

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

January 21, 2019

Correspondence

- **Huntley Lawsuit** – We have received a letter indicating that there has been a ruling by the judge on the case that may lead to us being dismissed from the case.

Information/Updates

- **Bond Information** - We had a successful Ad Hoc Bond Committee meeting at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. There were 25 in attendance, most of them patrons who were interested in supporting the bond. I feel we are off to a good start with this effort.

I have made a number of presentations, as outlined below, and have additional ones scheduled for the Rupert Rotary, KBAR radio, and a number of different city councils. I really appreciate the support I have received from Trustees in attending and participating in these presentations.

I have also asked our principals to

- Invite me to a regularly scheduled staff meeting, so we can discuss any questions staff may have about the bond. I will keep the Board informed of these meeting times in case some of you can attend.
 - Ask their PTO and booster clubs to schedule a meeting where I, and available trustees, can answer questions about the bond.
 - Encourage their staff to participate in sharing information about the bond.
- **Dependent Verification Meeting** – Andrea Schaeffer and I met with representatives from American Fidelity January 7 to discuss the possibility of them assisting us in conducting a Dependent Verification Audit (DVA) at some point in the future. Idaho does not require that a DVA be conducted at least every three years as some states do. American Fidelity can help us with this, which requires each employee to bring in marriage and birth certificates, tax records and other documentation to ensure that those who are claimed as dependents on their insurance are valid. Such an audit usually results in finding 1–2% errors which could save the District some funds. We report back if we decide to move forward.
 - **Bond Consultant Presentation** – On December 18 Rich Bauscher shared his plan to help the District pass the bond with Cabinet members. The bond is scheduled for March 12, 2019.
 - **SkillsUSA Chapter at Minico High School** – Justin Tate recently received a \$3,850 grant from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools. The funds will be used to help the school promote SkillsUSA, host awareness events, guest speakers and community service events.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I participated in the Mt. Harrison Instructional Review December 17 and have been invited to speak at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Saturday December 19. I also

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visited two classrooms at West Minico last week as well as attending both a Minico girls' and a boys' basketball game.

I did have a number of group and individual staff meetings as well as a couple of meetings with MCEA leadership and the kitchen managers since our last Board meeting.

I have asked each building principal to schedule a time for me to meet with them for their mid-year evaluation before February 15.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

I presented bond information at Kiwanis on January 8 and my wife, Carol, and I attended the January 9 Paul City Council meeting where Trustee Stevenson and I presented some bond information. Trustee Stimpson was also in attendance. We also attended the Minidoka City Council meeting where Trustee Gibson and I also share information about the bond. Chair Heins and I visited with some members of the Acequia Elementary PTO December 11.

Upcoming Events

- January 22 Rupert City Council, 7:00
- January 23 Rupert Rotary, 12:00
Heyburn City Council, 7:00
- January 28 Ad Hoc Bond Committee Meeting, 6:30 @ Minidoka Memorial Hospital
- January 29 **Bond Information Meeting**, 6:30 @ East Minico
- February 6 Policy Review Committee, 3:45
- February 11 **Regular Board Meeting** (one week early)