

**School Board of Trustees
Monthly Session Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007**

Brian Duncan, Chairman, called the regular school board meeting to order which was held at the Minico High School Library, 292 West 100 South, Rupert, Idaho at 5:34 p.m.

Board Members Present

The following trustees were present: Brian Duncan, Chairman; Greer Copeland, Vice Chairman; George MacDonald, Trustee; Doyle Price, Trustee, and Tammy Stevenson, Trustee. The Clerk of the Board reported a quorum was present.

First Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee George MacDonald and seconded by Vice Chairman Greer Copeland to go into Executive Session. Executive session began at 5:35 p.m. for the purposes of consideration of school personnel Idaho Code 67-2345 (a), (b), and legal questions (f). The poll of the trustees follows: Duncan-Yes; Copeland – Yes; Price-Yes; MacDonald-Yes; Stevenson-Yes.

Vice Chairman Copeland moved to close the Executive Session and return into Open Session. Trustee Tammy Stevenson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Brian Duncan, Chairman of the Board, declared the Executive Session closed at 6:58 p.m.

Open Session

At 7:13 p.m., Chairman Duncan called to order the Regular Board Meeting.

Poll of the Board

The poll of the trustees follows: Duncan-Yes; Copeland-Yes; Price-Yes; MacDonald-Yes; Stevenson-Yes.

Others Attending

The following were also present: Dr. Scott Rogers, Superintendent; John Fennell, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Tribe, School Counsel; and Betty Miller, Board Clerk. Others attending were: Building Principals: Sandra Miller, Suzette Miller, Colleen Johnson, Terry Garner, and Kevan Vogt; Federal Programs Director, Michele Widmier, Technology Supervisor, Kent Jackson, and MCEA Co-President, Helen Wyant. Sven Borg was present from South Idaho Press.

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acequia students, Madeline Eames, Amber Phillips, and Amanda Posyluzny. Following the pledge, Chairman Duncan welcomed staff and patrons.

Agenda Approved

George MacDonald, Trustee, moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a report from Neil Clark, Senior at the University of Idaho, on increasing attendance in the Minidoka County School District and the removal of a Good News Report from the Discovery Group. Chairman Greer Copeland seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Good News Report

Michele Widmier, Federal Programs Director, thanked the Board for allowing attendance at the Ruby Payne Conference. Barbara Sorensen, teacher at West Minico Middle School, explained that classes were taught on how to deal with poverty in an educational setting. Mrs. Widmier reported that she is planning to set up a course which will be held in January through April and will be open to teachers of the district to earn a credit.

Student Representative Report

Student Council Representative, Melanie Fennell, reported that students and clubs are working on the Gift on Green; ISAT testing took place last week; discussion regarding the “Not Even Once” program took place, and wrestling and bowling games have begun.

Annual Accountability Report & Student Achievement/Learning

The Annual Building Accountability Report for Acequia Elementary School was given by Principal, Suzette Miller. Mrs. Miller introduced Madeline Eames, Amanda Posyluzny, and Amber Phillips, members of K-Kids, a service oriented club at Acequia. Each student reported on club activities. These students are representative of approximately sixty students from the 4th and 5th grades at Acequia. Following the student presentation, Mrs. Miller introduced team leaders and reviewed the “fish” philosophy, discussed school and district goals, test scores, and professional development. Mrs. Miller praised her dedicated staff for their willingness to learn and their help in maintaining scores on AYP achievement. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #1.

Patron Comments

There were no patron comments.

Consent Agenda

The board moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with a unanimous consent.

Minutes of Previous Board Minutes Approved

Minutes of previous board minutes were unanimously approved for:

- October 15, 2007, Regular Board Meeting
- October 22, 2007, Special Board Meeting
- October 29, 2007, Special Board Meeting
- November 9, 2007, Special Board Meeting

The minutes noted above are herein incorporated into the board minutes by reference to the date of the board meeting.

