

MCSD #331 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 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 motion was made to move to executive session by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried. Chair Suchan – yes; Vice Chair Andersen – yes; Trustees Claridge, Perez and Kent – yes.

A declaration was made that Executive Session was completed.

Board Members Present

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

Call to Order & Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Meeting

The pledge was led by Chair Suchan.

Agenda Approval (Action Item)

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chair Andersen and seconded by Trustee Kent. 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

Student Representative Reports The student representatives were not present; however, Minico’s FFA president and historian, invited the Board to attend their dinner/auction on December 9th at 6:00.

Good News Kim Kidd, Principal of Minico, shared a presentation on the new things happening at Minico.

Patron Comments Stacy Tyler, parent shared concerns she had with a bus stop at Meadowbrook subdivision. This will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Discussion

Policy Discussion: Governor Little’s Executive Order 2024-11 on Student Cell Phone Usage and policy 854.00 Emergency Closure

Mr. Larsen stated the PRC had met and come up with a similar student cell phone policy to Minico’s. Trustee Perez asked if it could be stricter. Research shows no cell phones improves student communication. With

having this as a policy, it would have more “bite” for admin/teachers. It was suggested to get wording from Valley View’s policy to add to our policy. The board suggested having cell phones out at lunch and in a classroom only with teacher/admin permission for a project.

Emergency Closure: The change in this policy stated if there is a closure, classified staff if not coming in, would either not get paid or fill out a leave form. The Board asked for a clause to be added regarding if there were severe weather conditions, with the Superintendent’s discretion, not losing pay for those extreme circumstances. This will be held for a third reading next month.

Administrator/Department/Committee Reports

MCEA: Nicole Toner informed the board they had a Charlotte Danielson training in which several staff attended. There was information on some items they learned and have discussed the concerns with Mr. Larsen.

ISBA Reports: Trustees Claridge, Perez and Kent shared information they had received while attending the conference. Classes they attended included, mental health, making sure we use resource officers appropriately, not to solve our problems, projects that qualify for the facilities money from the State, and onboarding for new board members.

FACE Conference: Ellen Austin, Federal Programs Director-Student Achievement, reported on the FACE (family and community engagement) conference in Sun Valley.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Larsen shared in his report the success of the Migrant parent night (150 attended), the progress on HVAC replacement due to hail damage, budget concerns with School Nutrition, and money received for Federal Programs and Special Education after the corrections in ISEE (\$110,000).

Business

Changes in Minidoka Jr. High Handbook: A motion to approve the grading alternatives in the Minidoka Jr. High Handbook were made by Trustee Claridge, seconded by Trustee Perez.

Approval of EQ Counseling Agreement: This agreement is only for those students on IEP’s. A motion to approve the agreement as presented was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Approval of West Minico Stem Fundraiser: Brandi Milliron stated any money for projects would be paid at the front office. Sales tax would be included in the price. The money raised would be to help pay for expenses of equipment and supplies for the 3D printer. A motion to approve the West Minico Stem Fundraiser was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Approval of Elementary Secretary and Elementary Bookkeeper Job Descriptions: A motion to approve the job descriptions as presented for elementary secretary and elementary bookkeeper was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge.

New/Amended/Deleted Policies:

1. Policy 222.00 English Language Learner Education (First Reading)
2. Policy 266.00 Secondary Grading Alternatives (First Reading)
3. Policy 309.00 Supporting Students with Characteristics of Dyslexia (First Reading)
4. Policy 342.20 Student Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Use (First Reading)
5. Policy 352.30 Student Health Physical Screening (First Reading)

6. Policy 361.00 Student Cell Phone Use (First Reading)
7. Policy 500.80 Paraprofessionals (First Reading)
8. Policy 580.00 Teacher Responsibility (First Reading)
9. Policy 854.00 Emergency Closure (Second Reading)

A motion to approve policies 222.00 English Language Learner Education; Policy 266.00 Secondary Grading Alternatives; Policy 309.00 Supporting Students with Characteristics of Dyslexia; Policy 500.80 Paraprofessional; and 580.00 Teacher Responsibility was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried.

All other policies will be held for a second or third reading.

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried. Adjournment was 8:49 p.m.

Russ Suchan, Chair of School Board

Attest: December 16, 2024

Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk