

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 12, 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 May 12, 2009. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Thad Samuelson, Bryon Morgan, Scott Gibbs, and Bob Stovern. 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 Bob Stovern, seconded by Bryon Morgan to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. All in favor the motion carried.

Clerk Rinaldi reported that she attended the post legislative review today. Mr. Luna highlighted some of the stimulus funding guidelines. Other state department personnel including: Tim Hill, Julie Oberle, Kathryn Vincent, Jason Hancock, and Marybeth Flashbart were present to discuss changes in laws that affect education and funding provisions. She stated that she will now be working on the budget for the 2009-2010 school year so the board can have a workshop before the budget hearing in June.

A recommendation was made by Scott Gibbs to approve April bills paid in the amount of \$607,246.61. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Bob Stovern, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that the board was presenting the first round of volunteer awards. He highlighted the achievements of Cleve Ashcraft which included math instruction for many of our students. He then recognized Brad Corkill as not only a previous board member and chairman, but also for donating materials to our school district. Sue Hansen-Barber thanked Brad for his assistance with the Canyon students and their participation with the Lego League.

Chairman Blickenstaff presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Employee of the Year nominees: Carol Costa, Francis Galloway, Julie Hunt, Jan Van Asche, and Chris Vlastelic. The Employee of the Year was awarded to a team-Pat Parham and Francie Pooler from Kellogg High School. A Teacher of the Year nominee award was presented to Robert Grigg. The Teacher of the Year was awarded to Janel Fisher, elementary science teacher. She was unable to attend as she was in Boise at a science meeting.

Clerk Rinaldi stated that only one nomination was received from each Trustee Zone for the up-coming election. The write-in candidacy time line had also expired. She stated that an election does not have to be held and the board could call the election and declare the winners. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to call the trustee election and declare George Blickenstaff, Bryon Morgan, and Scott Gibbs as the elected officials for Zone I, II, and V respectively. All in favor the motion carried.

Sue Hansen-Barber was present to discuss the Lego League and introduce her elementary team and their Lego robot. She described their experiences at the regional competition and then state competition. Garrett Kahn, Liam Ihasz, and Josh Layton demonstrated their robot for the board and the patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finman from Post Falls provided the support for the Lego League program. Team Cougar, consisting of Sierra Morden, Gabby Benefield, Cheyenne O'Neill, Casandra Bening, and Meghan Wadsworth, presented their Roof Razor production.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was present to discuss her written report. She made a request for the board to approve the k-5 math and the professional-technical textbooks for the coming year. It is approximately \$42,000 total. The state will provide approximately \$19,000 in funding specifically for textbooks. The secondary math departments chose to wait a year for new textbooks. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve the curriculum advisory committee's recommendation for books and supplies. All in favor the motion carried.

Bonnie Farmin then asked the board members to approve the payment for mentors and mentees as required by the state. This is an unfunded mandate. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the mentor/mentee stipends as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Bonnie Farmin then reported that the district is showing a definite increase in reading proficiency. There was an increase of over 5% reading competency from fall to spring. This is the best results the district has shown.

Bonnie Farmin then recommended to the board members that they approve an alternate graduation. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve students X and Y having met the ISAT requirement for the alternative graduation mechanism. All in favor the motion carried.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was not present to discuss his written report. Superintendent Pommerening asked the board members if there were any questions she could address. There were none.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, stated that the special education department was working on transition services. She then asked if there were any questions on her written special education report. There were none.

Steve Mills was present to discuss the progress of the Friends of the Track. He stated that they have not generated enough money to meet the NIKE track grant program. It also may not be the best solution for our district because it is a luxury product and we could possibly find a better fit for our district. He would like to go forward with soliciting donations, talking to asphalt companies, track companies, and researching grants. The board showed their support of Mr. Mills's efforts.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the cellular phone meeting that was held. There were no community members that participated in the discussion. No action was taken as the current program will be continued. They will look at a phone hardship application and phone etiquette training at the beginning of each school year.

Superintendent Pommerening highlighted the results of the 4-day school week and the recommendation of the budget committee that the 4-day week not be instituted for the 2009-2010 school year. The budget committee will continue to research the possible savings.

Mr. Schreiber asked the board to renew the cooperative cross country program with Kootenai School District. This is the 5th year of the combined program. The IHSAA requires a new agreement be approved every two years. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the Combined Collective agreement with Kootenai School District for Cross Country for 2009-2010. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening reviewed the budget reductions proposal for 2009-2010 that was recommended by the budget committee. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the budget reductions with the exception of sports until a workshop is held on the full district budget proposal. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that she had completed research on the background of the consolidation issue. This subject is reviewed at least every ten years. In the past the Wallace School District has not wanted to move forward with the process. The districts have entered into cooperative programs wherever possible. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve notice that the board is open to continue shared service with the Wallace School District and open to considering full consolidation. All in favor the motion carried. Superintendent Pommerening will prepare a letter to the Wallace Superintendent with the board members' approval.

The board received 2 open enrollment requests for 2008-09 and 6 open enrollment requests for 2009-2010 with the recommendations of the building principals. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to deny 1 open enrollment request for 2008-09 and approve the remaining open enrollment requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening discussed the government gulch land issue. The legal description for the land has gone to DEQ in preparation for the next step.

Superintendent Pommerening stated the board packets included the North Idaho Professional-Technical Report and the Energy usage graphs.

Superintendent Pommerening asked board members to hold a workshop to discuss sports and budget. Clerk Rinaldi asked about a combined meeting/workshop so that bids for the Kellogg Middle School Locker room project could be acted on. May 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. was set for the special meeting/workshop.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that the retirement dinner will be held on May 29, 2009.

Unscheduled Delegation: None.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern 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 five board members showed all in favor of the motion. Present at the executive session were the five board members, Superintendent Pommerening, Clerk Rinaldi, and Principal Ketchum. Discussion was held on a continuance of probation for a certified teacher.

The board returned to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to continue probation of a certified teacher until October 30, 2009 and review the probation plan this summer. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern to adopt a proposed Informal Review Process. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve providing non-renewal notice to Category 2 Employee X due to implementation of RIF based upon severe shortage of funding from enrollment decline and decreased state funding. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve providing non-renewal notice to Category 3 Employee Y due to implementation of RIF based upon severe shortage of funding from enrollment decline and decreased state funding. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve providing non-renewal notice to Category 3 Employee Z due to implementation of RIF based upon severe shortage of funding from enrollment decline and decreased state funding. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve providing non-renewal notice to Category 1 Employee A. All in favor the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chairman