Bills and Payroll Were Approved

The School Board approved bills and payroll for payment:

- Accounts Payable: \$ 787,142.24
- Payroll: \$ 1,920,492.50

The monthly reports and bills are herein incorporated into these minutes by reference to Exhibits: "Board Revenue Report", and "Accounts Payable Runs."

Correspondence and Information

PTO audit reports for the elementary schools and Minico High School were presented. Chairman Duncan stressed the importance of keeping the Board informed of these audits and by-laws on an annual basis. Copies of the PTO audit reports are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #2.

Neil Clark, a senior at the University of Idaho, gave a report entitled "Optimizing Assets: Increasing Attendance for Minidoka County School District". A copy of the report is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #3.

Business:

Lease on Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children Approved

A motion to approve the one year lease of the portable classroom located at the Pershing Elementary Campus to the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children was made by Trustee George MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Tammy Stevenson and unanimously approved. A copy of the lease agreement is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #4.

ARTEC Memorandum of Understanding Approved

Vice Chairman Greer Copeland moved to approve the ARTEC Charter School Memorandum of Understanding with the correction of the district number from 333 to 331. Additions regarding

fiscal agent services and fees were discussed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doyle Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the MOU is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #5.

ICTL Technology Grant Application Approved

A motion to approve the 2007 ICTL Phase II Technology Project Plan was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Price, and unanimously approved. The plan shows the proposed and actual spending of district technology funds. A copy of the grant application is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #6.

Chevron Contract Tabled

The Chevron Contract was tabled as it is presently under legal review.

Mountain Man Assembly Approved

A motion was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved to allow the Mountain Man Assembly to be held at West Minico Middle School.

PMT Selected As Service Provider

PMT was selected as the service provider for the District cellular services. The company has agreed to install towers at Minico High School and Rupert Elementary. No vote was necessary.

School Improvement Plans Approved

Trustee MacDonald moved to approve the school improvement plans. The motion was seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. With the exception of Acequia Elementary and Mt. Harrison Jr/Sr High School, all schools including the district were required to submit a plan of improvement. Copies of the plans are on file at the District Office.

Ten Year Facility Plan Update Approved

A motion to approve the Ten Year Facility Plan update was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. The ten-year facilities plan outlines future plans for maintaining and building new facilities. A copy of the Facilities Plan is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #7.

Disposition of Fixed Assets Approved

A motion to approve all Disposition of Fixed Assets with the inclusion of an additional form presented by Dr. Rogers requesting disposal of Nextel cellular equipment was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Trustee McDonald, and unanimously approved. Copies of the forms are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #8.

Second Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee George MacDonald and seconded by Vice Chairman Greer Copeland to go into Executive Session. Executive session began at 9:16 p.m. for the purposes of consideration of school personnel Idaho Code 67-2345 (a), (b), labor negotiations or interest in real property (c), and legal questions (f). The poll of the trustees follows: Duncan-Yes; Copeland – Yes; Price-Yes; MacDonald-Yes; Stevenson-Yes.

The Board recessed and re-adjourned the Second Executive Session at 9:32 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Trustee MacDonald moved to close the Executive Session and return into Open Session. Vice Chairman Copeland seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Brian Duncan, Chairman of the Board, declared the Executive Session closed at 9:54 p.m.

Travel Approvals

A motion was made from Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved to approve all travel with the exception of the Title 1 Conference. Copies of the travel requests are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #9.

Trustee Stevenson moved to approve travel to the Title 1 Conference. Trustee MacDonald seconded the motion which was approved with one opposing vote from Vice Chairman Copeland. The Board directed John Fennell, Assistant Superintendent, to begin looking for other training options and bring back to an upcoming board meeting. Copies of the travel requests are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #10.

Personnel

Trustee MacDonald moved to approve all personnel recommendations and requests as hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit “October 15, 2007” with the exception of two appeals to the classified salary schedule which will be tabled until next month. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevenson and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Trustee George MacDonald at 10:13 p.m. Vice Chairman Copeland seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Brian Duncan, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned.

Attest: November 19, 2007, bkm

Brian Duncan, Chairman of School Board

Betty Miller, Board Clerk