

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

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the school Title Room as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Trustees Eric Steigers and Andrew Renshaw, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Chase Woodford, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, two patrons, two employees and two students from the ASB Council. (Absent Trustees Bryce Scrimsher and Mitchell Reid due to conflict with meeting schedule).

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked those present to join in the flag salute.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Superintendent Report

*Budget Status (8/31/21) – Superintendent Felgenhauer reported that the SDE payment made puts the revenue in a good place to cover the expenditures and accrual costs. Auditor will be presenting the 2020-2021 Financial Report at the October meeting. Food Service Program received a rebate of \$32.40 for shipping expenses from commodities purchased last year.

*A donation from Sharol Ward of miscellaneous steel scraps to the Ag shop is very much appreciated.

Principal Report

*Enrollment - with 11 on-line students is at 137. Preschool with six, 79 elementary, 18 junior high and 23 high school.

*Remote learning for the elementary is being offered for the two week at home quarantine. K-2 has packets with 3-4 and 5-6 on-line options. If students choose not to complete the work, then they are counted as absent.

*Thank you to Poppy Filipponi for setting up the on-line enrollment option through the student database software. Parents with their students used chrome books and completed the back to school enrollment on-line. It worked very efficiently.

*Thank you to Mindy Scrimsher and Carol Hunt for covering the custodial duties until we have a new hire.

Public Comments

*The two student council members introduced their selves and informed the Board that they plan to attend the monthly meetings to get more involved with the school.

*Patron discussed the concern of pandemic last school year and the gym being used by AAU teams from Washington. Previously in the past the gym use has been requested from the patron to allow community children the opportunity to have options to use the facility when school is not in session. The patron instead used the Community Center gym when turned down by the school due to insurance liability issue. The Community Gym is much smaller but he was thankful that it was available for the children. Patron would like an opportunity to get approval to use the gym facility if waivers could be used regarding the liability issue from the insurance provider. That was the process used with the City Community Center in the past. Each child and its parent signed off on the waiver to participate. Patron interested in finding a way to get the tennis court repaired. Patron hopes the School and City can work together to accomplish that goal. Culdesac School has a tennis team every year and that would benefit those participants. The track that surrounds the outside of the tennis court needs attention as well. Lapwai has several gyms, but all of them are scheduled for use.

Trustee Eric Steigers commented that the AAU teams did provide liability insurance to use the school gym last year.

Patron's spouse commented on the critical race theory that has been talked about at the state level and if that is an issue for Culdesac School. Patron was concerned if adult literature was available to students at school.

Superintendent explained that Culdesac School provides state approved curriculum which meets the state standards as approved by the State Board of Education, the ValNet system is a statewide resource for the school library that is utilized with the existing books in our own library, the gym was rented on weekends last year with those funds used to cover costs for the spring sport events offered due to COVID that limited fundraising opportunities for the students, the tennis

court and track is owned by the City who can use grants for repairs and the school only owns the basketball court on the lower play area.

Principal commented that each day the pledge of allegiance is done over the intercom with the daily bulletin announcement.

Chairman noted that the pledge begins each monthly Board meeting. Chairman Martin asked the Patron to contact Superintendent Felgenhauer regarding the use of the gym and discuss the liability insurance issue. Forms for gym use and information on liability insurance coverage are available for the facility from the school office. Chairman thanked the two patrons for expressing their concerns.

Board Comments

Chairman Martin asked the two ASB representatives to comment on their future vision after graduation. One was unsure at this time and the other was interested in an electrical trade. Chairman thanked the two ASB representatives for attending the meeting and looked forward to their continuing attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Employee Leave Report/2021-2022 Student and Staff Handbooks Approval)

Superintendent reported no changes were needed to the agenda.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Second Reading Policy #301.14-Retention of Records Relating to Federal Grants

Superintendent informed the Board that the change of procedure as used by Culdesac School was added for the second reading.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved approval of Policy #301.14 as presented for the second reading. Trustee Andrew Renshaw seconded/Motion passed.

Second Reading Policy #301.15-Student Activity Fund

Superintendent reported no changes for the second reading of the policy.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved approval of Policy #301.15 as presented for the second reading to add into the policy manual. Trustee Andrew Renshaw seconded/Motion passed.

Change October Board Meeting from 10/13/21 to 10/12/21 for Audit Presentation

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to change the October date from the 13 to the 12 for the audit presentation.

Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

New Business

Review Bus Bid Proposals

Superintendent provided the Board with the bus bid summary information. Three vendors were contacted but only two responded. Harlow Bus Sales did not submit a bid. Bid specifications for a 42 passenger Yellow Bus were verified by Head of Transportation, Joe Hasenoehrl and Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer.

The two bids received were:

Bryson Bus Sales – \$99,958.00 / Blue Bird with Cummings engine and Allison transmission

Western Mountain Bus Sales - \$96,973 / Thomas with Cummings engine and Allison transmission with a free, lock fuel cap.

Superintendent noted that neither vendor offered a trade-in option for the old bus. He recommended accepting the lowest bid of \$96,973 with delivery to the school next summer. Mr. Felgenhauer will contact Western Mountain Bus Sales to see if they are interested in the old bus if the Board accepts their bid.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to accept the Western Mountain Bus Sales bid for the 2022 Thomas Bus. Seconded By Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

First Reading Policy #301.16-Propoerty Records

Superintendent explained that this policy is needed for federal fund purchases.

Board agreed to the first reading of the policy

First Reading Policy #301.17-Programs for Native American Students

Superintendent noted that this policy is due to impact aid for elementary and secondary programs.

Board agreed to the first reading of the policy.

Open Enrollment Request

Superintendent updated the Board on the 1st/2nd grade enrollment has dropped from 26 students to 23. This allows a recommendation to approve the open enrollment request.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to approve the open enrollment application request for first grade. Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as per IC 74-206 1(b) for Student and Personnel Matters – No Quorum for executive session

OPEN SESSION

Personnel – Staffing Considerations

Superintendent asked to revise the Paraprofessional staff workday to be 7:45 am to 3:45 pm to be here when students arrive for the breakfast program before school to assist teachers with supervision in the classrooms.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to approve the Paraprofessional workday of 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

Student Matters – Placement

Superintendent reported that the NICH contract needs approved for a student as per IEP services.

Trustee Eric Steigers moved to renew the NICH contract. Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:07 PM

Chairman

Clerk