

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

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Correspondence

- We received notification concerning some property that might be available near East Minico and some near Minico. I also was invited to a planning commission meeting on the Sweet Mountain subdivision on 400 S between 750 and 850 W, west of Burger King in Heyburn.

Information/Updates

- **Region IV Superintendent/Legislator Meeting** – I have that two trustees and Sherry Bingham will be attending this meeting at 8 am at CSI on Wednesday December 13. Since I have a 7 am meeting at CSI, I have asked Sherry Bingham to take the District van. If you would like to ride with her please contact her directly.
- **State of the District Report** – I will be submitting a State of the District Report in January and would like input from the Board on specific information they would like to see in the report. I am currently planning on a brief statistical summary of attendance, enrollment (overall as a District and in various programs), technology in the buildings, and changes that have occurred in the past three years.
- **Safe Routes Grant - Villa Drive Walking Path** - Tony Morley, Heyburn City administrator, indicated in a recent email that the grant application will be submitted by the December 21 deadline. The cost will be less than expected (\$2000) and will be split three ways, between the District, the City of Heyburn and the developer. We will need to grant right of way and I will ask for Board authorization to do so in business.
- **ARTEC – Industrial Regional Professional Technical Charter (RPTC) School** – I will be recommending that the MCSD Board approve the application from the ARTEC Board to replicate the ARTEC RPTC School and form an ARTEC-Industrial RPTC School. The original ARTEC will focus on business, IT and health courses. The new ARTEC-I would include the diesel, construction, automotive and similar programs. This would allow more programs throughout Region IV to take advantage of the 12:1 funding divisor from the State.
- **Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club (MVBGC)** – Michele Widmier and Laurie Copmann attended a **21st Century Community Grant** training and are working with the MCBGC staff to provide data for this grant application. I believe this would be a three or five year grant. They are currently looking at providing after school activities at two of our schools in addition to the MC Fitness and Community Center in Rupert.
- **Calendar Committee** – The Calendar Committee is scheduled to meet at 3 pm on Wednesday December 13. We are getting input from administration on PD and from the MCEA on what works best for teachers.
- **Transportation Contact** – There will be some changes in the Transportation Department in January and I am recommending that the Board look into contracting out these services in the future. In discussing this option with others when such a step is taken District

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employees are typically hired by the outside company. We would also need to discuss bus ownership and a number of other issues that would come up.

I am not recommending that we move in this direction, just that we look into it as an option for consideration. I will be gathering information for further Board review in January.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I attended the East Minico Readvisory and sat in on a West Minico team leaders meeting. I also visited with Laurie Copmann at Rupert Elementary and stopped by a couple of classes while there. I also met with the MCEA leadership in developing a staff survey to go out prior to negotiations.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

I stopped by the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) meeting (with the State Department of Education on the phone) at Mt. Harrison on November 29 and plan on attending various school programs and concerts in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

January 8	Agenda Review - 2:00 pm
January 10	Policy Review Committee Meeting - 3:45 pm
January 15	Regular Board Meeting - 4:30 pm Agenda Review, 6:00 pm Work Session Topic: Secondary Accountability Reports
January 23	Board Training – 6:00 pm Superintendent Evaluations & Spring PR Campaign