

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the School Library at 7:00 p.m. as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Dustin Heinzerling, Eric Steigers and Mitchell Reid, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Chase Woodford, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols and three employees.

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Superintendent Report

*Budget Status – Superintendent Felgenhauer reported that the budget is at 50% with four month and summer accruals left for expenses. The revenues are in good shape. Food Service Program is reimbursing the District for the first half of this year wages, which leaves about \$4,000.00 in that account for expenses with March, April and May reimbursement revenue to be claimed. This level of assistance is similar to the amount the District provided last year.

*New District Funding Formula-Each model revision show a shift in funding for the District. Last week the District was down \$72,000.00. Yesterday day the SB1186 version had Culdesac with a positive \$91,000.00 difference. A hearing for the SB1196 tomorrow maybe different. These may be the 3 year hold harmless 2% funds. The new funding formula was to be a simpler formula, but with the 15 factors to accommodate the different size Districts, the end result is a more difficult formula. Other updates with the Legislature: the firearm bill for those adults over age of 18 able to carry concealed weapons on school grounds, education savings account that works like a voucher system for charter or private schools, and the election consolidation.

*Goals Workshop scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Lewiston Red Lion. Board meets with the Architect in the morning to discuss school facility enhancements for safety issues. The student representatives and staff join you for the buffet luncheon with round table discussions in the afternoon. Principal noted that last fall during the building walk through the report identified issues that added to 500 points with concerns for review. The CSI-UP Leadership community representatives will be present to observe the meeting as well.

*Superintendent informed the Board that last months' meeting is the first Board meeting he has missed in 30 years as an Administrator due to the road closure.

Principal Report

*Enrollment – 96 students with five in preschool, 54 in elementary, 12 in junior high and 25 in high school.

*Thanks to Kenny and Carol Hunt, Melanie Gibbs and Bryce Scrimsher for all the help with snow removal.

*Thanks to Will Anderson for driving the volleyball girls to the away games during the winter weather conditions.

*Elementary Boys Basketball is at one and one with another game scheduled with Winchester/Craigmont tomorrow.

*Elementary will be attending the Youth Theatre Play of the Magician Nephew at Craigmont the morning of the 20th with the Secondary ASB students attending the Goals meeting with the Board that same afternoon.

*Elementary/High School Science Fair with the Night of the Arts is this evening. A good turnout with ice cream sundae to finish the evening.

*Junior/Senior High Science Fair competition at Coeur d'Alene with Dr. Moore at the Resort was a great experience for the students. Dana Hill received 2nd place for her presentation.

*PTSA Sausage Feed went well. I worked in the morning and observe in the afternoon. It is remarkable the seamless flow of the event. They sold 750 adult meals and about 80 children meals that day. The before bulk sales were 1,500 lbs. of sausage with the day of the event being at 5,000 lbs. for bulk/dinner. PTSA is now taking orders for another 1,000 lbs. for bulk sausage. Each year the amount is increasing.

*Student of the Month – Secondary student is Shelby Sargent with Jacob Cox for the elementary.

*Superintendent and Principal attended a CSI-UP meeting in Boise to present the schools' growth and improvement for this year. The assessment measures were for ELA and Math. The school shows growth with the filters of economic and school size in place. Culdesac elementary school was lump with the high school since we are designated as a K-12

school. High School measures proficiency only. Last year the school struggled with test scores, but are doing better this year.

*Spelling Bee winner was Ray Sanford with Regional competition held in Lewiston

*Geography Bee winner was Lance Sanford with the State competition held in Rexburg.

Public Comments – none

Board Comments

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher wanted to thank the staff, parents and students that helped with the PTSA Sausage Feed. Chairman Martin announced that the school was clean and hats off to the staff who keep this building in great shape. Many people come from miles to attend the annual sausage feed each year. Everyone knows their job and the days runs smoothly.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Employee Leave Approval)

Superintendent asked to add an additional 2-hour late start for March 7 to the Emergency Closures under New Business.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the consent agenda as amended with the addition. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Second Reading New Policy 740.1 – Advanced Opportunities

Superintendent informed the Board that no changes needed for the second reading.

Chairman asked for questions – hearing none – agreed to the second reading.

Second Reading New Policy 711.2 – Test Security

Chairman asked for any questions – hearing none – agreed to the second reading.

Second Reading New Policy 740.2 – Advanced Opportunities Participation

Board agreed to the second reading.

