

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Riverside Elementary
16 South 700 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Monday, February 13, 2023**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. 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 4-0.

b. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023

Retirements: Warren Collins, High School Math Teacher (9 years); Lisa Esplin, Kindergarten Teacher (15 years);

Resignations: McKenzie Huntsman, Moreland First Grade Teacher; Amanda Scott, Moreland Kindergarten Aide; Debra Robertson, Moreland EL Parapro.

New Hires: Stacie Shawver, High School Counselor Office Assistant/Registrar

Budget, Payroll and Claims Payable for January 2023.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Toni Ibarra to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a special thanks to those who are retiring for their years of service to the district. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

c. Bus Bid Results

A bid opening for the purchase of one 72-passenger school bus was done at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 for a bus to be delivered in July of 2024. Bids were received from Western Mountain Bus Sales and Rush Truck Centers. Galen Sasser, district bus mechanic, has checked the bids to make sure they meet specifications and has recommended that the board accept the lowest bidder at \$111,836.00 for the 72-passenger from Western Mountain Bus Sales.

Larin Mortimer moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the bid from Western Mountain Bus Sales in the amount of \$111,836.00 for the purchase of one 72-passenger bus. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

d. 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 District Calendars

2023-2024: Superintendent Kress discussed a couple of changes he would like to make to the 2023-24 calendar. He would like to amend the calendar by adding two early release dates at 1:00 p.m. on December 21st and the last day of school, May 23rd.

2024-2025: Two calendars were sent to each of the buildings to have the employees decide on which one they would like. The general consensus was calendar #2. Discussion was held about the process of how the dates of homecoming and spud harvest are chosen. The board agreed with supporting calendar #2 and will approve this calendar in February of 2024.

Larin Mortimer moved to approve the changes to the 2023-2024 district calendar as presented. Carol Hepworth seconded. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

e. Emergency Closures:

On January 30 and 31, 2023, there was an emergency closure of all the schools in the district because of adverse weather conditions. A Certificate of Closure was sent to the state. Make-up days are not needed.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Toni Ibarra to approve the Emergency Closures of all the Snake River District schools on January 30 and 31, 2023 because of adverse weather conditions. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

f. Superintendent Contract Renewal

A discussion was held between Superintendent Kress and the board about extending the superintendent's contract. The amount of the contract will be determined and negotiated after negotiations in May.

Carol Hepworth moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to extend the superintendent's contract through the 2025-2026 fiscal year with details to be determined by May of 2023. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

3. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments for the patron forum.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Report

1. Review Return to School Plan:

The board reviewed the district's return to school plan. It is required to review the plan every six months until August of 2023. No changes were made at this time.

2. **Legislative Updates:**

Superintendent Kress updated the board about the legislative session including issues surrounding vouchers, property tax relief, enrollment versus attendance, election days, and salary apportionment.

5. **POLICY READING**

First Reading:

Policy 2210 P1— “Weather-Related School Closure.” Updates were made to the section on extra-curricular activities on how the determination will be made for activities held on weather-related school closure days.

A motion was made by Larin Mortimer and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the first reading of Policy 2210 P1, “Weather-Related School Closure.” All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

6. **CLOSING INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. **Upcoming Events**

1. **Day on the Hill, February 20-21, 2023**
 2. **No School on Monday, February 20, 2022 for President’s Day**
 3. **K-6 Teacher Inservice, March 2, 2023**
 4. **Teacher Inservice (Professional Development) is Friday, March 10, 2023**
 5. **Supplemental Levy Election Day, March 14, 2023, Early Voting Begins February 27, 2023**
- b. **Next Board Meeting will be March 15, 2023 at the Snake River School District Office at 7 p.m.**

7. **ADJOURN**

Larin Mortimer moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Lon Harrington
Vice Chairman

March 15, 2023
Date