

The Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Lori Zenner, Trustees Richard Grant, Kathryn Bomar, Consulting Superintendent Darrell Olson, Principal Jon Hussman, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, ten students, four staff members, two patrons and a guest. (Absent-Trustee Rick Milionis due to work)

#### ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- \*BUDGET STATUS REPORT (1/30/11) – Superintendent reviewed the fund balance for M&O Account, budget revenue and expenditures, fund balance for the Restrict Grants, budget revenue and expenses for other grants with year to date information. Erate application has been partially approved with additional information to be finalized in March.
- \*VO-AG PROGRAM – Superintendent received information that 11 students will be graduating from the U of I this spring who are currently student teachers in Agriculture. He asked for a consensus from the Board to contact these people regarding a position for next year. (Board agreed)
- \*ENROLLMENT/STATE FUNDING – Mr. Olson reviewed the original 2006 nine year projection with actual numbers of enrollment. Funding formula is derived from enrollment with student attendance. Declining enrollment had decreased funding for both staff and programs.
- \*1:30 PM - EARLY RELEASE DATES FOR CALENDAR (JANUARY 28/FEBRUARY 25/MARCH 18)-WISE TOOL /IN-SERVICE FOR STAFF which was approved by Board will be reported to SDE for student seat time adjustment.

#### PRINCIPAL REPORT

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE-Mr. Hussman and the Highland Principal discussed options for this spring with Culdesac Wolves for Boys Baseball and Highland Huskies for Girls Softball programs. Culdesac will collect the concessions money and both sports will be played at Culdesac. Track will be Highland Huskies for Boys and Culdesac Wolves for Girls with each sport practiced at their own school. Bowling and Tennis did not have enough interest for participation guidelines. Sport schedules are made a year in advance for competition.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments covered: Good news with the U of I Community Garden to be continued, a student completed their first semester with a 3.00 GPA as a first generation from within her family at the U of I this year as a graduate from Culdesac School, Science teacher received a \$5,000.00 grant for class room lab supplies, Staff committee working on a School Garden Grant to be submitted which will work with the Community Garden Grant, Student has selected the garden projects as her Senior Project, more space is needed for the garden grant projects, National Education Association Grant awarded to Science teacher for research that helps with collaboration in the master program includes \$1,000.00 for science activities of which May 19 will be a reward day as a trip to Silverwood for the students who collectively have a 75% in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades, Child Nutrition School Garden Grant is to be a continuous grant not just one year, previous community grant has continued with the help of previous year graduates of Culdesac School, Soil Conservation Department is giving supplies to help with the Garden project, Kindergarten class is working with a butterfly science project that will use the garden to house the cocoons, Senior project will grow plants to sell for fundraiser in the farmers market to learn entrepreneur skills, students will learn to make healthy choice for meals with working with the school cook, other food preparation methods will be used to preserve food, price increases are increasing for next year and the garden can help offset some of those costs, students can use the garden to show school pride and get involved with the community on a positive level.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

The Goals meeting was held on January 20, 2011 in Lewiston at the Red Lion. Parents, students and staff attended the

meeting to give the Board input and their comments of interest for the good of the school. The morning was a training delivered by the ISBA on duties and responsibilities of the school board trustee. Dr. Joy Rapp of Lewiston attended and options were discussed for next year regarding cooperative services.

Lori Zenner mentioned that the students representing the school who attended did a good job in explaining student needs at Culdesac School.

Kathryn Bomar regretted missing the afternoon meeting but found the morning training informative.

Richard Grant noted that the Culdesac Capital for A Day was a good opportunity to meet with the Governor and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Luna.

Chairman explained the event included the school fire alarm being set off as Superintendent Olson was grilling sausage for the lunch. The false alarm was reset and everyone enjoyed the meal.

#### CONSENT AGENDA (AGENDA/MINUTES/FINANCE REPORT/CURRENT BILLS)-REVISED: ADDITION-BOARD RESIGNATION AND REQUEST FOR DONATION OF STUDENT FUNDS

Lori Zenner moved to accept the consent agenda as revised. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SCIENCE CLUB APPROVAL

Superintendent recommended approval of the Science Club with Ms. Schultz, Science teacher, as advisor.

Lori Zenner asked when the national competition was going to be held.

Ms. Schultz answered that the students are not prepared to attend the national conference, but the regional event at the U of I is next Thursday. Boise hosts the state event during the summer. It is not probable that the students will qualify this first year at competition.

Kathryn Bomar moved to approve the Science Club. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

#### PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE CALL FOR BIDS

Superintendent recommended that the Board open the insurance open for bids. Last year ISBA Fred Moreton Company was awarded the bid after lowering their rate. Several companies are interested in quoting us a rate. This item is usually addressed in the May meeting. Every year, Fred Moreton has the school complete a renewal document that is used to adjust their rate for the following year. One of the questions is if we are looking for other insurance providers. We will let them know that yes we are.

Chairman noted that this last year the rate quote was several thousand dollars less.

Richard Grant moved to call for bids for the Property and Liability Insurance for the 2011-12 year. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

#### LEVY DISCUSSION

Superintendent Olson projected that funding next year would be about \$120,000.00 to \$130,000.00 less from the state.

