

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

November 19, 2018

Correspondence

- We received two different Urban Renewal Projects for the City of Heyburn, one for the 208 Business Park Urban Renewal Project. We also received a notice from Jerome County on their proposed comprehensive plan. Please contact me if you would like more information.
- We received notification from the **State Board of Education (SBOE)** that all three of our administrators, Shanna Lindsey, Terry Merrill and Kimberley Kidd, who had been randomly selected to have their teacher evaluations reviewed, met the SBOE's requirements. I have attached a graphic they shared outlining the process that is followed each year.

Information/Updates

- **Athletic Stipends** – We are still working on developing some possible stipend schedules for next month's Board meeting.
- **Huntley Lawsuit** – We have received and updated request for more information. Our attorneys are attempting to limit the lawsuit to only those districts where the litigants currently live (Chubbock and Pocatello).

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I have attended a staff meeting at West Minico this month and visited classrooms, administrators or staff at Minico, East and West Minico, Acequia, Heyburn, Paul and Rupert Elementary.

On November 13, I and the members of our District Admin Team, Sherry Bingham, Ashley Johnson, Michele Widmier and Suzette Miller, met with three representatives from the **Idaho State Department of Education** as they shared their new organizational structure and heard about our accomplishments as a District and our concerns. We have two specific representatives that we can contact since we are in that group of districts who have between 3,000 and 10,000 students. We shared information about our standards-based grading in our elementary schools and of course our one-to-one technology throughout the District. We also asked for their continued support for suicide prevention and curriculum funding.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

We had a successful **Town Hall Meeting** October 29 where we once again had a good turnout, 30 community patrons along with many staff. We went over a paper survey about our various projects and their costs. An online version of the survey was shared on the District Facebook page and has had well over 200 responses, the vast majority of which are patrons. We will be sharing the link to that survey on our website and in a news article in the coming days.

The **Machine Operator's Apprenticeship Program** was held November 14th kicking off the second year of that program.

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I attended the **Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley – Rupert Open House** and thanked those who made this new opportunity in our community possible. They have a great facility next to Neptune park and offer an after-school program there and at Rupert Elementary.

Upcoming Events

November 21 – 23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26	Minico Ag Board Meeting, 4:00
November 27	Calendar Committee Meeting, 3:00
November 28	MEF Board Meeting, 12:00
December 3	Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00
December 5	Policy Review Committee, 3:45
December 10	Agenda Review, 3:00
December 14	Dr. Cox at Idaho Superintendent's Network in Boise
December 17	Regular Board Meeting