

**School Board of Trustees
Monthly Session Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008**

The regular monthly board meeting which was held at the Minico High School Library, 292 West 100 South, Rupert, Idaho was called to order by Chairman Brian Duncan.

Board Members Present

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

First Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Tammy Stevenson and seconded by Trustee George MacDonald to go into Executive Session. Executive session began at 5:40 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; Price – Yes; MacDonald – Yes; Stevenson – Yes.

Trustee MacDonald moved to close the Executive Session and return into Open Session. Trustee Doyle Price seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Brian Duncan, Chairman of the Board, declared the Executive Session closed at 6:51 p.m.

The Board discussed legal and personnel items.

Open Session

Chairman Duncan called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Poll of the Board

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

Others Attending

The following were also present: Dr. Scott Rogers, Superintendent; John Fennell, Assistant Superintendent; and Betty Miller, Board Clerk. Others attending were: Building Principals: Suzette Miller, Sandra Miller, Kevan Vogt, John Kontos, Federal Programs Director, Michele Widmier; and MCEA Co-President, Teresa Lowder. Rich Greene was present from South Idaho Press.

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by seventh grade student and Boy Scout, Cameron Jackson. Following the pledge, Chairman Duncan welcomed staff and patrons.

Agenda Approved

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee George MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Doyle Price, and unanimously approved.

Good News Report:

Supplemental Levy Passes

Dr. Scott Rogers, Superintendent, expressed thanks to patrons and staff for supporting the Supplemental Levy. The levy is used for maintenance of all buildings, carpeting, roofing, paint, etc. The levy passed with an overwhelming majority of 82.7%.

District Wellness Program

Dr. Rogers reported that insurance ratings are determined by the number of claims that a district reports. Our district is in the middle tier with a 3.6% rating. He also reported that the District Day at the Movies was a success and encouraged participation for the upcoming District Fun Run which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008.

Student Representative Report

Student representative, Melanie Fennell, reported that the prom will be held on May 3 with the theme "Midnight Masquerade"; Spring Fling activities are scheduled for the week of April 28th; Student Council members attended a convention in Burley; ISAT testing is going on; and then reviewed upcoming golf, tennis, track, baseball and softball sports events.

Annual Accountability Report & Student Achievement/Learning

The Annual Building Accountability Report for East Minico Middle School was given by Principal, Kevan Vogt. Mr. Vogt reviewed East Minico's Beliefs, AYP scores, Instructional Reviews, and discussed areas of concern and what is being done about those concerns. Mr. Vogt reviewed many of the outstanding achievements students have accomplished this year plus student involvement within the school clubs/programs and community. Mr. Vogt also gave an assessment of Staff Development and East Minico's Five Year Plan for future vision. A copy of the accountability report is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #1.

Patron Comments

Catie Smith and Yesenia Guevara, teachers at Minico, both expressed concerns regarding the ESL program at Minico High School. Copies of the "Request to Address the Board of Trustees" forms are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibits #2 and #3.

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:

March 13, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

March 25, 2008, Special Board Meeting, (Lighthouse Training 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: \$ 672,871.73

Payroll: \$ 1,941,510.92.

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:

Lighthouse Study

Chairman Duncan explained that the District has agreed to participate in a five year study with the Idaho version of the Iowa Lighthouse Multi-state study on the affect of school boards on student achievement. Through the Lighthouse study, board members, principals, and supervisors of the District are learning to identify and address concerns, such as the trend in declining math scores in our district. Through data, the Board will be able to better assess student needs and set goals for improvement in the district.

Update on Trustee Election

Dr. Rogers reported that two candidates for Zone 3 have announced candidacy for the upcoming election which will be held on May 20, 2008. The candidates are Doyle Price and Edward Ryan. Only one candidate has announced candidacy for Zone 5 and that is Kurt Harman.

Business:

Canvassing & Certification of Supplemental Levy Approved

Dr. Rogers reviewed the Supplemental Levy Election results. There was a total of 751 votes with 621 "yes" votes or 82.7% in favor; 129 "no" votes or 17.2% not in favor, and 1 spoiled vote. Trustee Tammy Stevenson motioned to approve the canvassing of the election and certify the election results as correct. The motion was seconded by Trustee George MacDonald and unanimously approved. A copy of the Election Results is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #4.

