

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Riverside Elementary
16 South700 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Monday, February 12, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PRAYER/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 5-0.

b. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2024

Resignations: Amber Merrill, Kindergarten Teacher (end of year); Erica Kolasch, Kindergarten Teacher (end of year); Abby Fyfe, Preschool Parapro.

Payroll Status Change: Morgan Cobb, Custodian (from 5 hours to 7 hours a day)

Payroll and Claims Payable for January 2024

Property Disposal: Tomcat 250 Floor Scrubber to R&S Distributing for \$1000.

Trip Requests: IETA Technology Conference February 6-8, 2024; Yearbook Summer Camp July 21-24, 2024 in Boise, ID.

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

c. CD Renewals

Superintendent Kress explained that the district has a 12-month CD that is maturing on Friday, February 16th. Representatives from Idaho Central Credit Union and New York Life presented different investing options to the board. Calvin Murdock and Jacob Humpherys from New York Life discussed fixed annuities and Index Flex (which is proprietary to New York Life) and the current interest rates. Melanie Hathaway from Idaho Credit Central Union also discussed CD rates and different options including a Ladder Strategy and Insured Structure. She mentioned that interest rates change all the time and last week it was predicted that by the fourth quarter interest rates will probably be down to or under 3%. Harmony Shuler, Business Manager talked with Zions Bank earlier this week and they haven't gotten back to her yet. The board would like more time to look over the different options before making a decision. The CD expires on February 16th and there is a ten-day window after that date before something needs to be done. A special board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22 at the Snake River District Office at 7 p.m. so more discussion and a final decision can be made.

Lon Harrington moved and Larin Mortimer seconded to table the motion to renew the 12-month CD at Idaho Central Credit Union and also approved to schedule a special meeting on February 22, 2024 at the Snake River District Office at 7 p.m. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments in the Patron Forum.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Report

1. School Safety Report: Superintendent Kress updated the board about school safety. The district is also working on a few grants that, if funded, will help with building safety projects including the plans prepared by the safety team for the Secure Our Future Phase 2 building plans, vape grant, technology grant, and the CTE grant. The Secure Our Future Plans for Phase 2, which include door access control and wireless communication, have been approved by the board in the July 19, 2023 board meeting.

2. District Advocacy Plan: The Idaho State Legislature session began in January. Legislators often turn to districts and ask them what they need. Chairman Sorensen thought it would be helpful to discuss what the district's needs are so if that happens, the board could have a united front in advocating for those needs. A letter outlining these needs has been written and sent to three local State Representatives. It will also be uploaded to the main page of the website for community access. Superintendent Kress also updated the board about the legislative session.

6. Policy Readings:

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Policy 9000—Goals

Policy 9100—Use of Disposal of School Property

Policy 9200—Contractor License, Surety Bonds, and Insurance

Policy 9300—Operation and Maintenance of District Facilities

Policy 9400—Safety Program

Policy 9500—Security

Policy 9600—Facilities Operations

Policy 9605—Facilities Separated by Sex
Policy 9610—Waste Management and Recycling
Policy 9700—District-Wide Asbestos Program
Policy 9705—Hazard Mitigation—Chemistry Lab Disposal
Policy 9800—Naming of School Facilities
Policy 9802—Display of the National Motto
Policy 9805—Memorials on School Grounds

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol Hepworth to waive the first reading and adopt Policy 9000—Goals; Policy 9100—Use of Disposal of School Property; Policy 9200—Contractor License, Surety Bonds, and Insurance; Policy 9300—Operation and Maintenance of District Facilities; Policy 9400—Safety Program; Policy 9500—Security; Policy 9600—Facilities Operations; Policy 9605—Facilities Separated by Sex; Policy 9610—Waste Management and Recycling; Policy 9700—District-Wide Asbestos Program; Policy 9705—Hazard Mitigation—Chemistry Lab Disposal; Policy 9800—Naming of School Facilities; Policy 9802—Display of the National Motto; and Policy 9805—Memorials on School Grounds. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Second Reading:

Policy 7260, “Student Activity Funds: This is an optional update to a required policy. This update adds a note explaining that Idaho Code requires boards to adopt a policy that describing the kinds of expenses student activity funds will be used on. It also replaces a blank in which boards can describe these expenses with choice between suggested language and language drafted by the board.

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Lon Harrington to approve the second reading of Policy 7260, “Student Activity Funds. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. CLOSING INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Upcoming Events

1. Day on the Hill, February 19-20, 2024
2. No School on Monday, February 19, 2024 for President’s Day
3. Girls Basketball Tournament February 15-17, Boys February 29, March 1-2; Wrestling February 23-24; State Dance February 23; District Debate is February 16th; State Cheer February 24.
4. Teacher Prep Day for grades K-6, February 29, 2024
5. Teacher Inservice is Friday, March 15, 2024

b. Next Board Meeting will be March 20, 2024 at the Snake River Community Library at 7 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

Lon Harrington moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Josh Sorensen
Chairman

March 20, 2024
Date