

**Snake River School Board of Trustees**  
**Held at Snake River School District Office**  
**103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221**  
**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Lon Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were Carol Hepworth, Josh Sorensen, Toni Ibarra and Larin Mortimer. Also attending was Superintendent Mark Kress, Business Manager Bronson Funk, and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Josh Sorensen 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 Larin Mortimer to approve the agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**b. Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of May 18, 2022

**Resignation:** Marc Pange, Bus Driver

**New Hires:** Krystal Ward-Seamons, Secondary Math Teacher; Kiara Eames, SROHS Career Exploration Teacher; Erica Marshall, SROHS Counselor; Michelle Cicotte, SRO Elementary Teacher; Jill Taft, SRO Elementary Teacher; Lorena Corgatelli, SROHS Spanish/Science Teacher; Arynne Hoge, SROHS Art Teacher; DoraLee Mortensen, Jr. High Assistant Secretary; Mary Hammond, Moreland Special Ed Parapro; Jamie Dance, Moreland Special Ed Parapro; Marcia Hicken, Rockford Special Ed Parapro; Christine Robbins, High School Assistant Librarian; Rachel Grimmert, High School Assistant Librarian; Cheryl Stewart, Middle School Kitchen Manager; Paul Turpin, Bus Driver; Charlotte Reid, part-time High School English Teacher and part-time SRO Elementary Teacher; Jaime Mickelsen, from part-time to full-time SRO Elementary Teacher; Mandie Lott, from SROHS Science Teacher to SRO Elementary Teacher; Sarah Brown, from Moreland first grade teacher to part-time SRO Elementary Teacher; Sharon Gustaveson, part-time high school Math Teacher and part-time SRO Math Teacher.

**Alternative Authorizations:** Erica Marshall is finishing her counseling degree but is in need of an alternative authorization to allow her to work as a counselor for Snake River Opportunities High School.

**Budget, Payroll and Claims Payable** for May 2022.

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

**c. Adoption of K-4 Reveal Math Curriculum**

Superintendent Kress discussed the legislative changes to curriculum adoption in our state and Principal David Dougal explained the process of adoption of Grades K-4 Reveal Math Curriculum. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the committee met to review the Reveal Math Curriculum which is a product of McGraw Hill Publishing. The meeting was duly noticed and the public was invited to attend. The evaluation tool was used. The main objectives were to see if the curriculum met the Idaho Math Standards and if it would help students get ready for college and careers. Thirteen people sat on the committee, including two board members, two parents, and teachers. Trustee Sorensen noted that it is very important that there is alignment with terminology between the different grades as there is different curriculum being used throughout the district. Discussion was held. All who were on the committee agreed in the affirmative to adopt the K-4 Reveal Math Curriculum as well as Superintendent Kress, who recommended the adoption.

**Carol Hepworth moved and Josh Sorensen seconded to adopt the Reveal Math Curriculum, a product of McGraw-Hill Publishing, for grades Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**d. Budget Hearing**

Superintendent Kress and Bronson Funk, Business Manager, presented the proposed 2022-2023 district budget. See attached budget and presentation.

**Josh Sorensen moved and Larin Mortimer seconded to approve the proposed 2022-23 Maintenance and Operations Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Larin Mortimer, aye; Toni Ibarra, aye; Josh Sorensen, aye, and Lon Harrington, aye. Carol Hepworth abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. Motion passed 4-0.**

**e. SROHS Change to Alternative School Request**

Superintendent Kress discussed the pros and cons of changing SROHS grades 9-12 to an alternative school status. Superintendent Kress explained that the due date is fast approaching to turn in the application to become an alternative school. The change of status may not happen but if the decision is made to go ahead, approval is needed by the board.

**Carol Hepworth moved and Larin Mortimer seconded to approve the request by Snake River Opportunities High School to change to an alternative school for the 2022-2023 school year. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

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**f. Schedule Work Meeting**

The next installment of policies (Section 2000) from ISBA are due in July. To be able to get through all of them, a work day needs to be scheduled to get through the number of policies that are left.

