

**Snake River School Board of Trustees**  
**Held at Snake River School District Office**  
**103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 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 VanOrden, Larin Mortimer, and Lon Harrington. Also attending were Superintendent Mark Kress and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lon Harrington 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 July 21, 2021

**New Hires:** Amber Moon, Moreland Kindergarten Teacher; Jennifer Shaw, Kristen Whitworth, and Sarah Martin, Snake River Online teachers; Lori Wach, Full-time Bus Driver; Janae Crook, Gloria Bennett, Elene Adler, Ryan Morgan, Natalie Jossis, and Lorise Merkley, Special Ed Paraprof; and Josh Argueta, Middle School EL Paraprof.

**Budget, Payroll and Claims Payable** for July 2021

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

**c. Bus Routes and Safety Busing:**

The board is required by law to review safety busing and routes for the 2021-2022 school year during its August board meeting. Gina Dawson, Transportation Supervisor, gave a presentation. This year the district will be busing about 1273 students, which is about 20 more students on each bus than last year. There are 18 routes in total. Because of the increased number of students, Superintendent Kress and Mrs. Dawson will be looking at adding another route if they can find enough bus drivers. For safety busing, the state requires that all students who live within a mile of a school walk to school but because there are highways, railroad tracks, and canals, etc., in our district within that mile, the state allows for students to use the busing system for student's safety. This year, she feels the numbers will increase from last year and is expecting at least 200 students. Turnarounds have changed from last year. Mrs. Dawson eliminated three turnarounds where there is a lot of traffic. She changed the route to go around the block instead because she feels it is safer and it only added minimal time to the route. The other turnarounds are mostly on dead end roads and out on the desert. Mrs. Dawson also introduced a new bus pass system that she will be using this year. Each student will receive a bus pass that is color-coded as to which bus they will be riding. Information on the bus pass includes the student's name, address, bus number, pick up and drop off times, the bus driver's name, and the island space. She hopes that this will help everyone involved in transporting children. Before the first day of school, each bus driver will deliver the passes to the students who ride their bus with a letter discussing the procedure. The board thanked Mrs. Dawson and the transportation department for all of their hard work.

**A motion was made by Larin Mortimer and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the district bus routes, turnarounds and safety busing as established for the 2021-2022 school year. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**4. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments for the patron forum.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Superintendent Report:**

**1. Child Nutrition Report:** Rene Osman, Supervisor, gave a presentation on the Child Nutrition Program. Last year there were 48,474 breakfasts served and 110,502 lunches served, for a total of 158,976 meals. Because of the USDA waivers, the district was able to provide free meals to students. Mrs. Osman also discussed the last two years during the Covid pandemic with its challenges, reimbursements, the waiver, product availability and increasing prices of food and supplies. She also expressed her gratitude for her staff and also the continued support from the school board, administrators, and community.

**2. Facility Report:** Superintendent Kress discussed the facility projects that are ongoing around the district including the high school gymnasiums, the outdoor basketball court, the jr. high bus island, and several technology projects. He also discussed the high school auditorium and the need for updates soon.

**3. Upcoming Events:**

- a. Opening Meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch provided by the Snake River Education Foundation
- b. Back to School Night will be August 17, 2021 for everyone except for the Middle School which will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, Students Grades 1-12 Return to school on August 18<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten returns on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- c. Teacher Inservice is August 20, 2021
- d. Annual ISBA Conference will be November 17-19, 2021 in Boise
- e. Election packets are ready to pick up now, last day to file is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Election is Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

**b. Board Goals:**

**2021-2022 Board Goals**

1. All board members will participate in at least three trainings a year.
2. Individual trustees will attend at least 85% of board meetings.
3. The board will focus on district-wide math curriculum improvement and support the superintendent's recommendations.
4. Increase the fund balance by \$150,000.

**6. ACTION ITEMS—POLICY READINGS  
SECOND READINGS:**

**Policy 1620P, "Board of Trustees Annual Goals,"** Old policy 108 has been added as a procedure to new Policy 1620.

**Policy 7340, "Substitute Pay,"** The district has recently increased substitute pay and the policy/procedure reflects those changes.

**Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the second readings of Policy 1620p, Board of Trustees Annual Goals" and Policy 7340, "Substitute Pay." All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Policy 1300, "District Policy."** This update involves the review of policies by the Board. It offers a new option for less frequent routine review of policies. It has been rephrased in light of the fact some policies are required to be reviewed more.

**Policy 1303, "Policies and Procedures to Review Annually."** By popular request, this new policy provides a list of policies that must be reviewed annually. It also provides a way to document such review.

**Policy 1315, "District Planning."** This update is to comply with HB222, which modified the continuous improvement plan and consolidated various reporting requirements into one.

**Policy 1500, "Board Meetings."** This reflects the change in SB1043aa, which now requires school districts and charter school boards to take action on student disciplinary hearings in Executive Session. It does require you to reflect the decision – without naming the student – in the official minutes, and place a copy of the decision in the student's file. We will soon update the Clerk's manual to include sample language for purposes of your minutes.

**Policy 8200, "Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations."** The IHSAA has changed Rule 17 which deals with how much time school and club coaches can spend with athletes outside their regular season. This policy reflects those changes.

**Marci VanOrden moved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve the first readings of Policy 1300, District Policy;" Policy 1303, "Policies and Procedures to Review Annually;" Policy 1315 "District Planning;" and Policy 1500, "Board Meetings;" All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Larin Mortimer and seconded by Lon Harrington to table Policy 8200, "Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations." All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**7. CLOSING INFORMATION ITEM**

Next Board Meeting is September 15th, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the District Office.

**8. ADJOURN**

**Marci VanOrden moved and Lon Harrington seconded to adjourn.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Terisa Coombs**  
Clerk

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**Kent Miller**  
Chairman

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**September 15, 2021**  
Date