

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #391 was held in the conference room of the District Office on April 14, 2010. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Thad Samuelson, Bob Stovern, Susan Costa, and Scott Gibbs. Also present were Superintendent Pommerening, Clerk Rinaldi, and others as listed on the attached register.

Chairman Blickenstaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then acknowledged Mr. Pfeiffer's government class and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Chairman Blickenstaff asked the board members to amend the agenda. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson according to Idaho Code 67-2343 (4)(c) and board Policy No. 251 to amend the agenda to move Item 16 "Discussion and possible action to declare a financial emergency" forward on the agenda to Item 3 on the agenda. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa that since the State of Idaho has declared a financial emergency for Idaho school districts that the board is giving notice of a Public Input Meeting on April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Kellogg Middle School library for discussion and possible action on the Financial Emergency Process and to also take input on sports reductions.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. All in favor the motion carried.

Clerk Rinaldi reported that she had copies of the budget with March year-to-date figures for the board members. She reported that she is currently working on additional figures for the Financial Advisory Committee.

Clerk Rinaldi asked the board to table Item 5 to the end of the meeting so that she can provide the check summary to the auditing committee.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that the board has presented special volunteer awards to people who have offered exceptional services to the district. He then highlighted the time Bryon Morgan had served on the board, served as Region I Idaho School Boards Association chairperson and is also serving as the levy co-chair. In honor of these services, he was given a plaque in recognition. Bryon Morgan thanked the board and said a few words of thanks and his pledge of continued commitment to the district.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was not present to discuss her written report. Superintendent Pommerening in her absence asked the board to approve the elementary intervention program and to add a mentor for an elementary teacher. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the elementary schools' Extended Reading Intervention Programs. All in favor

the motion carried. A motion was made by Susan Costa seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the cost for a mentor to a new certified teacher for the last quarter. All in favor of the motion carried.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was present to discuss his written report. He asked the board members if there were any questions on his report. They are trying to predict future technology needs and cost savings. He was asked about Google e-mail and said that it was working at Sunnyside Elementary School.

Dr. Christy Cortner, Special Services Director, was present to discuss her written special education report. She stated that staff transition meetings and year end reports are in process.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that there are four policies to be presented for first reading. They include Policy No. 551-School Wellness, No.506-School Attendance and Habitual Truancy, No. 624-Middle School Credit System, and No. 625-Withholding Credit. The superintendent was directed to share the proposed policies with the review groups.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that the Kellogg High School BPA team was requesting to fly to Anaheim to attend a National Leadership competition. The money has been raised and is completely covered by the BPA fund. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the trip as requested. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated a retirement letter had been received from Sheilagh Chambers. She has completed 24 years of service with the district and Superintendent Pommerening recommended approval of the request. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the retirement as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated a letter of resignation was received from Roxanne Lamphere. Superintendent Pommerening said that Roxanne had an excellent opportunity out of state after 8 years of service in our district and recommends the board approves her resignation. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Scott Gibbs to accept the letter of resignation. All in favor the motion carried.

Item 13 - Discussion and possible action to enter into a combined collective agreement for soccer was tabled.

Susan Hansen-Barber and Kathy Nansel were present to report on the Silver Valley Early Childhood Education Task Force. They gave the board members a Resource Guide for Families that will be updated with services that are available in Shoshone and Benewah Counties. May 14th is kindergarten roundup for both Kellogg and Wallace school districts. A survey is completed by those attending to gather information on resources used. They will use this information to help develop or improve early childhood programs for families in our area.

There were five open enrollment requests received with recommendations from the principals. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the open enrollment requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening stated that the consolidation letter had been sent to Wallace and Mullan Districts with no thank you responses from each district.

Superintendent Pommerening stated the board had a plan for the Pinehurst Elementary front entry and window remodel for safety and energy savings purposes in their board packets.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that the free and reduced lunch rate comparisons were available in the board packet.

Superintendent Pommerening announced that the district would be receiving a William Jackson Fund Grant for musical instruments.

Thad Samuelson and George Blickenstaff volunteered to hand out diplomas at the high school graduation ceremony.

Unscheduled Delegation:

Vanessa Berg asked questions about the levy

Erin Nansel will wait to Wednesday

Michelle Roundhurst had questions about levy hand outs

Steve Mills made a statement on soccer vs volleyball

Wayne Pfeiffer made a statement on a 4-day school week in the future

Scott Miller will wait to Wednesday

Pamela Hyndman made a statement on the alternative school cut

At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Susan Costa, to recess from regular session into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 Section 1(b) to discuss a personnel issue. A roll call vote of the five board members showed all in favor of the motion. Present at the executive board meeting were the five board members, the Superintendent, the Clerk, Principal Brooks, and the Seaton family. The family members explained their position and feelings on an issue with personnel. The Seaton family left the meeting at 8:35 p.m. At 8:39 p.m. the Osterberg family joined the executive session to explain a situation with personnel and their feelings about that situation. The Osterberg's left the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Principal Brooks discussed the chain of events at the high school and changes that will be put in place.

The board returned to open session at 10:34 p.m.

A recommendation was made by Bob Stovern to approve March bills paid in the amount of \$530,820.77. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chairman