Second Reading Revision to Policy 727.2 – School Personnel Responsibility - Suicide Prevention

Board agreed to the second reading.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the second readings as presented for adoption into the policy book.

Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

New Business

Approve Budget Hearing – Wednesday, June 12, 2019 (7:45 p.m.- School Library)

Superintendent informed the Board that each year the annual budget hearing needs to set by April to meet Idaho Code deadlines. (Clerks' note - notification goes to the County Clerks and the proposed budget/notice of the meeting is published in the Tribune as well)

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the Budget Hearing for June 12, 2019 at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday in the school library. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Emergency Closures Approval (2/20-All Day, 2/21-Late Start, 2/25-Early Release, 2/26-Late Start, 2/27-Early Release and 3/7-Late Start)

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the emergency closures as presented to submit to SDE. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

2019-2020 School Calendar

Superintendent explained that the calendar proposal is similar to this years' calendar. The start date is August 19, 2019 and graduation is on May 29, 2020.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Open Enrollment Requests

Superintendent recommended approval of the home schooled family request with parents providing transportation to the nearest bus stop.

Principal noted that the five applications is for the remainder of this school year with parents planning to provide their own transportation starting after spring break.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the families five open enrollment requests. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

RFP Award for Internet Service

Superintendent noted that two bids were received and rated on the evaluation rubric. Internet service from the current vendor expires June 30, 2019 after a three-year contract with XO Communications/Verizon. The best option bid is \$3500 per month for internet before the E-rate funding reimbursement.

Principal/IT Coordinator Woodford informed the Board that he has been working with the E-rate vendor - Intermountain services during the RFP process. SDE IT, Todd Lawrence, provided vendor contact information for us to send the RFP information. Those vendors were Frontier, Tek-Hut, Ednetics, ENA and XO Communications. CenturyLink received a copy as well since they own the existing copper/Ethernet lines. The bids received were from Cytranet and Fatbeam. Cytranet is a mass generic bid from Alabama that was sent to most schools in Idaho and is not recommended by Education Superhighway Group as legitimate since it is vague regarding guidelines/requirements. The bid from Fatbeam is a sister company of Ednetics from Coeur d'Alene, ID. (Ednetics was the internet/IT service provider during Superintendent Olson's' time with Culdesac.) The bid is for one time lit fiber line build from Lewiston to Culdesac. Currently the Tribe has fiber but those lines are not public. Currently Culdesac receives 44mbps on the existing lines which are not always reliable. The lit fiber lines will deliver 10 times that speed with more reliability. The rubric has Fatbeam as the best option.

Superintendent recommended the 36-month option at \$900 per month for internet services at 500 mbps after E-rate funding versus the five-year option at \$700 per month with Fatbeam to see how the dynamics of the contract works with this vendor. The monthly initial rate/cost is \$3,500.00 before E-rate.

Superintendent recommended that the expense of \$3.1 million for the Lit Fiber project with Fatbeam only be accepted under the conditions that Culdesac receives 80% E-rate funding, 10% funding from Education Superhighway and 10% funding from State Department which results in the District out of pocket expense at \$0 dollars for the one time build project.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the 36-month option bid with Fatbeam for reliable internet service at \$900 per month for 500 mbps as recommended by Superintendent. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to approve the one-time \$3.1 million project for the lit fiber build with Fatbeam under the conditions that the following funding is awarded to Culdesac JSD #342: E-rate at 80%, Education Superhighway at 10%, and the State of Idaho funding at 10%. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER IC 74-206 1(B) FOR PERSONNEL AND STUDENT ISSUES

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to enter executive session as per IC 74-206 1(b) for personnel and student issues. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Board Poll-Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes-Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:52 PM

Personnel – Staff considerations

Student Matters –Open enrollment discussions

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:28 PM

No decisions were made during executive session.

Clerk excused from session.

Superintendent records minutes

OPEN SESSION

Personnel – Staff Considerations

Science Teacher Request

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the science class trip meeting. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

Ag Teacher Request

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the request for the policy exemption regarding weapons to allow the forge project. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

Junior High Track

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve a Junior High Track for the 2019 season. Seconded by Trustee Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

Special Education Position

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to change the Special Education position from a 1.0 FTE to a .49 FTE to align with the state funds for that position. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Adjournment: 8:32 pm

Chairman

Clerk