

**Snake River School Board of Trustees  
Held at Snake River District Office  
103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221  
Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Kent Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present at the district office were Carol Hepworth, Marci VanOrden, Bill Martin, and Lon Harrington. The meeting was also conducted via Zoom. Also attending were Superintendent David Kerns, Business Manager Chris Nelson, 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 Marci VanOrden and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**b. Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of May 20, 2020; Special Meeting of June 4, 2020.

**Resignations:** Cory Loveland, Sixth Grade Teacher; Chelsea Sorensen, Third Grade Teacher; Sierra May, Third Grade Teacher; Shawna Crumley, Sign Language Parapro; Larry Pope, Bus Driver.

**New Hires:** Amber Knighton, Sixth Grade Teacher.

**Student Teacher:** Taryn McAllister, Moreland Student Teacher.

**Budget, Payroll, and Claims Payable** for May 2020.

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

**4. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments for the patron forum.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Construction Project at the High School:**

Superintendent Kerns and Maintenance Supervisor Paul Groesbeck discussed clearing out the berm at the high school, moving the conduit that runs the telephone, internet, fire alarm, etc., and lowering the junction between the junior high and high school. Mr. Groesbeck explained that there is a leak that runs from the library off to the left down the front of the high school. There are also a lot of rocks that were used as backfill, some being very large, that need to be removed. Mr. Groesbeck has asked for quotes for removal of the rest of the berm and also for pouring concrete. He believes that his maintenance crew could take care of the removal but the biggest expense would be the concrete. Extensive discussion was held and board members discussed alternate ways of fixing the area after the berm is removed. Chairman Miller summarized the discussion explaining that Mr. Groesbeck and the district will self-perform removal of the berm and then come up with the lowest cost options for drainage and pouring concrete to make the area look nice with the lowest needed maintenance.

**6. a. Budget Hearing:**

Superintendent Kerns and Chris Nelson, Business Manager, presented the proposed 2019-2020 district budget. See attached budget and presentation.

**Bill Martin moved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the proposed 2020-21 Maintenance and Operations Budget as presented. Carol Hepworth abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Technology Committee Report:**

The Technology Committee met on June 10, 2020. Trustee Hepworth gave an update on the meeting. The committee discussed the things that worked and what did not work during the soft closure due to the coronavirus pandemic. They considered what the district could be doing next fall if there is a return to remote learning due to a soft closure again. The committee also came up with plans when school is back in session in the fall and how they can improve the technology, the need for disinfecting and what that would look like, and how they could do a better job training teachers to help them be successful with remote learning. The board thanked the technology committee and all of their hard work. Superintendent Kerns and Superintendent Mark Kress will be compiling a reopening plan to present during the July board meeting.

**b. Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Arrival of the new Superintendent will be July 1, 2020.**
- 2. Next Board Meeting will be July 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

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

**Policy 8125, “Foreign Students”** This policy is updated to reflect that the conditions of enrollment specified in the policy apply to both "foreign students" and "foreign exchange visitors." No further changes were made.

**Policy 8126, “Tracking Foreign Students and Foreign Exchange Visitors.”** This policy is new. It contains a new definition as used in existing federal regulations and the current state of the law in terms of reporting requirements related to foreign students and foreign exchange visitors. No changes were made.

**Policy 8740, “Juvenile Sex Offenders”** This policy is updated to reflect technical corrections based on current law. No changes were made.

**Carol Hepworth moved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the second readings of Policy 8125, “Foreign Students;” Policy 8126, “Tracking Foreign Students and Foreign Exchange Visitors;” and Policy 8740, “Juvenile Sex Offenders.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Policy 7101, “Definition of Certificated Employee”** This policy is updated to conform with current language. No changes were made.

**Policy 8103, “Proof of Age and Identification”** This policy is updated to specifically reference the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, both in the language of the policy and in the legal references. No changes were made.

**Policy 8635, “Student Use of Personal Communication Devices”** Language has been added specifically prohibiting the use of recording devices (e.g. Angel Sense devices) that parents of children who are on IEPs or Section 504 plans may send to school with their child for the purpose of listening in to what is happening at school during the school day. Under the revised language, such devices may only be used with proper consent of school officials. The policy also specifically addresses the use of personal communication devices to threaten, harass, intimidate or otherwise bully students or others at school. No changes were made.

**Lon Harrington moved and Bill Martin seconded to approve the first readings of Policy 7101, “Definition of Certificated Employee;” Policy 8103, “Proof of Age and Identification;” and Policy 8635, “Student Use of Personal Communication Devices.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Under Idaho Code 74-206 [1b] personnel, Lon Harrington motioned and Bill Martin seconded to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken: Kent Miller, aye; Marci VanOrden, aye; Carol Hepworth, aye; Lon Harrington, aye; and Bill Martin, aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

The board went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Personnel was discussed until 9:00 p.m.

**10. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**It was moved by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol Hepworth to return to Regular Session. All the board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURN**

**Bill Martin moved and Marci VanOrden seconded to adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Terisa Coombs**  
Clerk

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**Kent Miller**  
Chairman

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**07/15/2020**  
Date