

Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Snake River Junior High School
918 West Highway 39, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kent Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were Carol Hepworth, Marci VanOrden, and Lon Harrington. Bill Martin was absent. Chairman Miller welcomed Superintendent Mark Kress to the Snake River School District. Also attending were outgoing superintendent David Kerns and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marci VanOrden opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020.

New Hires: Jamie Webb, Riverside Special Education Teacher; Lindsey Prigmore, High School Library Assistant; Darrel Jensen, Bus Driver; Lorise Merkley, Bus Driver; Kylee Dawson, Bus Driver.

Transfer: Rebecca Martinez (from Riverside Special Education Teacher to Third Grade Teacher).

Student Teacher: Taryn McAllister, Moreland Student Teacher.

Payroll and Claims Payable for June 2020.

Contracts: All contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments for the patron forum.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Construction Project at the High School:

Superintendent Kress and outgoing Superintendent Kerns discussed the project of 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. The project has become larger than expected. The fiber line will be dropped and the concrete poured next week. The pros and cons of concrete versus asphalt were discussed. The dirt and tar on the cinderblock has been removed and they are working on making that look better with paint. The sprinkler system that is being placed on the high school grounds should be completed soon. Large rocks have been encountered causing problems putting the system in the ground. Superintendent Kress would like both projects to be completed before school starts and is optimistic that this will be happen. He will continue to update the board.

b. School Reopening Plan:

Superintendent Kress discussed the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. He has been in the process of making a draft of the Snake River School District Covid-19 Daily Operational Procedure, which will be updated when new information is received. He has been working alongside the Bingham County superintendents, Southeast Idaho Public Health, and has been referencing the Idaho Reopen Plan and Back to School Framework from Governor Little and the State Board of Education. The district will be using a tiered system for day to day school operations with the colors of Green, Yellow, and Red. Superintendent Kress discussed the day to day precautions that would happen in each tier. At this time, the district is in the Green Tier. Masks will be recommended, not required. Southeastern Idaho Public Health has committed to giving us a more localized positive count within district boundaries. The draft also outlines maintenance and cleaning/disinfection protocols. Superintendent Kress stressed the importance of partnering with parents when it comes to identifying symptoms and keeping their children home if they develop. Also discussed Food Service, Transportation, and Return to School and Health Protocols. The board would like to have a communication section added to the plan that would explain to patrons how information will be relayed. Extensive discussion was held.

Representatives from Overture Learning, Jen and Jim Goostrey, gave a presentation on their distance education program which enrolls homeschool students in public school and manages their education virtually for grades K-8. They are looking at partnering with the Snake River School District. Extensive discussion was held. If the school district is interested in partnering with Overture Learning, the next steps would be to obtain school board approval, review and sign the contract, open registration, and hire teachers and staff. A link will be provided to the district to give to parents who are interested in Overture Learning. A special meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks if the district feels that there is enough interest to partner with Overture.

c. Upcoming Events:

1. **District Startup Information** was discussed. The Opening Meeting will be August 17th at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch by the SREF at the high school.
2. **ISBA Resolutions are due by July 31, 2020**
3. **Annual ISBA Conference will be November 11-13, 2020 in Sun Valley.**
4. **Next Board Meeting will be August 12, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

**6. ACTION ITEMS—POLICY READINGS
SECOND 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. Discussion was held. No changes were made.

Lon Harrington moved and Marci VanOrden seconded to approve the second 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 4-0.

FIRST READINGS:

Policy 7550, “Title IX Grievance Policy” This is a new policy reflecting the new Title IX regulations that came out in May and conforms with current language. No further changes were made.

Policy 8075, “Student Suspension” This policy is updated to include a specific reference to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Discussion held. No further changes were made.

Policy 8646, “Expulsion/Denial of Attendance” This policy is being deleted. Policy 8090 will take its place.

Policy 8090, “Student Expulsion/Denial of Enrollment” This policy is updated to include a specific reference to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and to update legal references. No further changes were made.

Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to delete Policy 8646, “Expulsion/Denial of Attendance” and to approve the first readings of Policy 7550, “Title IX Grievance Policy;” Policy 8075, “Student Suspension;” and Policy 8090, “Student Expulsion/Denial of Enrollment.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

7. ADJOURN

Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Kent Miller
Chairman

August 12, 2020
Date