

Minidoka County School District
Superintendent's Report
November 21, 2016

Correspondence

- Received notice from Jerome County of a Public Hearing to discuss proposed changes to their Zoning Ordinances. Since we would not be building in that county it does not apply to us. I have a copy of the announcement if you are interested.

Information/Updates

- **Middle School Soccer Report** – The following information is from Ty Shippen:
*“Both East and West said it was a very valuable experience this year for their students and think it will build toward the future.
East had 16 girls and 16 boys. Each team won 3 games. The girl’s team had a couple of 6th graders to fill the roster.
West had 14 girls and 14 boys. Boys won one game and the girls didn't win a game, but a good place to start. West had five 6th grade girls join to fill the team. The boys could have had more players that were interested part way through the season.
Now that the teams have a year under their belt, both schools feel like they will have more participation in the future. The use of 6th graders is only to fill the teams at this point.”*
- **Curriculum Expenditure Summary** – I have attached a summary of co-curriculum expenditures since 2002-03. We will need to set aside some funds for next year’s secondary math curriculum adoption. That curriculum committee will begin meeting this month.
- **Attendance Update** – We have allowed buildings to start spending the Attendance Incentives funds that were allocated by the board. I have shared the latest attendance report and graphs (from our website) comparing this year’s attendance to previous years. We have some schools whose attendance over the past few weeks does seem better than last year (Acequia, East Minico and Mt. Harrison). I do not believe the incentives have had much effect yet, though we did hear from Mt. Harrison that students are aware of their attendance goals.
- **Birth Certificates and Immunizations** – I have directed our buildings to do a better job of enforcing the law regarding student’s not being allowed to enroll without a birth certificate and the proper immunizations. We notified them in writing that they had 30 days to comply and for the most part they have. I will have a more detailed report in December.
- **Copier Contract Expansion** – We currently have our copier contract with Valley Office Systems. It is a rolling month-to-month contract for all of our copier supplies and maintenance. Earlier this year they offered to include our printers in their contract at a per copy price. In analyzing their proposal (attached - \$18,042) is less than what we spent last year (~\$21,000) on toner alone and includes maintenance on our existing printers. We have asked for other bids for this service and the only other proposer had similar pricing but it did not include servicing the printers. Both vendors call for a three year agreement,

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but with Valley Office Systems we can cancel with 30 days notice. We will be adding our printers to our monthly contract with Valley Office Systems.

- **ARTEC Grants Approved** – The ARTEC Board approved \$33,581 in grant applications that were submitted by Minico ARTEC teachers (see attached summary).
- **Health Screening To Be Scheduled** – Michele Widmier, in her capacity as the Health and Wellness Committee Chair, and I have met with representatives of Preventative Health to provide an option for all staff to participate in free health clinics. I have attached a copy of their proposed contract and visited with Todd Seamons so that he can confirm with our Select Health that these services are indeed covered.
- **Minico Hitting Facility Update** – The contract with Cleary has been signed and a check was sent to them Wednesday November 16. The site has been cleared of grass and we are waiting to coordinate the delivery of the donated gravel.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

Since the last board meeting I have met with five teachers: two at West Minico, one at East Minico, and three at Paul Elementary. In one class I was able to spend a few minutes in front of the students discussing math concepts and really appreciated the opportunity. In another, I was able to participate with the students in an elementary math lesson. I also participated in the Acequia Instructional Sweep where I visited six classrooms.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

I attended the **ISBA Convention** in Boise with Board Clerk, Kerri Tibbitts and Trustee Heins, Trustee Stevenson and Trustee Stimpson. It was very informative in many different aspects.

I also attended the **Fight the New Drug Presentation** in Burley the evening of Monday November 14. This presentation, which focused on the impact of addiction on the brain (particularly that of pornography) and on relationships, was similar to what was presented to 7-12th grade students the following day.

Upcoming Events

November 23 **Half Day work day for certified staff - DSC office closed at 1 pm**

November 24 -25 **Thanksgiving Break**

November 30 **Calendar Committee Meeting** - 3:00 - 4:30 pm

December 8 **Facilities Committee Meeting** – Noon

December 12 **Regular Board Meeting** - 5:00 pm – Work Session Topic: Curriculum Review

December 15 **Policy Review Committee Meeting** – 3:45 – 5:00 pm

December 19 - January 2 **Christmas Break**