

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 21, 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 October 21, 2009. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Bryon Morgan, Bob Stovern, 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 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.

Business Manager Rinaldi stated that she had been asked to be part of the review of the Pupil Transportation Program per House Bill 371. She will go to Boise next week and several times between now and January with the State Department of Education reimbursing travels expenses. Terry then deferred her financial report to the presentation by the district auditor.

A recommendation was made by Bob Stovern to approve September bills paid in the amount of \$923,270.34. This is higher than usual due to a \$313,000 bond payment. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Bryon Morgan, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Business Manager Rinaldi introduced Brad Lewis, CPA from Hayden and Ross to present his findings of the financial status of the school district as of June 30, 2009. Mr. Lewis gave the board members a draft of the financial report with graphs emphasizing the revenues and expenses of the district. He reviewed the graphs and pertinent statements for the board and the patrons. The district, through careful control and the supplemental levy, has been able to increase the fund balance but should be very cautious in spending this due to the hard economic times, the threat of state funding hold backs, and the need to run a supplemental levy in the coming year. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Bryon Morgan to approve the financial statement 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 Canyon Elementary teacher, Heather Marks, had applied for the ELLA Pilot grant and received supplies for her students. These will be used with parents to improve student education.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was present to discuss his written report. He stated that we are still in the process of migrating to the Skyward Student Information System. Students can now able to look up their grades on line. Silver Valley Alternative High School has now been switched to SuddenLink business line. He discussed the possible fiber connection to the middle school and Pinehurst that would significantly

increase our internet capability. This addition would be eligible for future E-rate reimbursement.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, was not present to discuss her written report. Superintendent Pommerening asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Tracy Ketchum, Principal at Sunnyside Elementary, was present to discuss the Academic Achievement Improvement Plan for Sunnyside Elementary School. The school improvement goals are based on indicators from the 9 characteristics of highly effective schools. She had graphs that showed strengths and weaknesses in the school based on the results of the CEE survey. They are committed to celebrating their positives this year. They will hold quarterly assemblies to promote the positive. They will retake the survey in the spring and be able to compare how they have moved toward their goals.

Paul Currie, Principal at Pinehurst Elementary, was present to discuss the Academic Achievement Improvement Plan at Pinehurst Elementary School. Teachers will be able to earn professional development credit through Northwest Nazarene. They are working on collecting and using data for informed instruction. Paul is actively providing feedback support for the teachers through classroom observation. They are using their capacity builder teams to aggressively move forward.

Shelley Brooks, Principal Kellogg High School and Rachael Krusemark, teacher/committee member were present to discuss the Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching and the work in progress to develop new teacher evaluation procedures. The new procedures are due February 2010. This framework provides a very detailed observation system for the teachers with measurable goals.

Superintendent Pommerening explained the action on committee descriptions. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the descriptions for the Curriculum Advisory, Financial Advisory, and Auditing committees as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening asked the board to approve the revision of Policy No. 646 which has been reviewed by the administrative and WSEA teams. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the revision to Policy No. 646-Section 504 Procedures for students with Disabilities as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening was directed by the board members to take the following policies to the review teams: No. 235-Public Charter Schools, No. 242-Trustee Nomination and Election, No. 245-Trustee Vacancy, No. 260-Regular Meetings of the Board, No. 266-Executive Session, No. 269-Minutes of the Meeting, No. 460-Code of Ethics for Certificated Employees, No. 455-Reduction in Force, No., 422.1-Employee Use of Electronic Communication and Entertainment Devices, No. 562-Student Harassment, No. 581-Prohibition Against Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, No. 509-Divorced or Estranged Parents: Rights and Responsibilities, No. 577-Disciplining Students with Disabilities, No. 553-Students with a Living Will and Durable Power fo

Attorney for Health Care, No.-679-Accreditation, No. 681-Personnel Standards, No. 674-Participation in Statewide Assessments, No. 643-Special Education Services to Private School Students, No. 667-Computer and Network Services, No. 412-Annuities, No. 860-Payroll Deductions, No. 599-Extracurricular Student Activities.

Art Krulitz, transportation director, was present to discuss the bus bids that were received. He recommended we accept the low bid from Harlow Bus Sales, Inc. of \$144,641.74 for two buses. One bus would be funded from depreciation and the other from the Federal Forest Fund. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the purchase of two buses from Harlow Bus Sales, Inc. as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

There were eight open enrollment requests with recommendations from the building administrators. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve five requests and deny three requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Bryon Morgan discussed the resolutions that will be voted on at the ISBA Annual conference to obtain input from the district school board. Chairman Blickenstaff directed the trustees that attend the conference to vote in accordance with the board recommendations.

Bryon Morgan informed the board that he will be moving out of his trustee zone and will need to resign as trustee of Zone 2 by the next board meeting.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening supplied the board members with a copy of the final property acquisition agreement for the Government Gulch land from DEQ.

The board received a copy of a potential biomass timber agreement that has the potential to provide some money through a fuel supply grant.

The board received a copy of the financial advisory committee planning calendar with possible dates for forums, surveys, and feedback.

Superintendent Pommerening asked the board members to commit to a district building visit on November 2, 2009. They will let check their calendars and let her know if this is a good date and the time they would like to start.

The board Meet and Confer committee members were reminded of a meeting next Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

Chairman Blickenstaff said that he had received a letter from the mayor about the condition of Teeter's Field. He'll get a copy of the letter out to all board members.

The board members were reminded of the ISBA Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on November 11-14, 2009.

Trustee Stovern reported on the North Idaho College's focus on dual enrollment classes and how much the enrollment numbers in these classes are increasing. These classes allow our students the opportunity to complete college credits prior to graduating from high school.

Unscheduled Delegation: None.

A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chairman