

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #391 was held in the conference room of the District Office on June 9, 2009. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Thad Samuelson, Bryon Morgan, 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.

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

Business Manager Rinaldi discussed the two proposals for insurance plans that were received by the district on May 29, 2009. She reviewed some of the coverage differences and the deductibles. Chairman Blickenstaff also reviewed the proposals. He stated that the coverage from Moreton & Company was better in certain areas. A Motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve Moreton & Company as the insurance provider for the district for the 2009-2010 school year. All in favor the motion carried. Ms. Rinaldi stated that this premium is approximately \$21,000 less than this year. She then reported that the audit services proposal that was approved contingent on further review was found to be indeed the better proposal. Hayden & Ross, P.A. will provide the audit services for the next 5 years at a savings of approximately \$5,000 per year. She will delay further financial information until the budget hearing.

A recommendation was made by Scott Gibbs to approve May bills paid in the amount of \$658,962.32. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Thad Samuelson, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Chairman Blickenstaff discussed the budget reductions that had been acted on and the possible funding of baseball/softball for the 2009-2010 school year. Chairman Blickenstaff thanked Mrs. Rinaldi for her hard work on the RFP's and saving enough money to possibly fund baseball/softball and possibly expanding contracted services for the next school year. On Tuesday, June 2, 2009, the co-curricular committee had met to develop recommendations to save money. There is a recommendation to increase ASB fees and add a transportation fee to all participants in activities. Chairman Blickenstaff directed Superintendent Pommerening to advertise for the fee increases.

A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Scott Gibbs to move FHA/FTA off the coaching schedule as recommended by the co-curricular committee. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson to recess from regular session as specified in Idaho Code 33-801 to hold the 2009-2010 budget hearing at 7:16 p.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Business Manager/Clerk Rinaldi reviewed the 2009-2010 budget for the board members and patrons. She went through an itemized General Fund and Federal Forest Fund budget with the changes noted from the 2008-2009 budget. She noted one error in transfers out from the General Fund and will correct it with an offset to the contingency reserve. Mrs. Rinaldi asked for questions and answered one from the board on the impact of an activity card fee or the transportation fee that had been discussed.

The board returned to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the 2009-2010 school year budget as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was present to discuss her written report. She stated that some students had participated in IDLA classes. These are on-line classes that are used by the Silver Valley Alternative School and the Wildcat Academy at the high school for credit recovery. She discussed the positive results of these classes for the students and their high grades in the classes.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the recommended changes to Policy No. 653. The review teams have already looked at the changes to this policy. She is not asking for any action tonight, but will wait 30 days for further comment on the changes. The board had a question on what the language change meant. Bonnie Farmin addressed the question for continuity in grading.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was present to discuss his written report. He stated that they have begun the summer projects which are not major as they were last year. They are also offering support to summer school.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, was not present to discuss her written report. There were no questions for the superintendent.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the training that is needed to support the new Skyward Student system. She provided a list of training costs for approximately \$4250.00. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the one time training costs from Federal Forest Funds. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that she did not have the Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Forest Service to act on. It will need to be postponed to the next board meeting.

Arlene Hendrix, Food Service Supervisor, asked the board to approve the bids for food service from FSA for frozen and refrigerated food items plus bottled water, from URM for staples, and from Insight for non-food items. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve the food service coop bids as presented and recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Clerk Rinaldi asked the board to let annual bids for milk and fuel. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve letting annual bids as requested. All in favor the motion carried.

The board received a list of 14 open enrollment requests with the recommendation of the building principals. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the open enrollment requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening discussed the change to the district calendar that needs no action.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that we had completed Memorandums of Understanding for Choir, ROTC, SVAHS with the Wallace School District.

Superintendent Pommerening stated the State Department of Education had approved the fresh fruits and vegetables grants for Pinehurst and Canyon Elementary Schools.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the report from Tim Etherton about applying for a RAC Grant to help fund the cost of a chipper that would allow the district to take advantage of possible fuels for the biomass boiler. This would allow the district to have a more consistent quality of chips for fuel.

Richard Schreiber, Activities Director, asked the board to approve the use of KHS football equipment at a Montana Tech summer camp. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the request. All in favor the motion carried.

Unscheduled Delegation: None.

At 7:59 p.m. a motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson to recess from regular session into an executive session according to Idaho Code 67-2345 section 1, part b to discuss personnel. A roll call vote of the four board members showed all in favor of the motion. Present at the executive session were the four board members, Superintendent Pommerening, and Clerk Rinaldi. Discussion was held on a continuance of probation for a certified teacher.

The board returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m. and adjourned immediately.

Clerk

Board Chairman