

**Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Snake River Community Library
924 West Highway 39, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Wednesday, April 17, 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, Toni Ibarra, and Larin Mortimer. Others attending were Superintendent Mark Kress and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs.

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larin Mortimer 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 Minutes of March 20, 2024.

Retirement: Lisa Watt, High School English Teacher (8 years)

Resignations: Brenda Patten, Kindergarten Teacher; Janell Jarman, High School Special Ed Teacher; Nancy Lazard, Middle School Title I Parapro; Kierra Belk, Bus Driver.

New Hires: Kara Warner, District Accounts Payable Clerk; Julie Evans, Riverside Second Grade Teacher; Malin Abril, Moreland Kindergarten Teacher; Cassandra Merkle, Secondary Mathematics Teacher; Sierra May, SROHS Instructional Coach/Teacher; Paige Lynn, Bus Driver

Payroll Status Changes: Audra Stokes, Special Ed Teacher moving from Moreland to SROHS; Tatum Gifford, moving to full-time SRO K/8 Special Ed Teacher; Tyler Parkinson, moving to part-time Jr. High College and Career Teacher; Julie Ann Carter, moving from second grade to Kindergarten teacher.

Amended Reconciliation Report for August 2023; Payroll and Claims Payable for March 2024; First Quarter Investment Income Statements

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Toni Ibarra to approve the consent agenda as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Jr. High Class Fee Hearing

Snake River Jr. High is proposing to increase class fees because of the increased cost of materials for the 2024-2025 school year for the following class: Young Living from \$20.00 to \$30.00. The Notice of Fee Increase was posted in the Idaho State Journal on April 12 and April 15, 2024.

Lon Harrington moved and Carol Hepworth seconded to approve the Snake River Jr. High class fee increase as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Breakfast/Lunch Fee Increase Hearing

Snake River School District #52 is proposing to increase school lunch and breakfast program fees for the 2024-2025 school year. This increase in fees is to comply with the USDA required fee increase. This is to cover the cost of food, supplies and employees. The Notice of Fee Increase was posted in the Idaho State Journal on April 12 and April 15, 2024. Discussion was held about the difference between what the district charges for meals compared to what the USDA recommends the district should charge. Rene Osman, Child Nutrition Director will send the board the USDA recommended prices.

A motion was made by Lon Harrington and seconded by Carol to approve the Snake River School District Lunch and Breakfast fee increases as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

e. Summer Football Equipment Authorization

According to IHSAA rule, the board must send a letter to the IHSAA asking for written permission for the coaching staff to use the school's protective equipment for summer football camps. The request will have a statement of recognition that IHSAA sponsored catastrophic insurance provides no coverage for the activity and any liabilities rest solely with the school or camp. The Varsity/JV/Freshmen teams will participate in a summer football camp July 15-18, 2024.

Carol Hepworth moved and Lon Harrington seconded to approve a request that the IHSAA give written permission for the coaching staff to use the Snake River High School's protective football equipment for the football team summer camp on July 15-18, 2024. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

f. Reschedule May Board Meeting

With May being a busy month and negotiations beginning hopefully the first week in May, moving the board meeting to Monday, May 20th would give everyone more time to prepare the documents for the board meeting. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Larin Mortimer and seconded by Lon Harrington to reschedule board meeting from May 15, 2024 to May 20, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Snake River Community Library 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. **High School Presentation:** Principal Carter gave a brief presentation on academics and activities at the high school and handed out a calendar of activities being held the last month of school. He also gave a yearly summary of each of the events and programs from this year.

b. **Superintendent Report**

1. **Legislative Updates:** Superintendent Kress updated the board about the legislative session including HB521, library bills, controversies about four-day school weeks, and changes to the driver's ed requirements.

2. **Safety Report:** There are many safety grants that the district has applied for and Superintendent Kress updated the board on how those are moving along.

c. **Upcoming Events**

a. Negotiations should start within the next month.

b. Kindergarten Graduation is May 14th, Last day of Kindergarten is May 15th.

c. Teacher Inservice for grades K-6 is May 16th.

d. SREF Color Run will be May 18th at 10 a.m.

e. Election Day for the primaries and supplemental levy is May 21st.

f. Last Day for Seniors is May 21st and Graduation is May 22nd at 8 p.m.

g. Last Day of School for students is May 23rd and for teachers is May 24th.

h. ISBA Leadership Institute in Pocatello is June 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

6. **CLOSING INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. Next Board Meeting will be May 20, 2024 at Snake River High School at 7 p.m.

8. **ADJOURN**

Lon Harrington moved and Larin Mortimer seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs

Clerk

Josh Sorensen

Chairman

May 20, 2024

Date