

**Minidoka County School District #331
School Board of Trustees
Monthly Session Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2007**

Brian Duncan, Chairman, called the regular school board meeting to order which was held at the Minico High School Library, 292 West 100 South, Rupert, Idaho at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

The following were also present:

John Fennell, Assistant Superintendent; Jason Walker, School Counsel; and Betty Miller, Board Clerk. Others attending were: MCEA representatives, Teresa Lowder and Helen Wyant; Building Principals: John Kontos, Colleen Johnson, Terry Garner, Laurie Copmann, Suzette Miller, and Kevan Vogt. Also in attendance were: Theo Schut, Maintenance Supervisor; Marlane Garner, Special Services Director; and Michele Widmier, Federal Programs Director. Sven Berg was present from South Idaho Press.

First Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee George MacDonald and seconded by Trustee Kerry Sanford 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, Sanford - Yes. Vice Chairman Copeland arrived at 6:38 p.m. No prior notice is required for executive session at regular meeting.

The School Board discussed personnel questions, negotiations, and possible legal issues. Chairman Duncan declared the Executive Session closed at 6:52 p.m. with a five minute recess.

Open Session

Trustee George MacDonald moved to go into open session. Trustee Kerry Sanford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. At 7:05 p.m., Chairman Duncan called to order the Regular Board Meeting which was posted for the 15th of March 2007.

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting

Chairman Duncan welcomed staff and patrons and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amanda Studer.

Agenda

George MacDonald, Trustee, moved to approve the agenda with an additional item under Business to set a date to begin negotiations. Greer Copeland, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Good News Report

Phyllis Bean, Food Service Supervisor, reported that the district has changed from milk cartons to bottles. Initially, the Dairy Council offered to supply only one elementary school but later agreed to provide the bottled milk to all eight schools in the district. Mrs. Bean is finding that students are drinking more milk. She also reported that the bottles are recyclable and will be on a voluntary basis per school. Dr. Rogers commented that Mrs. Bean has had many innovative themes this year to entice the students to eat more healthy foods.

Wally Studer introduced two team members from the Girls State Bowling Team. The team placed third at state. He also announced that the Cassia County Sheriff, Minidoka County Sheriff, and Snake River Bowl are presenting a program entitled "Say NO to Drugs and YES to Bowling 2007". The program will allow Minidoka and Cassia students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to bowl two free games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June 4th through August 15th. A copy of the "Say NO to Drugs & YES to Bowling 2007" flyer is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #1.

John Kontos, principal at Mt. Harrison, introduced eleventh grade student Trevor Molina. Trevor placed third at a Jeopardy Contest sponsored by CSI and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative, Anthony Garcia, reported that Spring Break is next week. Student Council elections will begin two weeks following spring break. Spring Fling and prom are coming up, as well as the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

Patron Comments

Patron comments regarding the boundary changes are listed under the Business section.

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:

February 20, 2007, Regular Board 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: \$595,727.15

Payroll: \$

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

The Annual Building Accountability Report for Heyburn Elementary was given by Terry Garner, principal. Mr. Garner introduced Team Leaders, Norma Bailey, Marcia Lynch, Beckee Solakiewicz, and Anne Critchfield. The Heyburn Elementary school theme is "Where Every Student is Empowered". Through tried and true methods and new techniques such as periodization, sculpting, and paired practice, enables the school to find out exactly what the student needs are. Every month students are tested on fluency. Mr. Garner reported that students had exceeded their goal on ISAT scores. The third grade IRI reading scores had fallen below but the trend is headed in the right direction. Administration and staff will continue to strive to better their school through better communication from parents, more communication to students from their principal, and more positive feedback.

Dr. Rogers discussed the stage of construction for the two new schools and the thirty projects maintenance is presently working on. The ground breaking ceremony for the new schools as well as the Paul Multi-Purpose room is scheduled for April 27, 2007. The new Heyburn Elementary site has already been leveled. Dr. Rogers reported that the district is completing the design phase; the bid process will begin in April for plumbing, electrical, etc; and in May construction will begin. The schools are slated to open in August 2008. The construction of the Rupert Elementary parking lot will begin when school is out for summer vacation.

Business:

Proposed Changes in Elementary Attendance Zone Held

Dr. Scott Rogers discussed possible options and the pros and cons of each regarding the changing of the district boundary attendance zones. The options included: 1) Do nothing; 2) Leave the Boundaries as they are, but deny open enrollment at Rupert Elementary; 3) Make the boundary change, but deny open enrollment at Rupert Elementary; 4) Modify the boundary changes; 5) More space at Rupert Elementary.

Patrons Tiffany McFall & Ed Ryan were both opposed to the proposed boundary change and Vickie Prien stated that she did not feel the district had done a good job keeping everyone informed on the proposed boundary change. Dr. Rogers explained that the proposed change had been in the newspaper, the Minidoka Messenger and posted on the school website. After much discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Greer Copeland to keep the boundaries as they are at present and direct administrators to curtail open enrollment at Rupert Elementary. Trustee Doyle Price seconded the motion and it passed with a majority vote. Trustee George MacDonald opposed the vote. A second motion was put to the floor

by Trustee George MacDonald to organize a parent advisory committee to study the issue of overcrowding and open enrollment at Rupert Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, Request to Address the Board forms, and other correspondence regarding the boundary change are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibits #2, #3, #4 and #5.

