

Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Tommy Vaughn's Grill
850 Jensen Grove Drive, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larin Mortimer 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 voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021.

Resignation: Naomi Edmonds, Moreland Pre-School Teacher.

Budget, Payroll and Claims Payable for January 2021.

Property Disposal: 12-inch Hobart Slicer valued at \$1,000.

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Marci Van Orden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with permission to dispose of a 12-inch Hobart Slicer. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Supplemental Levy Presentation:

Superintendent Kress gave a supplemental levy presentation. The date of the election is March 9, 2021. The board is seeking \$729,000 a year over a two-year period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, which is a reduction from \$750,000 a year for the prior two years. Superintendent Kress said it is needed to maintain the budget at the current level for maintenance and operations. The levy would require a simple majority for passage and if passed, based on current numbers, there will be a reduced cost to taxpayers from \$171 per \$100K in 2019 down to about \$158 per \$100K in 2021.

Superintendent Kress also explained that the Snake River Education Foundation would work on creating an informational flyer that will be distributed to as many people as possible. Because of Idaho election laws, Districts cannot electioneer but they can educate. The difference between advocate and education was discussed. Superintendent Kress will present the same levy information to staff in each of the buildings at their next staff meetings. He will also do a FaceBook Live with SREA President Jon Hawkes before election day. A PowerSchool Announcement will also be sent to parents, staff, and seniors.

b. Jr. High Project Proposal:

Jr. High Principal, Rich Dunn was present to discuss plans to build an outdoor basketball court at the Jr. High. He received a quote for \$23,660. Discussion was held about where the basketball court will be located and when construction will begin.

c. Superintendent Report:

1. Covid-19 Update/Blended Learning Report:

Superintendent Kress updated the board on the status of Covid-19 in the district. This week, there have been no staff members with Covid. The 1:1 initiative with laptops has been really helpful for those students who do contract Covid and need to stay home.

2. Snake River Online Survey Results:

Overture has offered to increase the enrollment of the Snake River Online K-8 Program and discussion was carried out. Superintendent Kress also mentioned the possibility of expanding the K-8 program to high school. At this time, the conversation is just starting and at the next meeting, he will have more information for the board.

5. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. High School Gymnasium:

Superintendent Kress and Tyler Watt (patron over the gymnasium committee) updated the board on replacing the high school gymnasium bleachers and resurfacing the floors. The committee has received some unofficial quotes for the bleachers and they would like to have a conversation about opening up the bidding process as soon as possible. The project needs to be finished by August so fall sports can begin on time. A lengthy discussion was carried out about the differences between each company and their product designs, quotes, warranties, and timelines. Plans will be made to open up the bidding process soon and possibly a special meeting will be held before next board meeting to approve a bid.

Lon Harrington approved and Larin Mortimer seconded to approve the solicitation of bids to replace the high school gymnasium bleachers. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. 2022-2023 District Calendar:

One of the board's responsibilities is to approve the district calendar. After working with SREA President Jon Hawkes and Superintendent Kress, Principal Dean Bonney has submitted the 2022-2023 district calendar for board approval. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Marci VanOrden to approve the 2022-2023 District Calendar as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Policy 8201, High School and Jr. High Extracurricular Academic Eligibility:

The Jr. High has aligned their daily schedule with the high school so this policy needs to be updated to reflect academic eligibility changes.

Larin Mortimer approved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the first reading of Policy 8201, High School and Jr. High Extracurricular Academic Eligibility. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Renewal of Superintendent Contract:

Chairman Miller discussed the extension of Superintendent Kress's contract through the 2022-2023 school year. Chairman Miller will meet with Superintendent Kress and discuss stretch goals, salary and benefits before the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Marci Van Orden and seconded by Carol Hepworth to extend the contract with Superintendent Mark Kress through the 2022-2023 school year with stretch goals, salary and benefits to be negotiated at a later time. A roll call vote was taken: Larin Mortimer, aye; Lon Harrington, aye; Marci VanOrden, aye; and Carol Hepworth, aye; Kent Miller, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Upcoming Events:

1. No school on Monday, February 15, 2021 for President's Day
2. Day on the Hill is being held virtually on February 15, 2021
3. There will be no school for grades K-6 on March 4, 2021 for Teacher Inservice
4. Supplemental Levy Election will be March 9, 2021
5. Kindergarten Registration will be March 11, 2021
6. Teacher Inservice will be March 12, 2021
7. Next Board Meeting is March 17, 2021 at Snake River Middle School

8. ADJOURN

Larin Mortimer moved and Lon Harrington seconded to adjourn.

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

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Kent Miller
Chairman

March 17, 2021
Date