

Minidoka County School District
Superintendent's Report
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Correspondence – We have received the following correspondence:

1. **Food Service Change** – Russ Taylor received an email from the National School Lunch Coordinator at the State Department of Education indicating that we no longer qualify as a District for free breakfast. The only location that does qualify is the Total Learning Center. This means that we will no longer be offering Breakfast in the Classroom at West Minico and students will need to pay for breakfast unless they are on free or reduced lunch.
2. **Janice Seagraves Family Foundation Grant** – We received a letter from this foundation offering to purchase safety equipment for each school room “that prevents classroom doors from being opened from the outside.” We will be looking into this. This is the same foundation that provided buddy benches for our elementary schools. When these benches arrived their coating deteriorated before they were installed and we had to reorder. These should be installed this summer.
3. **Idaho Digital Learning** – I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Idaho Digital Learning for next year. This used to be the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) and they provide online courses for students across the state taught by Idaho teachers. An unsigned copy of the MOU can be found [here](#).
4. **myCollegeOptions Survey Authorized** – Each year our high school students complete a survey indicating where and if they plan on going to college. I have authorized this survey again for next year. They indicated in their letter that of the students (who completed the survey) in the District this year:
 - 33.6% plan to pursue a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) career versus 29.3% nationally,
 - 40.2% will be the first in their families to attend college, and
 - 94.4% plan to attend a four year institution.

Information/Updates

- **Summer Sports Camps** – Ty Shippen has shared with me the list of summer camps that are currently scheduled. These are club activities and do not require Board approval, but we wanted to make you aware of them. We did submit the wrestling teams travel request for a tournament Memorial Day weekend because the students will need to be out of school one day.
- **Transportation RFP Update** – I met with Trustees Stevenson and Stimpson, Michelle Deluna, Ryan Edward and Paul Aston to review the two RFPs that we received. We came up with a number of questions that we then sent out to the proposers. We plan on meeting again June 4 to review their answers and responses to a questionnaire we will send out to other districts who use or have used contract busing. We will be rounding out the review committee with a community member and a principal at that meeting and hope to have a recommendation to the Board for the June Board meeting.
- **Open Enrollment Transfers/Transportation Changes** – I have developed a flyer explaining the proposed changes to our in-district open enrollment policy and the effect that has on transportation. We also discuss the idea that we are going to be working toward more

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effective transportation so we will be developing guidelines for parents and drivers over the summer. We will be sending a letter home announcing these changes to all parents who have students who are currently open enrolled as well as those who have applied for open enrollment for next year.

- **ARTEC – Industrial Regional Professional Technical Charter (RPTC) School** – The ARTEC/ARTEI Board approved a new Ag Welding program to be taught by Troy Bird, a Communication and Audio/Video Technology program by Robert Ryan, and an Auto Body program to be taught by Justin Tate, increasing his time from 0.8 FTE to 1.2 FTE so he can teach a zero hour class on top of his current schedule. The addition of these classes will have a very positive impact on the District budget for next year.
- **Negotiations** – We held our final meeting on May 1 and agreed to Master Agreement that is attached. I feel the meetings went well and we currently have a good working relationship with the MCEA.
- **Reality Town** – This was a great success. Many thanks to Terry Merrill and the middle school staff for making this such a good event.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I attended the **Employee of the Year/Teacher of the Year Reception** April 19. At the reception we acknowledged the building level recipients and announced Lori Lugo as the Classified Employee of the Year, Jeff Collier as the Teacher of the Year, and Suzette Miller as the Administrator of the year. I have asked these three to come to the Board meeting to be recognized.

I attended the **27th Annual Law Conference** along with two administrators, two trustees and our attorney, Reed Cotton. We learned a lot and will be sharing what we learned at a later date.

I visited the **Bridge Academy** in Twin Falls along with the Mt. Harrison Junior High School Staff. This seventh and eighth grade campus is comparable to ours though we also serve 6th grade students. Dyann Blood and her staff came away with a number of good ideas that they will consider for next year.

I attended the middle school band **Concert in the Park** (briefly) on May 10th, was able to participate in the **Minico Music Department Gala** on Friday the 11th, attended the **Minico Senior Success Night** May 14th where they announced \$1.2 M in scholarships, and was very pleased to attend the first **Mt. Harrison Senior Spotlight Dinner**, all of which were very well done!

I also participated in our **Employee Retirement Reception** May 17th where we recognized nearly two hundred years of service in the District by those who are retiring this year. Many thanks to them for their many years of service!

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- **Community Meetings:**

Chair Heins and I participated on the radio prior to our **May 7th Town Hall Meeting**. We were cut short due to technical difficulties, but they invited me to call in again the morning of the 7th and were able to get the word out. We did have nearly a hundred in attendance at the Town Hall meeting. The Minico FFA cooked hot dogs and I think everyone had a good time. We have compiled the information that was gathered and will be sharing that with the Board at a future meeting.

I also participated in a **CTE Tour** of the Valley Wholesale (King's) Warehouse in Burley. The Cassia School District is looking into this facility and since we have discussed the possibility of joint diesel and/or auto body programs in the past few years I was invited.

Upcoming Events

May 23	Mt. Harrison Graduation, 6:00
May 24	Minico Graduation, 5:30
June 4	Transportation RFP Review, 4:00
	Taco Feed or Baked Potato Bar, 5:30
	Board Financial Training, 6:00 (followed by an Executive Session)
June 11	Agenda Review, 3:00
June 18	Regular Board Meeting, 4:30