Science Curriculum Approved

Vice Chairman Copeland moved to approve the balance of the science curriculum budget for expenditures of books and supplies for 2006-2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kerry Sanford and unanimously approved. A copy of the Remaining Science Budget for 2006-2007 is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #6.

BoardBook Approved Contingent upon Attorney Review

Dr. Rogers explained that BoardBook is a web-based software program that streamlines the preparation, distribution and publishing of agenda packets. BoardBook includes a searchable archive of meeting packets and approved board minutes. Jason Walker, Legal Counsel, explained that he had reviewed the subscription agreement and was concerned about #13 which states there is no warranty with the program and #15 which requires indemnification. A motion to approve BoardBook contingent upon attorney review was made by Vice Chairman Copeland, seconded by Trustee MacDonald and unanimously approved. A copy of the BoardBook Subscription Agreement is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #7.

Certificate of Closure for Mt. Harrison Approved

A motion to approve the Certificate of Closure for Mt. Harrison Jr/Sr. High School for March 2 and March 5, 2007 to investigate fumes and possible health hazards was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Trustee Sanford and unanimously approved. A copy of the Certificate of Closure is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #8.

Sale of Reinke Irrigation Pivot at New Acequia Site Approved

A motion to approve the sale of the Reinke Irrigation Pivot at the new Acequia site by sealed bid with a placed minimum value of \$5000 was made by Vice Chairman Copeland, seconded by Trustee Price and unanimously approved. A copy of the Disposition of Fixed Assets form and sales estimates are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #9.

Hillside Nursery Awarded Bid for High School Irrigation Project

Trustee MacDonald moved to award the bid for the Minico High School Irrigation Project to Hillside Nursery as the apparent low bidder for items 1-12 for a total of \$101,000 subject to attorney review. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved. A copy of the bids is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #10.

Miles Construction Awarded Bid for East & Rupert Elementary Storage Buildings

Trustee Sanford moved to award Todd Miles Construction as the apparent low bid for storage buildings at East Minico Middle School and Rupert Elementary for a total of \$66,000, contingent upon attorney review. Trustee MacDonald seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved. A copy of the bids is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #11.

Gordon Paving Awarded Bid for Rupert Elementary Parking Lot Project

A motion to award the Rupert Elementary Bus Relocation Project to Gordon Paving for a total of \$145,857.00 pending attorney review was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved. A copy of the bids is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #12.

Amended/Revised/Deleted/New Policies:

Revision of Policy #605.33 “Promotion & Retention” Held as Second Reading

Trustee MacDonald moved to table policy #605.33 “Promotion & Retention” and direct Dr. Scott Rogers to invite Minico High School, Mt. Harrison, and Federal Programs to work together on the policy and bring back to the April board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanford and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #13.

New Policy #702.00 “Leasing of School Buses” Approved

Vice Chairman Copeland motioned to approve Policy #702.00 “Leasing of School Buses” with the following changes in wording: 1) Change “district” to “Non-district”; and 2) Delete the last sentence which is repetitive. The motion was seconded by Trustee MacDonald and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #14.

Disposition of Fixed Assets Approved

A motion to approve all Disposition of Fixed Assets was made by Trustee Sanford, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland, and unanimously approved. Copies of the forms are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #15, #16, and #17.

Second Executive Session

At 10:15 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved to adjourn into a Second Executive Session 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; Copeland – Yes; Price – Yes; MacDonald – Yes; Sanford - Yes.

Return to Open Session

Vice Chairman Copeland moved to return into open session at 11:12 p.m. Trustee Price seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Brian Duncan, Chairman, declared the executive session adjourned and returned into open session.

Travels Requests

Trustee Doyle Price moved to approve travel for Stephanie Payne & Melanie Shurtz to travel to Salt Lake City on April 20-22, 2007, as chaperones for the Idaho Key Club Convention. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and passed with a majority vote. The vote was opposed by Trustee Sanford. A copy of the travel request is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit #18.

Personnel

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Copeland to approve personnel with the addition of a request for leave without pay for employee #03150701. Trustee Kerry Sanford seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

A motion to deny a request for employee #03150702 was made by Trustee Sanford, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and unanimously approved.

The personnel recommendations are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference to exhibit "March 15, 2007, Personnel Recommendation/Requests for Board Consideration".

Date Set for Negotiations to Begin

The tentative date of April 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office was unanimously approved for the first meeting of negotiations.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Trustee MacDonald, seconded by Vice Chairman Copeland and approved unanimously. Brian Duncan, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Brian Duncan, Chairman of School Board

Attest:
March 15, 2007, bkm

Betty Miller, Board Clerk