

NOTES TO KEY COMMUNICATORS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

KEY COMMUNICATOR NOTES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

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JOB OPENINGS

Certified Openings

Speech/Language Pathologist

Classified Openings

Part-Time Certified Physical Therapist
Summer Food Program KMS/SES
Assistant Kitchen Manager KHS
Part-Time Spec Ed Parapro
SVAS/Summer School Program

ENROLLMENT REPORT

School	Total Monday of this week
Canyon Elementary	61
Pinehurst Elementary	245
Sunnyside Elementary	263

Kellogg Middle School	316
Kellogg High School	428
Silver Valley Alt. High School	13
Pre-School	14
TOTAL	1340

Our enrollment is **down five** from last school week.

We are **down nine** students from the same school day last year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEACHER/EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

At the May 12, 2009 Board Meeting, the board announced the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year – Janel Fisher and also the Employee of the Year Team of Pat Parham and Francie Pooler. Janel was in Boise working on science reviews and will receive her plaque later. In addition to a plaque, the awards include \$100 to Janel and \$100 to be shared between Pat and Francie.

The kudos for these award winners are many. The following are a few of the highlights:

Janel Fisher. Actively involved in the construction of the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests, serves on the Idaho Science Teachers Association Board of Directors, and presents at ISTA Conferences. Janel has successfully written grants and assisted her co-workers to do the same. She puts in extra hours to orchestrate our annual Science Fair and serves three schools in a quality fashion. She also represents the district well as a very active member of the community.

Pat Parham and Francie Pooler. As a team, these cooks at KHS serve above and beyond on a regular basis. They have participated in developing the district Wellness Plan, regularly connect with students on a personal level, carefully give extra attention to special dietary requirements, prepare extra meals for All Sports Banquet and snacks for varied events, are “pros” at food art, and consistently adjust to hectic ever-changing schedules with a smile.

During the next school year, a wall plaque will be on display at Sunnyside in honor of Janel Fisher and another plaque will be on display at the High School in honor of Pat Parham and Francie Pooler.

Other nominees for Employee of the Year were Carol Costa, Francis Galloway, Julie Hunt, Jan Van Asche, and Chris Vlastelic.

Other nominees for Teacher of the Year were Bob Grigg.

We appreciate the high quality work that these people perform on a daily basis and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

At the May 12, 2009 Board Meeting the board presented plaques to Brad Corkill and Cleve Ashcraft in recognition of their outstanding volunteer service to the district.

Brad Corkill has been a board member of the Kellogg School District for ten years where he has served as chairperson from 1993 to 1999 and as a board member again from July 2005 to Feb 2009. Brad Corkill was also a member of the St. Maries School Board from December 1986 to July 1989 and served there as chairperson during that time. Canyon staff and community members would like to give Brad Corkill additional praise for his support of Canyon's move to a magnet school by assisting the school with connections to Science projects: LEGO

League, duck banding and the raptor recovery project. We appreciate all that Brad Corkill has done for the district and the children of our community.

Cleve Ashcraft. Over the last six years, Cleve Ashcraft has voluntarily taught mathematics to middle and high school students that are gifted and/or sometimes need instruction in areas that are between our normal school offerings. His unselfish tutoring has helped these students to learn to love mathematics and to excel. He does this volunteer work taking his own time and absorbing the travel expenses to school each day. Mr. Ashcraft does not ask for anything in return and has done a wonderful job with these higher-level math students. They have learned a tremendous amount from Cleve, and we know the students appreciate all he has done for them. Cleve has never asked for any special materials and often has brought in his own materials for the students to use. He has been a true volunteer and a blessing to the students he has served.

FINANCIAL FORUM, FOUR-DAY WEEK

The summary of the results of the survey can be found in the Budget Committee section on the district web site at

<http://www.ksd391.org/budgetcomm/4dwsurveyresults050809.pdf>

DISTRICT RETIREES

The following individuals have given official notification of retirement: El Donna Lowry and Francie Pooler.

These individuals will be honored at the WSEA/KSD sponsored retirement banquet on Friday May 29 at the Shoshone Golf Club in Big Creek. Social Hour will be at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. Retirement Banquet Co-chairs are Margie White and Juanita Yrjana.

Tickets are available at each school building or from the district office. The cost is \$16.00 per person. The last day to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, May 20.

HOW TO SUBMIT KEY COMMUNICATOR QUESTIONS

By letter:

Key Communicator Question
Kellogg School District Superintendent
800 Bunker Avenue
Kellogg, ID 83837
Be sure to sign the correspondence.

By e-mail:

Call the district at 784-1348 before e-mailing so we can give you the address and arrange to retrieve your mail from our filter.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Legislature adjourned last week so we have not been able to compile a summary of each bill affecting education. The full review of the bills can be found on the state department of education website at

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/postLeg/docs/JasonHancock/Final%20Education%20Laws%20and%20Rules%20Book.pdf>

REVIEW OF THE MAY 12 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The review of the meeting is not the official school board minutes. The minutes are published later.

