans." On April 4, there is a SeaPerch-sanctioned regional event in Idaho Falls and the winner of that will have the opportunity to compete in Maryland in May. A student in the program showed his progress of the ROV his team is building. The Board thanked the Middle School staff, Syd Hale, Roger Davison for the good things that are happening.

**b. Legal Notice of Pingree Land Sale**

Chairman Miller received a call from Blaser, Oleson, and Lloyd about errors that were made in the Pingree School property description at the time of sale in 2013. The corrections will not have any effect on the sale of the property. Superintendent Kerns will continue to work on this with Blaser, Oleson, and Lloyd.

**c. Phone System Purchase**

Superintendent Kerns and Steve Schellenberg discussed purchasing a new phone system for the district, which has been in the works for quite a long time. The infrastructure previously was installed, which has been the expensive part of the project. They will be purchasing a VoIP phone system and there are many features that comes with the system that work well for the district. Mr. Schellenberg showed the board one of the phones that will be purchased. There is a warranty. As soon as the phones are purchased and configured, training will be done and the phones will go live. Discussion was held.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. 2021-2022 District Calendar**

Principal Bonney and the district calendar committee have recommended that the board approve the 2021-22 district calendar. Superintendent Kerns has asked that a two-year calendar be in place. Discussion was held about how holidays and harvest break are scheduled. Jon Hawkes from the SREA said that most people in the district liked this calendar after they had a chance to view options.

**Carol Hepworth moved and Bill Martin seconded to approve the 2021-2022 district calendar as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**b. Garbage Bid Results**

At 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020, bids were opened for garbage removal to be done at seven locations in the district. The bid form asked for bids for February 17, 2020 through February 16, 2021 and February 17, 2021 through February 16, 2022. Bids were received from Snake River Dispose-all, Inc. and PSI Waste Systems. Discussion held.

**A motion was made by Bill Martin and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the bid from PSI Waste Systems for garbage removal at \$18,950.40 from February 17, 2020 through February 16, 2021 and \$18,950.40 from February 17, 2021 through February 16, 2022, with options as bid. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**c. Superintendent Contract**

Trustee Martin was appointed as district designee to discuss position terms of the new Superintendent, Mark Kress, and he reported back to the board after discussions with Mr. Kress for ratification of the contract.

**Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the contract with Mark Kress as Superintendent of Snake River School District #52 in the amount of \$104,000 with accompanying benefits for the 2020/2021 through 2021/2022 school years. A roll call vote was taken: Bill Martin, aye; Lon Harrington, aye; Marci VanOrden, aye; and Carol Hepworth, aye; Kent Miller, aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Upcoming Events:**

1. Moreland Elementary Parent Teacher Conference February 10-14, 2020
2. Day on the Hill will be February 17-18, 2020
3. No school for grades K-6 for Teacher Inservice March 5, 2020
4. Teacher Inservice is March 13, 2020
5. Next Board Meeting will be March 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary

**8. ACTION ITEMS—POLICY READINGS  
SECOND READINGS:**

**Policy 2230, “Board Meetings”** This policy is updated to reflect the most current agenda requirements under the Idaho Open Meetings Act. In addition, we have added a reference to the specific section of the Idaho Open Meetings Act referenced in the policy. Discussion was held, no further changes were made to the policy.

**Policy 2390, “Waivers of State Board of Education Rules”** This policy is new and clarifies in the optional language that a local school district board of trustees has the option to seek waivers from the State Board of Education; it is not required to seek waivers under the law. No further changes were made.

**Policy 3090, “Superintendent Appointment”** This policy has been updated to reflect current legal references. Discussion held. No further changes were made to the policy.

**Carol Hepworth moved and Bill Martin seconded to approve the second readings Policy 2230, “Board Meetings;” Policy 2390, “Waivers of State Board of Education Rules;” and Policy 3090, “Superintendent Appointment.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Policy 6444 “Homebound Student Services”** This policy is updated to add physician assistant and nurse practitioner as acceptable sources of authorization.

**Bill Martin moved and Marci VanOrden seconded to approve the first reading Policy 6444, “Homebound Student Services.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**9. ADJOURN**

**Carol Hepworth moved and Bill Martin seconded to adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Terisa Coombs**  
Clerk

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**Kent Miller**  
Chairman

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**March 5, 2020**  
Date