

MCSD #331 Board of Trustees

Monthly Session Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2018

The regular monthly Board meeting held at the District Service Center, 310 10th St., Rupert, Idaho was called to order by Chair Heins, at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and the Board Clerk reported a quorum was present.

Board Members Present

The following trustees were present: Chair Bonnie Heins; Vice Chair, Rick Stimpson; Trustees Tammy Stevenson, Mary Andersen and Jeff Gibson.

Poll of the Board

A poll of the trustees was taken by the Board Clerk: Chair Heins – Yes; Vice Chair Stimpson – Yes; Trustees Gibson – Yes; Stevenson – Yes; Andersen - Yes. The Board Clerk reported a quorum was present. Chair Heins welcomed everyone to the Work Session.

Work Session (6:12 – 6:57)

Budget Assumptions

Dr. Cox reviewed with the Board and administrators the assumptions made in developing the proposed budget for next year.

Student Fee Discussion

Dr. Cox stated to the administrators that student fees should not be used to buy equipment, that is the District's responsibility. There were concerns expressed in regards to some advanced classes that need supplies. Minico stated the science dissecting materials which range between \$3,000 - \$4,000 were taken out of discretionary funds

The Board stated they need information where money is needed, so it can be budgeted for next year. [The Board is trying to take ownership of some items that fundraisers have been used for in the past.]

The Board asked for more information regarding classes and the amount of money spent for these. This information will be presented at next month's board meeting.

Dr. Cox informed the audience that \$50,000 will be held for matching grants again next year. The audience was also reminded patrons can donate money to the Minidoka Education Foundation and specifically state where it is used. Patrons will receive a tax credit when doing this.

Others Attending

The following were also present: Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Cox; Board Clerk, Kerri Tibbitts; Principals, Ellen Austin; Dyann Blood; Terry Merrill; Tim Perrigot; Bryan McKinney; Kelly Arritt; Josh Aston; Kim Kidd; Angela Davidson; Laurie Copmann; Sanie Baker; Suzette Miller; Federal Programs Director, Michele Widmier; IT Tech, Jeremiah Draves; Business Manager, Michelle DeLuna; Student Achievement Director, Ashley Johnson; Patrons, and Staff.

Silent Poll of the Board

A poll of the trustees was taken by the Board Clerk: Chair Heins – Yes; Vice Chair Stimpson – Yes; Trustees Gibson – Yes; Stevenson – Yes; Andersen – Yes. The Board Clerk reported a quorum was present.

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting (7:15)

Chair Heins welcomed everyone. Dr. Cox lead the group in prayer and Maura Merrill lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approved

A motion to accept the agenda with the change of Minico’s bowling team being presented in April was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried.

Student Representative Reports

Minico

Brian Borden shared accomplishments in winter sports, the success of the school musical, and the beginning of spring sports. He handed out invitations to Board members to help judge senior projects in April.

Mt. Harrison

Rhyden Juno shared events at Mt. Harrison. Spring fling is being held this week.

Patron Comments

There were many patron comments to be shared. Chair Heins stated to the audience these will occur when the item for discussion is on the agenda.

Good News Reports

West Minico

Jamie Clarke and Tammy Broadhead shared the success of Achieve 3000 program in their Language Arts.

Minico High School

Students who participated in girls’ basketball and boys wrestling were presented. There were many accomplishments in these sports. The Board congratulated and thanked students for being a good example in representing Minico High School.

Effective Instruction

Mt. Harrison

David Repke and Brandon Hansen shared with the Board their goal was to provide the students of Mt. Harrison an engaging cross curricular class that combined World History and Algebra II. They introduced students to various economic ideologies and helped them apply the skills learned in Algebra II to better understand the economic models and their relevance in the real world

Paul Elementary

Kayla Bruns shared her flexible seating plan she uses with her first graders. It moves away from the traditional seating and offers an environment of choice. The seating provides better student engagement in their learning, motivation and movement.

Consent Agenda

Chair Heins called for any objections to the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Minutes of Previous Board Meetings Approved

Minutes of previous board minutes were unanimously approved for: February 12, 2018. 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, with addendum, and payroll for payment.

Accounts Payable: xxxx

Payroll: xxxxxx

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

Discussion Items

A. Emergency Closure

This form will be submitted to the State with the minutes for the snow day and the day that Mt. Harrison was without heat.

B. Paraprofessional Project

Joan Wilson, Terrill Catmull, Colleen Madrigal, Ashley Johnson and Jayna Johnson shared with the Board the curriculum that was developed for the elementary paras. The Board thanked her for all the work she put into this project.

C. Board Member Training, Updates & Committee Reports

1. Board & Administrator Newsletter

Vice Chair Stimpson shared items from the February Board & Superintendent Newsletter.

2. Day on the Hill

Those Board members who attended Day on the Hill shared some of the information they received while there.

Policy Discussion

Policy N410.00 Complaint(s) Concerning District Employees

A form was created to go along with this policy. With no questions or concerns expressed, this form will be posted with the policy.

