

Board Meeting Agenda Summary

March 14, 2016

Trustees: If you have questions about any item on this summary prior to the board meeting please share them with me so that I can have the appropriate information at the board meeting.

2. Work Session Topic

Budget Assumptions – Business Manager Michelle Deluna will review the assumptions that she and I are working off of to put next year’s budget together.

Elementary and Secondary Student Fees – In light of a recent court ruling concerning student fees, the Idaho School Board Association has proposed policy language that eliminates all student fees associated with academic credit courses.

Each administrator has been asked to be prepared to answer any questions the board may have concerning the fees that they assess students. In a study presented to the board in December it was determined that the total fee income for Minico was around \$50,000 and each middle school was around \$10,000.

The district has increased all school’s discretionary funding this year and in the proposed budget. Some options to address this potential shortfall in funding would be to: 1) make adjustments to the discretionary funding to ensure these fees are at least partially made up (many were used for departmental supplies), 2) consider instituting ‘Pay to Play’ fees for sports so that less general fund monies would have to go toward supporting athletics, 3) allowing more fundraisers.

I have attached the following documentation: 1) the student fee report from December, 2) our current Fee/Fundraiser schedule, and 3) the proposed policy from ISBA, which has not yet gone to the Policy Review Committee.

6. Good News Reports

- A. **Elementary Principal Recognition** – Earlier this year I submitted nominations to the Idaho Association of Elementary Principals for Colleen Johnson for her Distinguished Service, and Laurie Copmann for her Instructional Leadership. Each of these principals were selected in their respective categories as the best in the State of Idaho.
- B. **Minico Sports** – Kelly Arritt will share some of the amazing accomplishments of our Minico athletes over the past few weeks.

8. Accountability & Student Achievement Report: Minico High School

Josh Aston, Assistant Principal at Minico, will present information about how Minico students and staff are doing.

9. Data Report

- A. **Graduation Rate:** I will share a summary report on the graduation rates that have been release by the state.

12. Discussion Items

- C.1. **Policy 807.30 Insurance Committee** – As we have been trained this year in Interest Based Bargaining it was pointed out that the Insurance Committee was making recommendation to the board rather than the District Negotiations Team (representing members from both the MCEA and from Administration). I have shared some proposed changes to this policy that would allow the District Negotiations Team more input into which insurance plans are offered to staff.

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- D. **Continuous Improvement Plan Update** - I will share with the board the latest, shortened version of our Continuous Improvement Plan. This would be the front page summary of the plan which would have more detail in the body of the plan.
- E. **Food Service Quality of Food Update** – Food Service Director Russ Taylor will share with the board some of the changes that have taken place this year in what is being served our children for breakfast and lunch.
- F. **Middle School Soccer** – Kelly Arritt will answer any questions the board has concerning their proposal for starting 7th and 8th grade soccer teams. I have totaled the costs for their proposal and it comes to \$25,180. This would be in addition to the existing athletic budget. The board may consider only starting an 8th grade team to keep the costs down, or even postponing adding any further sports. Here is an example of where having Pay to Play may help get this sport started.
- G. **Superintendent’s Report:** I will have my report ready by this weekend and will share my activities for the past month along with any correspondence that we have received.

13. Business Items

- A. **Superintendent Evaluation/Survey/Contract Renewal** – Chair Stevenson will share the summary of the board’s evaluation of the superintendent, the staff and admin surveys and the proposed extension of my contract for one additional year (through the 2017-18 school year).
- B. **Contingency Expenditure Request** – I am recommending that the board approve the temporary leasing of one or modular classroom buildings at Rupert Elementary to address their overcrowding issues. I am seeking board approval to move forward in making sure this takes place in time for school to start next fall. There is also a request from Minico concerning having a wrestling mat refurbished.
- C. **New/Amended/Deleted Policies:**
 - C.2. Policy 204.01 Board Meetings** – I have rearranged our policy and incorporated ISBA’s recommended changes, as well as more closely aligning with their format.
 - C.3. Policy 204.02 (204.02F) Public Participation in Board Meetings** – This has been reviewed by the district office staff and will be presented to the board this month. The only changes were what was recommended by ISBA and to conform to ISBA formatting. We have also added this policy form number to our existing “Request to Address the Board” as 204.02F.
 - C.4. Policy 808.50 Records Management** – This is a new policy from ISBA that has been reviewed by district office staff. We will need to develop procedures as outlined in the policy.
- NOTE** - All three of these policies will have been presented to the Policy Review Committee (PRC) prior to the board meeting and I will let you know if they have any corrections or concerns.
- D. **Disposition of District Property (including Fixed Assets):** We only have a few curriculum materials from Minico.
- E. **Travel Approvals:** I will ask the board to ratify travel approval for a teacher from Rupert Elementary School to attend a training in Minneapolis where all expenses are being paid including sub fees.

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- F. **Personnel Recommendations:** We have a number of personnel changes for your consideration including some retirements and a termination. We also have requests for the mechanics and office staff from Transportation and for four Tech Department and office staff to attend two different conferences in Las Vegas this July.

Upcoming Events & Board Meeting Agenda Items

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