

MCS D #331 Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024 DRAFT

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student; (f) legal counsel

A declaration was made that Executive Session was completed.

Board Members Present

The following trustees were present: Chair Suchan, Trustees Perez, Kent and Claridge.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting

The pledge was given by Chair Suchan.

Agenda Approval (Action Item)

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda (action item) Consent agenda approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes of previous board minutes

The minutes noted above are herein incorporated into the board minutes by reference to the date of the board meeting.

Bills and Payroll was Approved

The School Board approved bills, with addendum, and payroll for payment.

Accounts Payable

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

Travel Requests

Approval of Personnel – The Board declared an emergency hire for a social studies teacher at West Minico. Khali Vandever was approved as an emergency hire.

Student Representative Reports No students were present for reports.

Good News Ashley Johnson, Principal at West, presented a video on West Minico.
<https://youtu.be/WB7vAk6i1RI?>

Patron Comments No comments were received.

Discussion

Administrator/Department/Committee Reports

The Transportation Department started off strong, but with some changes that had to occur, we are now down bus drivers. Mr. Larsen thanked Coleen Jones for her hard work and doing the best she can with the changes. Trustee Kent stated the BusRight app is a great tool for parents.

MCEA: Nicole Toner shared negotiations are finished. Zelma Woodward attend a retreat last weekend and gather information and ideas to build on.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Larsen shared with the Board the Ag building is behind schedule. The billing process from Peterson Brother's doesn't match up with what the State requires. Changes will have to be made before they release funding. It appears we are on budget so far.

The chiller at Rupert has been replaced.

Mr. Larsen met with the auditor and the audit will be completed in a better time frame than last year. The business office is still cleaning up a few accounts, but we are way ahead from last year.

ISBA Policies – In an effort to keep our policies updated and having those required, we will be using the ISBA policy manual. This will help clear out old policies that are outdated or those we no longer need.

Calendar Committee- Mr. Larsen stated will begin sometime next month. The District has in the past approved 2 years. The State, even though we meet the hours required, has increased the student contact days to 152. We currently have 146.

Negotiations are complete. There were a few issues at the end, but the team was able to work things out. There appears to be some work needed on the evaluation policy. Since it is not part of the Master Agreement, this can be addressed.

Mr. Larsen informed the Board the beginning of school was a fairly smooth start. He credited the administrators and their hard work in making it go smoothly.

Trustee Claridge thanked Mr. Larsen for getting out into the schools. Chair Suchan appreciated him holding meetings with the business office, ag building, etc. to build relationships and share information.

CIP (Continued Improvement Plan) Mr. Larsen explained to the Board the purpose of the CIP Plan.

This helps to track and monitor student achievement. Mrs. Austin shared she would like to change somewhat how the tracking/teaching is done. Mr. Larsen agreed with her idea. They would like to zero in on certain categories of the standards, teach until students have mastered the content. Some teachers are overwhelmed and try to teach the whole curriculum. Tests will be given similar to the ISAT to help students master and prepare for the test.

Business

Approval of Master Agreement: A motion to approve the Master Agreement as presented was made by Trustee Claridge, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried.

Approval of CIP: A motion to approve the CIP plan was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried.

West Minico Handbook Updates: A motion to approve the handbook updates was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Trustee Perez. Motion carried.

Minico Volleyball Fundraiser: A motion to approve the volleyball fundraiser was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

New/Amended/Deleted Policies:

1. Policy 240.00 Request for Review and Reconsideration of Learning Materials (First Reading)

2. Policy 240.00F Request for Review and Reconsideration of Learning Materials Form
3. Policy 250.20 Library Materials (First Reading)
4. Policy 274.00 Transfer of Student Credits from Non-Accredited Institutions (First Reading)
5. Policy 276.00 Advanced Opportunities (First Reading)
6. Policy 305.00 Military Waiver (First Reading)
7. Policy 326.00 Homeless Education (First Reading)
8. Policy 544.50 Military Reserve National Guard Duty (First Reading)
9. Policy 587.00 Rehiring Retired Teachers and Administrators (First Reading)
10. Policy 594.00 Classified Staff Payroll (First Reading)
11. Policy 596.00 Overtime Classified Personnel (DELETE)
12. Delete Policies 640.00; 650.00 D,E,G; 660.00 B, C, CS, D-1, E, F 1-6 (self-evaluations - no longer used in evaluation process)

A motion to approve policies 326.00 Homeless Education; and 594.00 Classified Staff Payroll was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the deletion of policies 596.00 Overtime Classified Personnel and policy 640.00; 650.00 D,E,G; 660.00 B, C, CS, D-1, E, F 1-6 (self-evaluations -no longer used in evaluation process) was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

All other policies will be held for a second reading.

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried. Adjournment was 7:55 p.m.

Russ Suchan, Chair of School Board

Attest: October 21, 2024

Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk