

Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Snake River School District Office
103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, May 19, 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, Lon Harrington, and Marci VanOrden. Larin Mortimer came to board meeting at 7:05 p.m. 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 Carol Hepworth to approve the agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021.

Retirement: Celesta Murdock, High School Special Ed Parapro (32 years).

Resignations: Ginger VanOrden, Moreland Special Ed Teacher; Carolyn Anderson, High School English Teacher; Kristine VanOrden, Rockford 4th Grade Teacher; Cheryl King, Educational Interpreter for the Deaf; McKenzie Bench, Rockford Special Ed Parapro; Heather Hale, Rockford Special Ed Parapro.

New Hires: Taryn McCallister, Moreland First Grade Teacher; McKenzie Bench, Rockford Fourth Grade Teacher; Heather Hale, Rockford Fourth Grade Teacher; Audra Stokes, Moreland Special Ed Teacher.

Alternative Authorizations:

1. The district hired McKenzie Bench and Heather Hale as fourth grade teachers at Rockford Elementary. They are both in the process of completing their education degree but have their student teaching portion to complete. The district is requesting that the board approve the request for alternative authorizations. They should receive a clear credential within the school year.
2. The district has hired Audra Stokes as a Moreland Special Education Teacher. While she is working on finishing requirements to add an endorsement to her certificate to teach special education, the district is requesting that the board approve the request for an alternative authorization.

Budget, Payroll and Claims Payable for April 2021.

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with special thanks to Celesta Murdock for the years of service she has given to the district and also to approve the request for alternative authorizations for McKenzie Bench, Heather Hale, and Audra Stokes. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Report:

1. Superintendent Kress briefly discussed the shooting incident that happened in the Rigby School District and what actions the district has taken as far as training and that counselors are available if anyone should need one, etc.
2. Compensation and Benefit Discussions will be starting soon as the Legislative Session has finally adjourned. Salaries were discussed along with increasing extracurricular and activity stipends. Registration is underway for the Snake River Online High School. Superintendent Kress also discussed the ISAT scores from the district and was excited about the growth. Discussion was held on ways to continue the upward trend, especially in mathematics.
3. Driver Education students will now be given the choice to use advanced opportunities. If they choose to use advanced opportunities, the cost will be \$25 and they will get a high school credit with passage of the class. If they choose not to, the cost will be \$225.
4. There will be many maintenance and technology projects taking place during the summer including adding better lighting by the football field and down the back driveway of the high school, the high school gymnasiums are getting new bleachers and upgrades to the sound system, lighting and paint, the junior high outside basketball court will be finished, adding cameras around the bus island, and installing a fiber network in more areas to provide increased wifi and internet, etc.
5. Superintendent Kress reported on the status of Covid-19 Update/Blended Learning Report. There are still cases in the district, though very minimal. Good handwashing and safety protocols are being followed.

b. Upcoming Events

1. Teacher Inservice for K-6 is May 20, 2021
2. FFA Banquet and Auction will be May 21, 2021
3. Graduation will be May 26, 2021 at Snake River High School
4. Last Day of School for students is May 27, 2021
5. Last Day for Teachers will be May 28, 2021
6. End of the Year Staff Meeting will be May 28, 2021
7. ISBA Conference will be November 17-19, 2021 in Boise

6. POLICY READINGS

Policy 1140, "Vacancies"

Policy 1200, "Annual Organization Meeting"

Policy 1260, "Authorization of Signatures and Electronic Signatures"

Policy 1315 "District Planning"

Policy 1410, "Board/Superintendent Relationship"

Policy 1420, "Trustee Expenses"

Policy 1500, "Board Meetings"

Policy 1500P, "Board Meeting Procedure"

Policy 1615, "Trustee Spouse Employment"

Larin Mortimer approved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the first reading of Policy 1140, "Vacancies;" Policy 1200, "Annual Organization Meeting;" Policy 1260, "Authorization of Signatures and Electronic Signatures;" Policy 1315 "District Planning;" Policy 1410, "Board/Superintendent Relationship;" Policy 1420, "Trustee Expenses;" Policy 1500, "Board Meetings;" Policy 1500P, "Board Meeting Procedure;" and Policy 1615 "Trustee Spouse Employment." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. CLOSING INFORMATION ITEM

Negotiations will begin on June 1, 2021 at 5 p.m. The Annual Budget Hearing/Next Board Meeting is June 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the District Office.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The board went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Personnel was discussed from 8:20 p.m. until 8:55 p.m.

9. 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 8:55 p.m.

11. ADJOURN

Lon Harrington moved and Marci VanOrden seconded to adjourn.

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

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Kent Miller
Chairman

June 16, 2021
Date