

Minidoka County School District

# Superintendent's Report

## May 16, 2016

### Correspondence

- **Moody's Credit Rating Letter** – We received the attached letter indicating that our credit rating is A1, which is a step above what it was previously because a 'negative outlook' comment was removed.
- **School Immunization Report** – We received the attached letter and report from the state about our student immunization status. We are ahead of the state average in both immunizations on file (92.8% vs. 86.7%) and exemptions on file (4.1% vs. 6.3%), and our overall compliance is at 99.5% because of incomplete records on file.
- I received a revised proposal from **LKV architects**, concerning just a **District Enrollment Growth Study** (attached). I will be moving forward with this study and ask them to have it be completed over the summer. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.

### Information/Updates

- **Interest Based Bargaining** – We continue to meet weekly in Interest Based Bargaining sessions with the Minidoka County Education Association. We have addressed concerns about the grievance procedure, staff transfers, mentoring, and the leadership premium committee. Our next session will be Tuesday May 17, from 4 - 6 pm.
- **Chartwells Meeting** – Russ Taylor and I will be meeting with a representative from Chartwells, a food service provider company in early June. We will be determining just what we want from them in terms of an evaluation of our food service system. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.
- **ARTEC Director Selected** – I met with a number of other members of the ARTEC Board and they selected Andy Wiseman, former Castleford Superintendent, to replace Michael Gibson as the ARTEC Director. Andy has already begun attending meetings and will have some support from Claire Major as she too transitions into full retirement.

### Meetings/Activities

- **Methodist Men's Group** - I am scheduled to attend a Methodist's Men's Group meeting on Saturday, May 14. I plan on sharing what is happening in the district and our Supplemental Levy brochure.
- **Skillpath Leadership Conference** - I attended a Leadership Conference held in Twin Falls with all of our department heads. It was a great opportunity for this group to get together (we rode a school bus to Twin and back). We learned a great deal about leading a team and what we can do to make sure we are working together in our teams. The information we gleaned will be a great foundation for professional development in each of these departments.
- **Bridging the Gap Presentation** - I attended a presentation put on by the South Central Public Health District concerning how to talk to your children about sex. A number of our students from Mt. Harrison participated and, as we met in small groups, shared their insight and perspective on the topic.

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- **Education Law Conference** - I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Law Conference that was held in Boise on April 25 and 26. Much of what was discussed was directly related to issues we are facing in the district. I have a handout concerning the impact of the legislation on education for trustees that are interested. I also have a copy of the entire law conference documentation that I will make available for trustees to download.
- **Staff/Building Visits** - I have visited three classrooms at Heyburn Elementary, one at West and Minico, and two at East Minico since the last meeting. I have also had individual meetings with Michele Widmier and Kimberley Kidd at Heyburn, Shanna Lindsay at Mt. Harrison, Suzette Miller and Kelly Arritt at Minico, and both Bryan McKinney and Dr. Tim Perrigot at our middle schools throughout the month.
- **Committee Meetings:** I met with a number of coaches at Minico on the 10<sup>th</sup> to gather input on the Athletics/Activities Director opening. I have also met with the Policy Review Committee, Facilities Committee, Insurance Committee, Leadership Premiums Committee, and the Minidoka Education Foundation Meeting.

## Upcoming Events

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| May 17  | <b>Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) Session</b> 4-6 pm DSC Conf. Rm. #2 |
| May 18  | <b>Parent Patron Advisory Team Meeting</b> 12 pm DSC Conf. Rm. #2      |
| May 24  | <b>Mt. Harrison Graduation</b> 6:00 pm – Minico Auditorium             |
| May 25  | <b>Minico Graduation</b> 5:30 pm – Minico Gym                          |
| May 26  | <b>Retirement Reception</b> 4:00 – 6:00 pm – Wilson Theater            |
| June 1  | <b>Facilities Committee Meeting</b> 12:00 pm                           |
| June 20 | <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> 5:00 pm                                   |