

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their rescheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Lori Zenner and Dustin Heinzerling, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Shannon Morris, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols and one staff member. (Absent-Trustee Kathryn Bomar)

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and dispensed with the flag salute due to the late start of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Budget Status (11/30/12) – The revenue and expenditures were reviewed for the Board with the Expenditures under 50% of the budgeted figure.

Fee Lawsuit-Culdesac School has not been served or listed for this case to date.

Board Goals Meeting-The date is February 19th at the Lewiston Red Lion with ISBA Trainer in the morning, students and staff joining the Board for lunch and an afternoon of roundtable discussion.

Proposition Repeals-This will affect funding for the use it or lose it flexibility, loss of classroom laptop funding, less one staffing for the Math/Science position, and reduction for education credits for college credits for students. The ISBA will be notifying the legislature of these concerns to be addressed during the upcoming session. Mr. Luna will be meeting with IEA to help with a pay for performance option that can be agreed upon. The property tax receipts are coming in as estimated and hopefully that will mean funding for education. We still have another year of the levy that the local patrons approved to help with funding for next year.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Enrollment- Currently we have 50 elementary students and 42 secondary for a total of 92.

Graduation Requirements-We had the year 2015 to implement the two credits for on-line classes as per SDE that requirement is null and void since the proposition failed and we need to wait to see what the legislature does this year before we make any adjustments to our policy.

Student of the Month-Elementary student is Jasmine Miller and secondary student is Cassie Turnbull.

Employee of the Month-is the secondary English teacher Laura Morgan.

Junior High will be finishing up this month with basketball. High School Boys and Girls Basketball have been driven by volunteer Steve VanWingerden for practices and due to the bad roads, both vans have snow tires on them now.

Robotics Club -The Uof I and Mr. Parker through a grant with Legos are making donations to start a Robotics Club at Culdesac School. The supplies are about \$900.00 that the U of I will donate and the application process for the grant of \$275.00 is donated by Mr. Tim Parker. The competition registration will be donated by Mr. Morris for the students. The staff will be asked to donate their time to coach the students. The secondary will have first opportunity and then the elementary at a later date to participate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-none

BOARD COMMENTS

ISBA Conference – Bryce Scrimsher noted that this was his first conference to attend. It keeps you busy with meetings on Boardsmanship, Effects of Failed Propositions, and Pay for Performance Bonus which now is part of the base for teachers which is a concern of about an additional \$58,000.00 paid this year that will not be funded next year.

Trustee Lori Zenner commented that the bonus pay should be an earned amount and not an automatic payout.

Chairman Martin noted that the pay follows the staff from the following year. It is not paid to the current staff. The legislature will need to review those concerns. The meeting also covers legal issues, curriculum changes and financial training. Chairman noted the donated two caterpillar tractors for the ISBA scholarship auction. ISBA auction donation of quilt fabric did well on the silent auction from Lori Zenner. He purchased a salsa basket with chips and B&B overnight stay with airplane ride for four passengers, and honey.

Region II ISBA Meeting- Trustee Bryce Scrimsher commented on the topics covered at the meeting regarding legislative concerns for funding, levy failure and glad Culdesac had another year of levy that has been approved by the voters.

Chairman thanked the staff for the flowering gifts.

Trustee Martin explained that the Goals meeting is usually held in January or February. The meeting used to be in Orofino with an overnight stay. Now due to costs the meeting is held in Lewiston for just the day. Those invited are the 7-12th grade class representatives, Superintendent, Principal, a certificated staff and a classified staff. This is a good opportunity for the Board to find out what the students think about the school and the direction or suggestions they may have in the schools future.

PTSA has invited the Board to a pizza dinner on January 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. before the regular meeting as it is National School Board Recognition month.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Employee Leave Report)
Trustee Lori Zenner moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Bryce Scrimsher/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ATTENDANCE REWARD POLICY REVISION

Superintendent recommended that the policy be repealed until a better policy is written to reward the students. The current one has the students missing a day of school. Option could be release of taking semester test.

Chairman commented that taking semester tests prepares students for college exams.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to delete 711.2 Attendance Reward Policy and Semester Test Policy as presented for the 1st reading. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS
AUDIT SERVICES PROPOSAL NOTICE APPROVAL

Superintendent Felgenhauer will send out notices to three accounting firms in the area of Goffinet in Orofino, Presnell in Lewiston and Hayden in Moscow.

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to approve the notice for audit services as presented. Seconded Bryce Scrimsher/Motion passed.

POLICY 718.3-CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY REVISION

Chairman noted that cell service has finally come to Culdesac. This will be another distraction in the classroom. We can look at needed changes and address them next meeting.

Principal Morris commented that the staff worked on the revision to include other electronic devices and not just cell phones. The discipline will be confiscation of the device if needed due to abuse of the policy. Some electronic devices can be utilized in the classroom as learning tools.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher noted that the abuse of the devices will then tighten the discipline.

Trustee Dustin Heinzerling noted that students will need locks for the locker to store the phones or get permission from the teacher before bringing them into the classroom.

Superintendent explained that next month will be the second reading.

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Chairman asked if there would be a problem with phones being stolen if left in unlocked lockers? Principal replied – yes.

Chairman asked that the record show that the 1st reading for Policy #718.3 has been done.

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel and student issues. Seconded by Bryce Scrimsher/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes-Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:25 P.M. – Clerk excused / Superintendent to record minutes.

Personnel discussed.

Student issues discussed.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:30 P.M.

Clerk/Superintendent

No decisions were made during executive session.

Adjourned: 9:32 P.M.

Acting

Chairman
Clerk
