

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at the Snake River Jr. High
918 West Hwy 93, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lon Harrington opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. 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.

4. PROPERTY DISPOSAL

The district would like to dispose of a 2006 Ford Taurus valued at under \$500.

Marci VanOrden moved and Bill Martin seconded to dispose of a 2006 Ford Taurus valued under \$500. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

5. COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Superintendent Kress updated the board on the Covid-19 Response Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. He explained that this is a procedure that he feels is concise but addresses the important areas required from the CDC and Public Health and is confident that the district can uphold and meet the requirements. After the plan was reviewed, discussion took place about getting the message out to those in the district and they also discussed transportation issues.

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Bill Martin to approve the Snake River School District Covid-19 Response Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. All other board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

6. ONLINE LEARNING CONTRACT

At the last board meeting, a presentation was given by representatives from Overture Learning that would give the district the ability to offer curriculum to K-8 students inside and outside of our district to continue education from home from the beginning of the school year to the end if they choose or in a 12-week, 24-week, or 36-week format to match the district's trimester system. Effective date of the contract would be July 29, 2020. If approved, there would be enough funding to hire an administrator and a teacher per 50 students who would be trained as soon as hired and be ready to start by the beginning of the school. Discussion held. Superintendent Kress stressed that this is just an option for those who do not want to come to school because of Covid-19 or other reasons. It is not a program that will be competitive against the teachers and students who are in the district already. It is just another option. Trustee Martin would like to approve the contract for only a year and then reevaluate. The board authorized the superintendent to make decisions and sign the contract. The board also discussed a name for the school, if approved, and would like to call it Snake River Online.

Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded that the Snake River School District enter into a contract with Overture Learning for the 2020-2021 school year. All other board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Marci VanOrden and seconded by Lon Harrington.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Kent Miller
Chairman

August 12, 2020
Date