

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Snake River Junior High
918 West Highway 39, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

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, Lon Harrington, Larin Mortimer, and Kent Miller. Also attending were Superintendent Mark Kress and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carol Hepworth 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 Marci VanOrden to approve the agenda as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Board Reorganization

Elections for board officers were conducted.

Lon Harrington nominated Kent Miller as Chairman and Marci VanOrden seconded; with no further nominations being made, Marci VanOrden moved to cease nominations and Carol Hepworth seconded. Kent Miller was elected as Chairman by a 4-0 vote.

Larin Mortimer nominated Lon Harrington as Vice-Chairman and Carol Hepworth seconded; with no further nominations being made, Larin Mortimer moved to cease nominations and Lon Harrington seconded. Lon Harrington was elected as Vice-Chairman by a 4-0 vote.

Lon Harrington nominated Marci VanOrden as Treasurer and Kent Miller seconded; with no further nominations being made, Lon Harrington moved to cease nominations and Larin Mortimer seconded. Marci VanOrden was elected as Treasurer a 4-0 vote.

It was moved by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington that Terisa Coombs serve as Board Clerk and the district's Custodian of Records. All the board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Set Meeting Calendar

Lon Harrington moved that the regular board meetings be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise by the board, and that they be held at the district office or at the schools as posted during the year. Motion was seconded by Larin Mortimer. All the board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Appointment of Board Representatives to Committees

Discussion was held about each committee and board member responsibilities. When each board member would like to give a report on their specific committee, they will contact the board clerk and add it to the next board meeting agenda.

The new chairman made committee assignments for the following:

**Snake River Education Foundation: Carol Hepworth
Snake River Activities Foundation: Marci VanOrden
Snake River School/Community Library: Lon Harrington
Technology Advisory Committee: Carol Hepworth
Budget Committee: Kent Miller
Insurance Committee: Larin Mortimer
Negotiations: Lon Harrington and Larin Mortimer
ISBA Business Session Representative: Lon Harrington**

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting December 16, 2020

New Hires: Lisa Page, Riverside Librarian.

Budget Report, Payroll and Claims Payable for December, 2020

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

b. Families First Coronavirus Response Act Extension

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act in the district expired on December 31, 2020. Superintendent Kress would like to extend this to June 1, 2021 which will continue to allow two weeks of Covid-related leave. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Larin Mortimer and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve an extension of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which allows two weeks of Covid-related leave from January 1 through June 1, 2021. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Report:

1. Covid-19/Blended Learning Model Report:

In the Covid-19 report, Superintendent Kress discussed the process of requesting vaccinations for the employees in our district. He has been working with Bingham Memorial Hospital who will be providing the vaccinations for as many staff as possible and setting up a schedule with them. He is hoping for this to happen next week. Superintendent Kress has also been closely watching the legislature and decisions that they have been making as far as Covid-19 and education in general. The governor would like to allow more spectators into athletic events and those recommendations will come from the State Board of Education within the next couple of days. Chairman Miller emphasized that the district has been vigilant in following the state and health department guidelines and he feels that it is important to continue to follow them. The board wants what is best for students. After receiving the new recommendations, Superintendent Kress will make the appropriate decisions needed.

2. ISBA Model Policy Services:

The district will begin working with ISBA to update the policy manual soon, hopefully sometime in February. The process of how that works was discussed and the board is looking forward to getting that started.

b. Superintendent and District Goals:

Open discussion between Superintendent Kress and the Board about district and superintendent goals took place. Each board member brought three ideas that could possibly be used as goals. Chairman Miller and Superintendent Kress will sit down together, take these ideas that were discussed tonight and compile a list of goals that will be used in the 2022 evaluation.

c. Upcoming Events:

- 1. Parent Teacher Conferences: January 21st: High School, Jr. High, Middle School, and Rockford. January 28th: Riverside; February 8-11th: Moreland.**
- 2. Day on the Hill will be virtual and is scheduled for February 15th.**
- 3. President's Day is Monday, February 15th and there will be no school that day.**
- 4. Next Board Meeting is February 10th, 2021 at Tommy Vaughn's.** A supplemental levy presentation will be given at this meeting. Discussion held.

7. ADJOURN

Lon Harrington moved and Larin Mortimer seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Kent Miller
Chairman

02/10/2021
Date