- The regular meeting was held at Kellogg School District Office.
- Chairman George Blickenstaff called the meeting to order.
- Chairman Blickenstaff led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- The board approved the minutes of the previous meetings.
- The board received the Business Manager/Clerk Treasurer's report. She attended the legislative tour this week and reported on changes to some laws and funding that will affect the district.
- The auditing committee made a recommendation to pay bills for \$ 607,246.61 and the board approved payment.
- The board presented Brad Corkill and Cleve Ashcraft with plaques in recognition of their outstanding volunteer service to the district.
- The board presented certificates to those who were nominated for Employee of the Year. Nominees were Carol Costa, Francis Galloway, Julie Hunt, Jan Van Asche, and Chris Vlastelic .
- The board presented a certificate to those who were nominated for Teacher of the Year. The nominee was Bob Grigg.
- The board presented a plaque to the Employees of the Year –the team of Pat Parham and Francie Pooler shared the award.
- The board announced the teacher of the year, Janel Fisher who was in Boise at the time and will receive her plaque later.
- The board authorized Terry Rinaldi to call the trustee elections on Zone 1 (George Blickenstaff), Zone 2 (Bryon Morgan) and Zone 5 (Scott Gibbs) since there was only the one candidate for each zone.
- The Board viewed a demonstration by the Canyon Lego-League students.
- The board received the curriculum, instruction and assessment report. The board approved payment of mentor and peer assistant stipends. The board approved the alternative graduation mechanism for two students. The board approved K-5 Math and secondary Family and Consumer Science texts as per the Curriculum Advisory Committee recommendations. Title I Funds decreased by \$25,000. The district will use Stimulus funds to supplant the decrease and to help keep one kindergarten teacher. Title II funds for improving Teacher Quality will decrease by \$8,500 and are used for two class size reduction positions. The district will use Title I Stimulus funds to support a summer school program for

K-12 according to the guidelines for the funds.

Mrs. Farmin noted a district wide increase in IRI scores where we met the requirement.

- The board received the technology report. The technology department is continuing to work on the switch to the new Skyward student information system and planning the required training. Installation of "Pod" style computer mini labs in special education will allow us to make four computers out of one. The computers get more maximized usage and we use less electricity, etc.
- The board received the special services report from Dr. Castro. Annual Reviews and extended school year planning are in progress.
- The board received a report from Steve Mills on the Friends of Track program, noting the state of the track and his willingness to lead out on fundraising efforts.
- The board received a report on the Cell Phone Workshop for Public Input. No patrons showed up. The board took no action and current procedures will continue.
- The board reviewed the survey and public forum materials on the four-day week concept. The board voted to continue the five-day week at this time.
- The board approved to enter into a combined collective agreement with Kootenai for 2009-10 cross-country.
- The board approved a list of \$389,557 reductions across the district. The full list will be published on the web site after the employees to be reduced are personally notified (within the next three days). The reductions include: savings from moving the alternative school; field trip reductions; reducing the superintendent's salary; moving funding on various positions to be paid from Stimulus funds; reducing two teachers in areas where enrollment has specifically declined; transferring within the district to fill the music vacancy; reducing maintenance/custodian by 1; reducing full-time clerical to part-time; reducing administrator costs; reducing building supply budgets; reduce the nurse program and temporarily suspending the SRO program.
- The board approved to give public notice that it is open to continue shared services

with Wallace School district and open to considering full consolidation.

- The board approved open enrollment requests according to the principals' recommendations
- Under Miscellaneous:
- The board received the North Idaho Professional-Technical Report.
- The board received the energy use graphs plus a graph on energy costs.
- The board received notice that the legal description for the government gulch land has gone to DEQ in preparation for the next step.
- The board will hold a special board meeting on May 28 at 7:00 PM for discussion and possible action on sports reductions, discussion and possible action on the middle school locker room project, and preliminary review of the annual budget .

According to Idaho Code 67-2345 Section 1(b) the board adjourned to executive session to consider personnel issues. The board returned from executive session and took the following actions:

- The board approved to continue the probation of a certified teacher .
- The board approved to adopt an Informal Review Process.
- The board approved to provide non-renewal notice to one category 2 and two category 3 employees due to implementation of RIF based upon severe shortage of funding from enrollment decline and decreased state funding.
- The board approved providing non-renewal notice to a category one employee.
- Meeting Adjourned

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM KEY COMMUNICATORS

QUESTION

What measures has the district taken to reduce costs?

ANSWER

On the district website under the budget committee category is a three year

history of reduction measures taken in the district

http://www.ksd391.org/budgetcomm/3yrhist_reductions043009.pdf

In the next week or two, the list will be updated with the new cost savings measures adopted by the board last night. As other possible reductions are determined, we will keep updating this list. The district is continually working to reduce costs, keeping a quality education for students and minimizing the tax burden to the community wherever possible.

QUESTION

How much are Board members paid?

ANSWER

They are not paid. They are elected officials who volunteer their time.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision for the future of Joint School District 391 is to be a district of exemplary quality by providing strong leadership, the motivation to succeed, the tools needed for success, and a safe and healthy environment for our students.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Kellogg School District in a partnership of students, parents, educators, and community members is to ensure a safe, nurturing environment where people are challenged to achieve:

- Individual responsibility
- Academic excellence
- Personal success, and
- Life-long learning

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(for more information,
<http://www.ksd391.org>)

Monday May 25	Schools Closed for Memorial Day
May 28, 7:00 PM	Special Board Meeting and Workshop on Budget
Friday May 29, 5:30 PM	District Retirement Party @ Shoshone Golf Club
Saturday, May 30, 2:00 PM	Graduation @ KHS
Tuesday, June 9 7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting @ District Office Conference Room



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