Superintendent's Report

There were no comments or questions on the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Cox stated with the growth in our area, he planned to attend a zoning meeting in Heyburn addressing this issue.

Business

A. PTO Audits

A motion was made to accept the PTO audits as presented by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Andersen. Motion carried.

B. Mt. Harrison Request

A motion to approve the Mt. Harrison request of \$500 for the senior dinner was made by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Gibson. Motion carried.

C. Transportation RFP

Legal Counsel, Reed Cotten, reviewed Policy 176 - Public Participation in Board Meeting, with patrons. Chair Bonnie Heins stated the Board feels that employees truly matter. The Board is thinking positively. If it is not something positive for our employees, it will not be done. As a Board they have a responsibility to be fiscally responsible to the District. Chair Heins addressed that fact there are many rumors in the community, and they will be addressed.

Those who spoke were as follows:

James McKenzie stated people do not know the facts which is a serious matter. Bus drivers have worked with the District for many years. The RFP seems extremely grey. The District would not have the same quality of people as they do with the drivers in the District

Paul Aston – The RFP is vague on the location of the facility. Where would the site manager and dispatch be located? How available is that onsite manager to the public? The RFP does not address aides for special needs.

Clarence Platt expressed concerns as to what is going to be done if this doesn't work and we no longer have buses.

Peggy Hess expressed there was a rumor on conflict of interest, the person who brought this to the board was a child of a board member. Chair Heins stated this was not true. Mrs. Hess stated research shows it initially saves money, but costs tax payers more. She asked what would happen to Washington and the bus garage.

Caroline Davis has driven bus for 50 years, and has enjoyed every time she goes out with children. She stated there are many things needing to be addressed before a decision is made.

Susan Fowler – There is no guarantee all drivers will be hired, no guarantee for benefits, and the transporting of St. Nicholas students.

LaRue McKenzie asked the Board what the contingency plan was. If it doesn't work, and they bought our buses, what was going to happen?

Mary Jane Manning – Concerned about the kids and the community as to the type of service they will get before they go to school.

Michelle Wayment – Her son has problems with change. Kids get attached to bus drivers.

Matt Boyer pointed out that two large private companies do not buy their parts locally. If a bus breaks down, they will have to wait to get the parts. He felt there would be a shortage of drivers even if it was contracted out.

Dr. Cox stated he had met with the transportation department several times. As the Board makes a decision tonight, it is not to hire a contracting service. The District is required by the State to submit the bid to several listed contractors. This RFP is simply to gather information. He realized it was stressful, but again stressed the board was not making a decision to contract out bussing, only to proceed in getting information.

Chair Heins stated if the Board felt it was not in the best interest of the students and District, they would not accept a bid.

A motion to send out the RFP as presented was made by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Gibson. Motion carried.

D. Minico Trap Shooting Club Request

A motion to approve the Minico Trap Shooting Club was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried.

E. Minico Irrigation Pump Bid Approval

A motion was made to approve the irrigation pump bid from Butte Irrigation in the amount of \$83,392.06 by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Stevenson. Motion carried

F. New/Amended/Deleted Policies

1. Policy N204.00 District Testing (1st Reading)

This will be held for a second reading.

2. Policy N326.00 Homeless Education (2nd Reading)

A motion to approve policy 326.00 Homeless Education was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried.

3. Policy N440.00 Gifts and Contributions (1st Reading)

This will be held for a second reading.

4. Policy N570.00 Employee Recognition (2nd Reading)

A motion to approve policy 570.00 Employee Recognition was made by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Stevenson. Motion carried.

5. Policy N580.00 Teacher Responsibility (1st Reading)

This will be held for a second reading.

6. Policy N650.00 Evaluation of Administrators (1st Reading)

A motion to approve policy 650.00 Evaluation of Administrators was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried.

7. Policy N660.00 Evaluation of Certificated Employees (1st Reading)

A motion to approve policy 660.00 Evaluation of Certificated Employees was made by Trustee Andersen, seconded by Trustee Gibson. Motion carried.

8. Policy N760.00 Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials (2nd Reading)

A motion to approve policy 760.00 Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials was made by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Stevenson. Motion carried.

Travel Approval

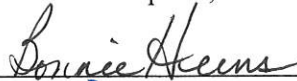
A motion to approve travel as presented was made by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

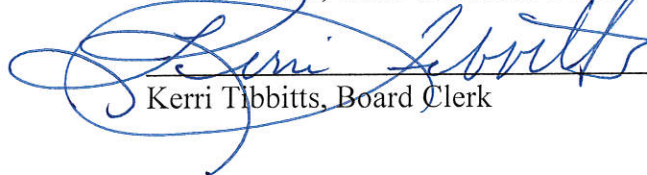
A motion to accept personnel recommendations as presented was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Vice Chair Stimpson. Motion carried. Dr. Cox introduced Josh Aston as new principal at Minico High School and Dustin Heath as new principal at West Minico.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion for adjournment was made by Vice Chair Stimpson, seconded by Trustee Gibson. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:39 p.m.



Bonnie Heins, Chair of School Board



Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk

Attest: April 16, 2018 kt