**A motion was made by Josh Sorensen and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve that a Work Meeting be scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the district office. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**4. PATRON FORUM**

There were no comments.

**5. INFORMATION ITEM:**

**a. Superintendent Report:**

**I.** June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the band room is Meet the New Band Director, KayLynn Hammond.

**b. Bus Bid Changes:**

Superintendent Kress discussed the needed bus bid changes. In December, the board approved the bid of a BlueBird bus. Shortly after that approval, the company said that because of the demand for parts and the increasing price, they needed to add \$8,000 to the purchase price and the board approved that increase. BlueBird then came back and asked for \$10,000 more. Superintendent Kress denied that request and cancelled the order of the bus. Galen Sasser, district mechanic, called Thomas Bus and asked if they were having the same problem. They said that they were able to meet the demands of every customer they had at the price that was bid. Thomas Bus said that they would honor the bid price from December and so the district purchased two buses, one to be delivered in March and then one sometime in the summer next year. The district will not be selling any old buses until we receive the new buses.

**c. Summer Maintenance Projects Report**

There are many maintenance projects happening this summer around the district. Superintendent Kress discussed some of these projects. He was happy to report that the All Call function on the new telephones is now working in all buildings. With recent events with school shootings, a lengthy discussion was held about safety in the schools and the training with students and staff. The Jr. High gym floor has been redone and finished. Painting in district buildings is ongoing. The front entryway at the junior high has been demolished and the maintenance crew is redoing it.

Superintendent Kress informed the board that he is considering terminating the contract between ABM. The future plan would be the district hiring their own custodians. The board was in agreement. Superintendent Kress will terminate the contract this week, which will start the 60-day termination period.

June is Board Appreciation Month and Superintendent Kress expressed appreciation for each board member and thanked them for what they do for the district.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**First Readings: (policy readings that have been tabled until after negotiations)**

**Policy 5250, "Certified Staff Grievances"**

**Policy 5250P, "Certificated Staff Grievances Procedure"**

**Policy 5250F, "Certificated Staff Notice of Grievance"**

**Policy 5400, "Leaves of Absence"**

**Policy 5400P1, "Classified Sick Leave and Sick Leave Bank"**

**Policy 5400P2, "Personal Leave Procedure"**

**Policy 5400F1, "Classified Employee Request for Sick Leave Bank"**

**Policy 5400F2, "Classified Employee Request, Physician Statement"**

**Policy 5430, "Insurance Benefits for Employees/Trustees"**

**Policy 5430P "Employee Benefit Schedule"**

**Policy 5700P, "Substitute Pay"**

**Larin Mortimer moved and Josh Sorensen seconded to approve the first reading of Policy 5250, "Certified Staff Grievances;" Policy 5250P, Certificated Staff Grievances Procedure;" Policy 5250F, "Certificated Staff Notice of Grievance;" Policy 5400, "Leaves of Absence;" Policy 5400P1, "Classified Sick Leave and Sick Leave Bank;" Policy 5400P2, "Personal Leave Procedure;" Policy 5400F1, "Classified Employee Request for Sick Leave Bank;" Policy 5400F2, "Classified Employee Request, Physician Statement;" Policy 5430, "Insurance Benefits for Employees/Trustees;" Policy 5430P "Employee Benefit Schedule;" and Policy 5700P, "Substitute Pay." All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.**

**7. CLOSING INFORMATION ITEM**

**a. The next Regular Board Meeting will be July 20, 2022 at the Snake River School District Office at 7 p.m.**

**8. ADJOURN**

**Toni Ibarra moved to adjourn and Larin Mortimer seconded.**

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

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**ATTEST:**

**Terisa Coombs**  
Clerk

**Lon Harrington**  
Chairman

**July 20, 2022**  
Date