

**Minidoka County School District #331
School Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2008**

Brian Duncan, Chairman, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. which was held at the School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho.

Board Members Present

The poll of the trustees follows: Duncan - Yes; Copeland - Yes; Price – Yes; MacDonald -Yes; Stevenson -Yes. The clerk reported a quorum was present.

Others Present

The following were also present: Dr. Scott Rogers, Superintendent; John Fennell, Assistant Superintendent; Michelle DeLuna, Business Manager, Theo Schut, Maintenance Supervisor; and Betty Miller, Board Clerk. Others attending were Patron Advisory Committee Members: Dan Lloyd, Steve Whitesides, Paul Duncan, Ron Hieb, Jeff Heins, John Firth, Wayne Schenk, Burt Lujan, and Staci & David Joyce.

Business

Emergency Closure for January 9, 2008 Approved

A motion to approve an emergency closure as a snow day for all schools including Mt. Harrison was made by Vice Chairman Greer Copeland, seconded by Trustee George MacDonald and unanimously approved. A copy of the Certificate of Closure form is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #1.

Independent Service Provider Agreement Approved

Vice Chairman Copeland moved to approve the Service Provider Agreement with Lyle Christensen to provide Psychosocial Rehabilitation Therapy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doyle Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the contract is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #2.

Patron Advisory Committee Meeting

Chairman Duncan turned the time over to Dan Lloyd, Chairman of the Patron Advisory Committee. Following introductions, Dr. Scott Rogers reviewed a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Where Are We and What Got Us Here?” which was initially given at the December Board Meeting. Starting out with a tight budget from the Advisory Committee, bad advise from Chevron, delays due to site selection and Chevron, escalating construction costs and unforeseen expenses, and the need for value engineering have all contributed to delays and falling short \$4 million for construction costs. Dr. Rogers reviewed possible options which included: 1) Cut more from schools; 2) More revenue; 3) Change from new construction to remodeling and additions at Acequia or

Heyburn or both; 4) Start building one school and multi-purpose room; 5) Move Acequia site to Utility Grid; 6) Survey votes – community meetings; and 7) Patron Advisory Committee input. Dr. Rogers then discussed Value Engineering (cuts from the original plans to bring down costs, and cuts that the construction committee did not feel were feasible). Dr. Rogers discussed the fact that we are one among several other school districts faced with inflation, bids coming in over the budgeted amount, and the rising costs of construction. He explained that when the district went out for the bond, the cost of gasoline was \$1.99, but is now priced at over \$3.00. Dr. Rogers stated that Kloepfer has already begun construction on the Paul Multi-purpose Building and from there will move to Heyburn Elementary.

Michelle DeLuna, Business Manager, reviewed levy rates and dollar amount outcomes. Mrs. DeLuna stated that levy rates are the lowest they have been in years. A breakdown of costs and overages between actual costs and remaining budget was reviewed. The committee was given many different options which included: cutting more costs from the project, moving Acequia Elementary to a site closer to the mainline, remodeling or adding on to the present Acequia Elementary, using and increasing the current supplemental levy to finish the projects, going out for a bond of \$3 million without a contingency or going for a \$4 million bond and keep the contingency, and adding some of the cuts back in.

After much debate, the committee agreed that the supplemental levy funds should not be used for the construction cost increases as these funds are the main source of maintenance and upkeep for the District. They also agreed that it would be best to go out for a \$4 million bond, adding the cost for the metal roofing back in, and all three projects should proceed as originally planned.

Due to inflation, Vice Chairman Copeland suggested possibly increasing the supplemental levy from \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. The supplemental has not been increased for several years.

Committee Chairman Lloyd suggested that the committee should meet again and bring back recommendations for changes that they feel are imperative. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office to review further decisions.

Meeting Adjourned

Vice Chairman Copeland moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tammy Stevenson and unanimously approved. Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Brian Duncan, Chairman of the Board

Attest: 1-10-08: bkm

Betty Miller, Board Clerk