

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 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 September 9, 2009. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Bryon Morgan, Bob Stovern, Thad Samuelson, 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 welcomed Mr. Pfeifer's government class to the meeting.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that he had asked for an extra item to be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson to amend the agenda and add the item "Discussion and Possible Action on Secondary Source Material - President's Speech" as item #17 according to Idaho Code 67-2343(4)(C) and board Policy No. 251. This amendment is due to the holiday weekend and late notice to the district by the federal government that the speech and associated lesson plans would be available. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, 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 stated that the auditors had been in the district for 2 days and will be back for an additional day next week. She stated that due to GASB 45 the district needs to hire an actuarial firm to prepare a report for part of our audit. Idaho School District Council has recommended Actuaries Northwest for this service. I have received a proposal for \$4000 for the first year rate for Idaho. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the proposal. All in favor the motion carried.

A recommendation was made by Scott Gibbs to approve August bills paid in the amount of \$727,302.57. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Bob Stovern, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening gave the board members a report on the current enrollment as of today and the comparison to the same day last year. The board members asked questions on the reduced student count. We hope that the numbers will improve over the next month. She had checked with the Wallace superintendent and they are also down in student enrollment.

Superintendent Pommerening played a DVD presentation of Idaho Open Meeting Laws for the board members and the patrons. A printout of the legal requirements from Eberharter-Maki Tappen, PA was included in the board packets. She reviewed pertinent items of the handout for the board members.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was present to discuss her written report. She recommended the board approve Claudette Brady, Stephanie Broaddus, Jamie Broaddus, and Thad Samuelson as representatives on the curriculum advisory committee. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the committee members as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Bonnie Farmin then asked for a substitute board member to attend a Response to Intervention training in Lewiston. Bryon Morgan, the member on the committee, is unable to attend. The training will be held on the 23rd. The board members will notify Ms. Farmin before that date if they are able to attend.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was present to discuss his written report. He discussed the internet connections and problems that they are experiencing at Pinehurst. With the addition of the alternative high school at the site and their reliance on internet classes, there now exists a bandwidth problem at Pinehurst. Simon is researching the ability of SuddenLink service to help with the situation. Other alternatives have been explored, but this seems to be the best for the immediate time frame.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, was present to discuss her written report. It includes the listing of personnel for the year. This year we are fortunate to have an occupational therapist, a physical therapist and a speech language specialist. Dr. Castro will attend training on special services concerns this fall.

Superintendent Pommerening prepared for the board a draft of the Board Goals discussed on August 31, 2009 for 2009-10. The vision statement and mission statement of the school district were included. The board goals include a focus of work and resources toward improving high levels of collaboration and communication, professional development, high standards and expectations for all students, and frequent monitoring of learning and teaching. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Scott Gibbs that these goals be adopted as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent Pommerening brought Policy #646-Section 504 Procedures for Students with Disabilities for amendment to the board members. She was directed by the board to take this policy to the review teams.

Clerk Rinaldi, on behalf of Art Krulitz, transportation director, asked to let bids for two buses. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve the letting of bids for buses. All in favor the motion carried.

There were 31 open enrollment requests with recommendations from the building principals. A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to approve 30 of the requests as recommended and deny one. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening asked Bob Stovern and Scott Gibbs to meet with members of the WSEA for Meet and Confer.

Bryon Morgan reminded everyone of the Region I ISBA October 14th meeting and the ISBA Annual Convention in CDA on November 11-13, 2009

Superintendent Pommerening stated that she has been asked by Idaho State Superintendent Luna to attend a discussion on the public schools budget with the state department covering the travel expenses for the meeting.

Unscheduled Delegation: None.

Item #17 added to the agenda. Superintendent Pommerening stated that she and Bonnie Farmin, Curriculum Director had reviewed President Obama's student speech and saw no issues with it. They would like to follow the procedures set up in policy #633. The board directed Superintendent Pommerening to follow the policy as recommended.

At 7:56 p.m. a motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Bob Stovern to move into executive session according to Idaho Code 67-2345 section 1, part c, to discuss personnel issues. 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 and Clerk Rinaldi. Discussion was held on the superintendent's review.

The board returned to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Bryon Morgan, seconded by Thad Samuelson as there was no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Clerk

Board Chairman