

MCSD #331 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025 DRAFT

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student; (f) legal counsel

A motion was made to move to executive session by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried. Chair Suchan – yes; Vice Chair Andersen – yes; Trustees Claridge, Perez and Kent – yes.

Possible Motion to Request Credit for Student 04-21-25-1 (action item)

Executive Session was declared finished.

Board Members Present

The following trustees were present: Chair Suchan, Vice Chair Andersen, Trustees Kent, Perez and Claridge.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Visitor Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Vice Chair Andersen.

Agenda Approval (Action Item)

A motion to amend the agenda to add Minico Football fundraiser to 9G in Discussion was made by Vice Chair Andersen, seconded by Trustee Perez. Motion carried.

A motion to amend the agenda for a second item 1A (credit recovery) to be 10F was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Student Representative Reports

Minico reported to the board the following: Assistant Principal recognition, the spring band concert and spring fling week. ISAT testing is continuing and senior projects will be on Friday, April 25th.

Mt. Harrison reported they will have 38 students graduate in May.

Good News – Trisha Breeding’s Advisory Class, Acequia Elementary

Trisha Breeding, West Minico, shared a video of the 933 pounds of dog food they raised for the shelter. The students did all of the work. They were recognized by the mayor, the Voice and also the Times News.

Heather Hepworth, Principal of Acequia, shared the new “Houses” project they started at Acequia. Each student is assigned a different house. Points are awarded to students when teachers see them do good things at school. This has helped build relationships for students in all grade levels.

Patron Comments No comments

Discussion

Regional IV Math Specialist: Bethany Greenwalt and Mr. Spagnolo shared what math teachers have done with the math program they are doing. We have 48 teachers who are participating.

New Position for Girls' Wrestling Coach: Brady Trenkle and Grant Killooy shared the need for a girls' wrestling coach at each middle school. Daryl Kent will look at the budget to see if this position can be added.

Coach Pay (7th/8th) Equal in All Sports: Brady Trenkle has spoken to the athletic directors in each middle school. They would like to see the stipend be the same amount for 7th and 8th grade coaches. The cost would be approximately \$6,000. Daryl Kent will look at the budget to see if this is possible.

Future Educator's Club at Minico: This club would open opportunities offered from ISU.

Administrator/Department/Committee Reports: The board shared concerns on the amount of unpaid balances with School Nutrition. Katie Rogers stated that all her kitchen managers make calls and send home notes. Mr. Larsen stated that in policy it states unpaid balances will be entered into the system as fines which will follow students until they are paid.

MCEA: Nicole Toner shared they attended a conference in Boise, and the union will talk to legislatures before elections come up to maybe get some changes regarding school topics. They were able to move 15 people from payroll (dues) to the amount coming out of their private bank account.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Larsen reported on the topics he has addressed this month in the District. He reiterated on the IT comment made last month that there has been absolutely nothing done on this, it was only a comment. He met with Todd Seamons, our insurance representative, regarding costs. Our current plan will go up over 7%. Daryl is looking at the budget to see how much the state insurance would cost us in comparison to our current plan.

Trustee Perez stated to the audience that there is a proper channel to follow with concerns/complaints. They should first go to your administrator and then to the Superintendent. They are the ones who should respond, not board members.

AMENDED ITEM: Minico Football Fundraiser – Sherm Blauser presented a fundraiser to replace the sponsorship fundraiser currently in place. They would like to run a fireworks stand this summer. The Board had many concerns about this. What are the legalities with students under 18, what is provided by Phantom Fireworks? Currently Red Dragon supplies fireworks used at games. The Board asked Mr. Blauser to contact them to see if they would be willing to work with them since they provide many fireworks for us. If Mr. Blauser can gather the information needed, it can be decided at the May 1st meeting the board will have.

Business

Coach Pay, 7th/8th Equal Pay: This item was tabled until notified if funds are available.

Minico Math Proposal: This item was discussed last month. A motion to approve the math proposal at Minico was made by Trustee Claridge, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried.

New Position for Girls' Wrestling Coach: This item was tabled until notified if funds are available.

Future Business Club at Minico: A motion to approve the Future Business Club at Minico was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Trustee Perez. Motion carried.

E New/Amended/Deleted Policies

1. Policy 272.00 Middle School Credits (First Reading)

2. Policy 360.00 Electronic Services for Students (First Reading)

a. Policy 360.00A Electronic Services District Appropriate Handbook (First Reading)

- b. Policy 360.00F Student Electronic Services Form (First Reading)
- 3. Policy 544.00 Personal Leave (First Reading)
- 4. Policy 544.20P Family Medical Leave Act Procedure (First Reading)
- 5. Policy 544.30 Bereavement Leave (First Reading)
- 6. Policy 587.00 Rehiring Teachers and Administrators (First Reading)
- 7. Policy 952.00 Weapons (First Reading)
- 8. Policy 954.00 Gun Free School (First Reading)
- 9. ISBA 1000 - Board Policies (First Reading)

Policy 544.30 was tabled until after negotiations. A motion to approve policies 272.00, 360.00, 360.00A, 360.00F, 952.00, 954.00, and ISBA 1000 policies was made by Vice Chair Andersen, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried.

Policies 544.00, 544.20P and 587.00 will be held for a second reading.

AMENDED ITEM: A motion to approve credit for student 04-21-25-1 with stipulations for the required from the Superintendent being met was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Vice chair Andersen, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried. Adjournment was 8:25 p.m.

Russ Suchan, Chair of School Board

Attest: May 19, 2025

Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk