

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 9, 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 June 9, 2010. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Thad Samuelson, Bob Stovern, and Susan Costa. 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.

Chairman Blickenstaff asked the board members to act on the vacancy for Trustee Zone 5 according to Policy No. 245 Trustee Vacancy. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to appoint Carolyn Turner as Trustee for Zone 5. All in favor the motion carried. Clerk Rinaldi then administered the Oath of Trustee to Carolyn Turner and she joined the board members at the table.

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

Clerk Rinaldi deferred her business report to the budget hearing.

A recommendation was made by Bob Stovern to approve May bills paid in the amount of \$658,772.14. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

At 7:10 p.m. a motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to recess from regular session into a budget hearing according to Idaho Code 33-801.

Clerk Rinaldi then explained to the board members and the patrons the difference between the federal grant funds which are budgeted and approved under specific guidelines and the General Fund and the Federal Forest Fund which allow for discretion by the board for their use. She then proceeded to review an abbreviated budget with changes highlighted for everyone. She asked the board members and patrons for any questions. There were none.

The board returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the 2010-2011 school district budget as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

Tim Etherton, Facilities Manager, was present to discuss his written report. He asked the board members to approve the letting of bids for the window project at the high school. A motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Thad Samuelson to let bids for the high school window project. All in favor the motion carried.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was present to discuss her written report. There were no questions on her written report.

Bonnie Farmin announced that our district had received a grant for Response to Intervention training. There will be a team of 8 members that will attend training in August. Bob Stovern will represent the board members on the RTI team.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was not present to discuss his written report. Thad Samuelson asked about the change in the e-mail system. Superintendent Pommerening stated that some people are piloting the program at this time.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, was present to discuss her written special education report. She stated that the special education cooperative had their review and all four districts in the coop were at the meet expectations, the highest score, for this assessment of our programs. The board members thanked her for her work with the coop and the development of the program and wished her well in her future position.

Chris Johnson, President of the Booster Club, was present to report on SOS-Save our sports and their fund raising efforts. They have set up a website: kelloggbc.org so that reports on their efforts and activities will be available at any time. They also have set up a PayPal account for donations. They are asking for some help from the district to identify past participants in sports. Tonya Sheppard reported on efforts to fund raise. She noted activities that had been completed and are to happen in the near future which include: Excelsior donation of profits from one day of sales, a Schwan's pizza presale, Wildcat Pizza \$1 per pizza donation, skate plaza one night of skating proceeds, wildcat window decals for sale, and booths at activities in the community such as the all class reunion and silver hoops. So far the SOS has raised \$3199.66. They currently have 98 volunteers. A motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Bob Stovern to match \$0.50 per \$1.00 of funds raised up to a total of \$21,543. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the reduction plan for this school year and the results of the efforts. The two elementary classified positions for technology and full-day kindergarten for one year have been added back to the budget reviewed tonight. We are also scheduling the sports according to the IHSAA reduced competitions. If additional funds are available due to employee changes or other savings efforts, then other programs to be added back would include increased nursing services, an after school program, and some alternative school. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the reduction plan re-add schedule as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening then discussed the motion for pay to participate that was made to apply to all sports and not just the sports that were cut due to the failure of the first levy. This is not the message the patrons received before the second levy was passed. A motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Thad Samuelson to not include football, basketball, volleyball, track and golf in the pay to participate plan. All in favor the motion carried.

The board members reviewed the previously tabled request to renew a 2-year Soccer Combined Cooperative Agreement with Wallace High School. A board member asked Mr. Schreiber about the two years when we don't know which sports will be here the second year. Mr. Schreiber stated that if the Kellogg School District did not have soccer the second year then the agreement would be null and void. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the Soccer Combined Cooperative Agreement with Wallace High school as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Arlene Hendrix, food service supervisor, was present to recommend the board approve the low bids of the North Idaho Region I Group. The low bids are as follows: Food Service of America-frozen & refrigerated items, URM Foodservice-staples food items, Insight Distributing Inc.-non-food items, and Food Service of America-bottled water items and bread items. A motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the bids as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that the annual advertising for milk and fuel was needed. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the advertising for bids of milk, unleaded fuel, and diesel fuel. All in favor the motion carried.

Sue Hansen-Barber, Canyon Elementary School, was present to discuss her academic achievement report. The US Fish and Wildlife Service wrote a grant to have the children help band birds at the Steamboat ponds. The school worked on the greening of Canyon with composting and a worm farm. She gave every board member of cup of worms.

Cal Ketchum, Kellogg Middle School principal, was present for questions on the academic achievement report for his school. The number one goal for the school was to improve positive parent teacher contacts. They improved participation in conferences from 35 to 50%. ISAT scores have improved and will continue to be worked on especially for math and reading. The PLATO program will be utilized to help with remediation. Discipline issues have decreased over the past few years. They would like to see a 4 to 1 ratio for positive to negative contacts. He also pointed out the new paint inside and out, the new reader board, and a new sign at the entrance to the school.

Superintendent Pommerening apologized for Shelley Brooks' absence due to her husband's illness. She did provide a written report and will come to another meeting to answer any questions the board may have if so desired. The board members stated that the written report was very detailed.

Superintendent Pommerening asked the board to allow her to bring the revisions of Policy No. 653 – Grading and Policy No. 491-Group Health Insurance to the policy review groups. She was directed to do so.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that due to the two day furlough agreed upon with the WSEA through negotiations there will need to be changes to the school calendar. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to approve the changes as identified. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that letters of retirement and resignation have been received from Rick Priebe, retirement; Traci Feek, Danika Whittaker, and Dan Fritz resignations. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the retirement and resignations of the four certified personnel as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated the interview team had met and recommended a contract for Leigh McOmber for the speech therapist position. A motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the hiring of Leigh McOmber as the SLP. All in favor the motion carried.

There were nine open enrollment requests received for 2010-2011 school year with recommendations from the principals. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern, to approve the nine open enrollment requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening stated that the Special Services Cooperative superintendents and Dr. Castro will be interviewing for the new special education director position.

Superintendent Pommerening announced that Sunnyside Elementary is the recipient of a fresh fruits and vegetables grant.

Superintendent Pommerening asked the board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Shoshone County Even Start and the Kellogg Joint School District #391 to identify areas of collaboration. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the memorandum of agreement for Shoshone County Even Start as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

Unscheduled Delegation: There were none.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Costa, seconded by Bob Stovern, to recess from regular session into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 Section 1(b) and (c) to discuss a personnel and student 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, and Principal Ketchum. The student, parent and counsel were called into the executive at 8:13 p.m. Chairman Blickenstaff explained the expulsion hearing procedure to all parties. Principal Ketchum explained the discipline issues with the student and steps they had taken to help resolve some of these issues. The parent then reviewed the numerous referrals for the student and her belief of her student's needs to be successful. She read some letters from teachers that were current and also a couple of years old. She identified personal problems that had occurred that seemed to also be a part of the problem. A family friend was also present to discuss the student and the issues that she had seen when he was at her house after school each day. Principal Ketchum added some comments in response to the issues that were brought up. The family friend answered comments made by the administrator. The parent also stated that her son had additional services provided to him from January

forward. The student commented on his nomination for student of the week. The parent, student, family supporters, and principal were excused from the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The board deliberated on the matter.

At 9:11 p.m. the board returned to open session.

A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Susan Costa to allow student X to attend summer school, return to school in the fall on a board contract for no further referrals, and have the parent meet with administration in August to make sure that the classes and supports are in place for the student. All in favor the motion carried.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that he had enjoyed his time on the board and thanked the other board members for their service.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chairman