

MCSD #331 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025 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 Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried. Chair Suchan – yes; Vice Chair Andersen – yes; Trustees Claridge, Perez and Kent – yes.

A motion was made to accept the Separation Agreement and Resignation Letter of Employee 03-17-25-2 by Trustee Claridge, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the request for credit for student 03-17-25-1 was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Executive Session was declared finished.

Work Session – Finances

Daryl Kent, Business Manager, presented financial information to the Board showing account codes and balances. The audit showed we had a 4.9 million fund balance. However, 1.5 million is earmarked for levy projects that are not complete, 2 million for contingency fund (this is not enough to cover one month of expenses), and cover the deficit with school nutrition that could be as high as \$800,000 this year. This leaves only about \$600,000 for emergencies that may occur.

Projected units and costs were also discussed; however we do not have all the correct information until the legislature is finished.

Board Members Present

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

Call to Order & Roll Call

Visitor Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Trustee Kent.

Agenda Approval (Action Item)

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Vice Chair Andersen, seconded by Trustee Kent. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Student Representative Reports

Minico reported to the board the following: student elections were completed; the musical was a great success along with College and Career Day.

Mt. Harrison reported they haven't been able to roll grades over due to staff illness and it appears they received several new students this quarter.

Good News – Heyburn Elementary

Danelle Stutzman, Principal, shared the great things they are doing as a first-year community school. They have focused on the positive. Each month they draw 20 students' names and are rewarded with a special prize.

The students wanted to have art in class. They have created a coral reef where all students made creatures to be in the reef. Under the black lights, everything is glowing as if deep in the ocean.

Patron Comments

Trish Breeding invited the board to visit the animal shelter on the 19th and see what her advisory class did. Students collected items the shelter needed, mostly food for the animals. The Voice will be there to take pictures and share with the public the amazing work the students did.

Discussion

Minico Math Department: Anna Bateman presented a plan to help students retain math skills. If they pass the ISAT in math as a junior, they would not be required to take math as a senior. If not, they would like seniors to take math in their senior year (most seniors do not take any kind of math class). There will be several options such as business math or even math basics.

Minico would like to add a new class as an elective, recreational fly tying. A concern was raised regarding a fee for a class that offers credit. The Board felt if students take the items home, a product purchasing amount is ok to charge after the completion of the class.

Changes in Minico's Course Catalog and Offerings: Kim Kidd explained to the Board Minico would like to change the schedule when classes would be offered.

Administrator/Department/Committee Reports: There were no comments on these reports.

MCEA: Nicole Toner shared that members would be attending the Delegate Assembly in Boise. They are wanting to get all members to have dues taken from their own bank account, not through payroll. MCEA is hoping to get a survey created to see what teachers would like to negotiate this year.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Larsen updated the Board with legislative updates.

Business

East/West Choir Fundraiser: A motion to approve the East/West Choir Fundraiser (snow cones) was made by Vice Chair Andersen, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

New Class added as an Elective to Minico (recreational fly tying): A motion to approve the new class at Minico with the change from fee to product purchase was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Trustee Claridge. Motion carried.

Ticket Taker Job Description: A motion to approve the ticket taker job description was made by Trustee Kent, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried.

New/Amended/Deleted Policies: There were no policies this month.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Perez, seconded by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion carried. Adjournment was 8:09 p.m.

Russ Suchan, Chair of School Board

Attest: March 21, 2025

Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk