

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

April 16, 2018

Correspondence – We have received the following correspondence:

1. **Student Recognition** - We received notification from Mr. Barker that seven students have been selected to participate in the CSI Honor Band at a performance Saturday, April 14 at 4 pm at the CSI auditorium.
2. **Administrative Review Report** – We recently received the written report of the review of our Food Service Department audit that was conducted in February. While there were a number of corrections that were addressed, the report did “commend Russ Taylor and the entire staff of Minidoka School District for their hard work operating the school nutrition programs.” If you would like to review the full report please contact me.

Information/Updates

- **Building Instructional Sweeps** – We have completed our Instructional Sweeps in the District and have had positive feedback both at the building and administrative level. If you would like a more in depth report of the findings of this effort, please let me know and we can share some of the data that was collected. We will plan on doing this again next year and hope more Trustees can participate.
- **Negotiations** – We met on April 10 and have pretty much finished up all language that does not relate to funding. We will begin discussing salaries and benefits at our next meeting on April 17 from 4 to 7 pm.
- **Reality Town** – Terry Merrill is heading up this project, which has been scheduled for May 9 at East Minico. Please contact him if you are able to volunteer to help that day.
- **ARTEC – Industrial Regional Professional Technical Charter (RPTC) School** – Minico has submitted applications to include two more programs for ARTEC. We will be watching closely to see if they are approved as they will impact our budget for next year.
- **East Minico Easement Work** – The Minidoka Irrigation District (MID) has completed their work on the rerouted pipe along the north side of East Minico.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

Ryan Edwards and I met with a number of bus drivers this week to **review bus routes** in the Paul area and determine if there were efficiencies that could be done with altering routes. We did find some duplications that could be eliminated and discussed some guidelines for next year in eliminating open enrollment transfers where students leave class early to catch a bus to their home area. We hope to have a letter to parents sharing this information early next month.

I met with the **Insurance Committee** as they discussed the 9.5% proposed increase from Select Health. Select Health indicated that if we did not ‘shop around’ they would reduce the rate to 8%. The committee agreed to this and reviewed a couple of options to reduce the cost to 5%, which is what we budgeted.

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I have met with all staff and asked for their input on the future of the District with regards to programming and facilities. We will be compiling this information for the May 7 Town Hall meeting at Minico.

I attended the **University of Montana Teacher Fair** on April 9 and met a number of good candidates. Our District Admin Team attended the **Region IV Post Legislative Road Show** in Twin Falls April 11.

Upcoming Events

April 17	Negotiations, 4:00
April 19	Employee of the Year Reception, 4:00
April 23-24	Idaho Law Conference, Boise
April 30	Special Board Meeting
May 1	Negotiations, 4:00
May 7	Town Hall Meeting, 6:00 at Minico
May 9	Policy Review Committee, 3:45
May 10	Facilities Committee Meeting, 12:00
May 14	Agenda Review, 3:00
May 16	Preschool Graduation, 4:00
May 15	Retirement Reception, 4:00 at DSC
May 21	Board Meeting
May 23	Mt. Harrison Graduation, 6:00
May 24	Minico Graduation, 5:30