

Minidoka County School District

# Superintendent's Report

## March 14, 2016

### Correspondence

- I received a proposed revision to the way Minico selects their Valedictorian & Salutatorian (attached).

### Information/Updates

- **Bus Engine** – In my meetings with the Transportation staff I found out that we have a bus whose engine was blown. We are looking into the cost of a replacement engine (roughly \$30,000). We believe that this would provide us with another bus in the fleet for less than half the cost of a new bus (\$80,000). Michelle also believes that this is reimbursable (at 85%) from the state as well significantly reducing our investment. We will bring this before the board before finalizing any purchase.
- **Final Staff Calendar** – I am sharing with the board the final staff calendar for next year. The Admin Team clarified the first week back for teachers with August 15 and 22 being teacher work days for them to have time in their classrooms (attached).
- **Interest Based Bargaining Training** – Unfortunately, Bruce Boyd, the trainer for these sessions, passed away unexpectedly. I asked Linda Jones to assist me in completing the training that he had started regarding Interest Based Bargaining. We met for the entire day on February 23 and felt we accomplished a great deal. It was determined that only 44% of the items that were raised at an earlier training were considered 'bargainable' by the group. We had our first IBB Negotiations Session, where we practiced addressing an issue, and began the process of prioritizing the list of bargainable items, we will be working on an online document to establish ground rules for future sessions which will begin in earnest every Tuesday beginning May 29, from 4 to 6 pm.
- **Special Services Director Report** – Sherry Bingham, our Director of Special Services, has been involved in leading the district in a number of areas. She has compiled a report for the board to update you on the progress of those projects (attached).
- **Migrant Parent Meeting** – Last Wednesday I attended the quarterly Migrant Parent Meeting to explain to them the process of how to deal with a situation at school or if they had a complaint. I want to thank Sylvia Lujan for being my interpreter and for translating a summary of the district's complaint procedure. After visiting briefly with the parents about addressing issues at the lowest possible level, with the teacher, and then the principal, etc., I asked if there were any questions. During the next twenty minutes I explained the function of the school board, the different zones, and the fact that board meetings are held in public every third Monday. One of the most interesting questions I answered was "What is the school board?" And after I gave a description the next question was "Why don't they come to our meeting?" It was then that I clarified that you were volunteers, that you meet once a month in the same room, and that they were welcome to attend. I will make sure that Heather makes the board aware of their next meeting in case some of you would like to attend.
- **Food Service Building Remodel** – We are looking into remodeling the Food Service building next winter to install drive-in freezer and dry storage options in the portion of

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the building currently occupies by the Disabled American Veterans. We will be working with them to provide an alternate meeting location, possibly the old district office building down town. A complete cost estimate will be developed over the summer.

- **Chartwells Meeting Scheduled** – Russ Taylor has scheduled an informational meeting with Chartwells, a food service provider company. He, myself and Trustee Stimpson will be meeting with the to discuss the services they have to offer the District.
- **PTE Apprenticeship Opportunities** – I am drafting a \$25,000 grant with Chet Jeppeson from the local **Department of Labor** Office to improve our PTE offerings.
- **LKV Architects** – I have asked LKV architects to revise their proposal for establishing cost estimates for adding classrooms to our elementary schools. Their revised cost estimate is \$7,500 (attached). I would recommend not moving forward this year since we are looking at the modular classrooms as a short term solution.

### Meetings/Activities

- **Parent Meetings/Calls:**
  - We had four parents attend our Policy Review Committee meeting on March 9. They all expressed concern and provided input concerning the District's attendance policy, specifically the current practice concerning make-up time for all absences.
  - I have addressed a number of concerns by parents and staff throughout the month.
- **Staff/Building Visits:**
  - I have visited with administration and staff at Mt. Harrison, East Minico, West Minico, Minico and Paul, Rupert, and Heyburn Elementary Schools.
  - I have met with or visited classrooms of at least six staff members this month.
  - I met with Alicia and transportation staff and addressed their concerns.
- **Committee Meetings:** I met with the Calendar Committee, Policy Review Committee, the Minidoka Education Foundation, a Summer School Coordination Meeting and attended a Secretary's Meeting where we developed CUM file standards for the District.

### Upcoming Events

March 21-25	<b>Spring Break</b> The District Office will be closed March 23 through March 25
March 29	<b>Interest Based Bargaining Session</b> 4-6 pm in DSC Conference Room #2
April 5	<b>Interest Based Bargaining Session</b> 4-6 pm in DSC Conference Room #2
April 6	<b>Facilities Committee</b> Meeting at noon
April 6	<b>Teacher/Employee/Admin of the Year Dinner</b> 6 pm at West Minico
April 12	<b>Interest Based Bargaining Session</b> 4-6 pm in DSC Conference Room #2
April 13	<b>Policy Review Committee</b> Meeting at 3:40
April 14	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
April 18	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> – Work Session Topic: Classified Voice (10 minutes)
April 19	<b>Interest Based Bargaining Session</b> 4-6 pm in DSC Conference Room #2
April 20	<b>Parent Patron Advisory Team</b> Meeting at noon in DSC Conference Room #2
April 25-26	<b>Law Conference</b> in Boise