Staff Allocations Held as a First Reading

Three options for projections and allocations, based on average daily attendance, were presented and held as a first reading. A copy of the estimated certificated allocation options are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #5.

Changes to Selected Job Descriptions Approved

A motion was made by Trustee MacDonald to approve changes to the following job descriptions: Elementary, Secondary, Pre-School, and Special Education Teacher, and Coach and Assistant Coach-Interscholastic Sports. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevenson and unanimously approved. Copies of the job descriptions are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #6.

Paper Bids Approved

Trustee MacDonald moved to approve West Coast Paper as the apparent low bidder for 2008-2009 paper bids with the exception of four cases to be purchased from Ricoh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doyle Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the 2008-09 paper bids are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #7.

Lease of .48 Acres at Acequia Approved

Trustee Price motioned to approve the lease of .48 acres at the new Acequia Elementary School site to Land View, Inc. Land View has agreed to remove any and all waste and keep and maintain the grounds, including weed control. Dr. Rogers reported that a small fence will be put up so that it can't be used as a turn-a-round. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevenson and unanimously approved. A copy of the lease agreement is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #8.

Construction Bids

Dr. Rogers reported that he, Trustee Stevenson, and Maintenance Supervisor, Theo Schut will be going to Boise for the opening of construction bids on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

Request for Minico to Use Football Equipment at Camp Approved

A motion to approve the request for the Minico football team to use the school's football equipment for summer camp was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the request is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #9.

Social Studies Curriculum for Middle Schools Approved

In order to bring Minidoka County School District's Social Studies Curriculum in line with the State of Idaho and better prepare students for ISAT testing, Mr. Jim Watkins presented the proposed social studies curriculum changes for all middle school grades which will be implemented next fall. There will be no cost involved. It was proposed that a classroom set of books will be used with each class providing extra books for students to check out if homework is required. Trustee Stevenson motioned to approve the Social Studies Curriculum for Middle Schools for 2008-2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the request and proposed curriculum changes is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #10.

Mt. Harrison Daycare Center Rules

Dr. Rogers and John Kontos explained that the mission and scope of service is for the Mt. Harrison Daycare Center must be equitable and fair. Presently, after Mt. Harrison students have brought their own children in for childcare, if spaces are still available, an employee may then use the facility for their own children. It was determined that the funds from the Daycare should be turned into the District Office to reimburse costs to the daycare provider. Mr. Kontos explained that in order to be a qualified alternative school, a daycare center must be provided. Mr. Kontos told the Board that changes to the DayCare Rules will be presented in the 2008-2009 Mt. Harrison School Handbook. No motion was made. A copy of the Mt. Harrison Daycare Center Rules is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #11.

Amended/Revised/Deleted/New Policies:

Policy #501.15 “Communicable Diseases” Approved

A motion to approve the new policy “Communicable Diseases, #501.15 with noted revisions was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #12.

New Policy #503.65 “Voluntary Drug Testing for Students” Held as Frist Reading

Policy #503.65 “Voluntary Drug Testing for Students” was held as a first reading to allow for legal review and correction. A copy of the policy is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #13.

Disposition of Fixed Assets Approved

A motion to approve the Disposition of Fixed Assets for East and West Minico and Central Office/Food Services was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. Copies of the Disposition of Fixed Assets forms are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #14.

Travel Approved

A motion was made from Trustee Stevenson to approve all out of state travel requests. The motion was seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the travel requests are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #15.

Personnel

Trustee Stevenson moved to approve all personnel recommendations and requests as hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit “April 21, 2008” including the 2008-2009 Teacher Rehire List and with the exception of a request from employee #04210801. The motion was seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved.

Trustee MacDonald motioned to deny a request for leave without pay for employee #04210801. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevenson and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve personnel to include the hiring of a student teacher for Rupert Elementary and Acequia Elementary was made by Trustee Stevenson, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Trustee George MacDonald at 9:44 p.m. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Chairman Duncan declared the meeting adjourned.

Brian Duncan, Chairman of School Board

Attest: April 21, 2008, bkm

Betty Miller, Board Clerk