Chairman noted that last year some parents requested that the levy amount be raised. We can't afford to not pass the levy and make additional cuts. We need the community to support and pass the levy. The state is predicting 15% less in state funding. We may need more than \$250,000.00 for the levy this year.

Patron comments – the patrons can survive a raise to the levy, if not, then the community will have to support another  
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Schools' levy, Lapwai has bond levies that are higher than the supplemental levy, \$250,000.00 levy would help reduce the cuts with staff helping by writing grants, the PTSA Sausage Feed event at the school can use that opportunity to educate the public on the school needs, youth group helped last year by knocking on doors and is willing again this year, and look into a four day school week would help to save money for staffing, bus, kitchen and other operating expenses.

Trustee Richard Grant commented that Culdesac doesn't have the industry or property market value to support the school as compared to other schools. Mr. Grant asked that people put pressure on the legislature to ask for other taxing options versus just property tax dollars. The state is even asking local church groups to help fund schools. Mr. Grant shared the information of the cost of the different levy amounts with the Board that he received from Nezperce County.

Trustee Kathy Bomar thought that a \$250,000.00 levy is needed to operate knowing that this will be tough for the farmers in this area.

Principal commented that fundraising by students could be used to help extracurricular expenses.

Chairman asked for the pros and cons on \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00 levy to be supported by the community. The budget has been a tight one for several years now and will continue to be tight for the next several years even with passing a higher levy. This will test the community to demonstrate their dedication on how important they want to keep the school. The lazy yes votes usually stay at home, where the no votes always make it to the polls.

Superintendent Olson noted that he will work with the Clerk to put together a skeleton budget for next year after the legislature meetings. Hopefully this will be ready for the March meeting. May is the election and in June the Board adopts the budget for next year.

Chairman reminded everyone that the County is conducting the elections with different polling places than that of the normal school elections. This change could actually influence voter turn out and the levy result.

#### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Superintendent reported that ten students applied for open enrollment with three of those qualifying for special services. Due to the overflow of special needs students in the district that program is filled to capacity and additional out of district students could be denied open enrollment for the next school year. Special services require additional expenses that are not paid by the state or federal government to provide needs specified in the student IEP's. A tuition can be charged for open enrollment students to attend school for next year. That rate is set by the State each year. All the students who applied for open enrollment are currently enrolled. Students would be asked to return to their home district or apply for open enrollment in another district if denied at Culdesac.

Comment from parent: Their own student attends Culdesac, when attending Lewiston, his needs were not being met, the student could not read. Now with the small class and additional staff time, the student is successful at reading. Patron asked that tuition be waived for employee students.

Superintendent Olson commented that he met with Mr. Luna regarding Culdesac over capacity of special service student needs and is hoping additional funding can be funneled this way. To date that has not happened and funding always follows the next year for the previous years' expenses. This year the state only paid for a .5 FTE staff while they mandated a full FTE. Next year due to reduced student enrollment, we could be at a .25 FTE staff funding while a full FTE staff is needed in special services.

Chairman replied that the state continues to ask the local district to do more with less funding. This places the burden on the local community to help fund the student needs. I don't know how we ask our community to support other districts' student needs and increase the levy.

Richard Grant moved to table this item until next month for additional information regarding funding. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPROVAL-GLENN ARNOLD

Superintendent recommended that Mr. Arnold be approved as Bus Driver for route and extracurricular due to recent certification.

Lori Zenner moved to approve Glenn Arnold as a school bus driver for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

APPROVE JR.HIGH & SR. HIGH TRACK COACH-MRS. HEWETT

Superintendent requested the Board approve Mrs. Hewett's request for High School Track Coach with the Jr. High Coach position pay donated.

Richard Grant moved to hire Mrs. Hewett for the JR/SR High Track Coach for the 2010-11 school year as requested. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

APPROVE HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR-MS. WATKINS

Superintendent Olson recommended Ms. Watkins for the Honor Society Advisor.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept Ms. Watkins as the Honor Society Advisor for the 2010-11 school year. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

5 minute break

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR REQUEST FOR EARLY WORK RELEASE

Taylor Hewett requested a 1:30 p.m. release to complete her Pharmacy Technical work experience class in Cottonwood by letter submitted to the Board. Superintendent recommended approval.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept Taylor Hewett's early release from school to pursue her pharmacy technical class at 1:30 p.m. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Chairman read a letter of resignation from the Principal regarding his fulfillment of his contract with reason stating upcoming cutbacks and a need to further his career in another area.

Lori Zenner moved to accept the staff resignation as presented. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

Trustee Kathy Bomar expressed her unhappiness of the Principal leaving the school.

BOARD RESIGNATION

Chairman read Trustee Rick Milionis resignation stating that due to job duties and training schedule he would not be able to serve on the Board any longer.

Kathy Bomar moved to accept Rick Milionis's letter of resignation to be effective immediately. Seconded by Richard Grant/Motion passed.

The Board will have 90 days to appoint a Trustee for Zone #4. This deadline would be at the May Board meeting. Zone #4 and Zone #5 positions are open for election this May. The term is for four years.

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF STUDENT FUNDS

Superintendent explained that the White Pine League is asking each school to donate gate funds of \$100.00 from the Basketball District Tournament proceeds. This is to be donated to a person who lost their home in a fire. Idaho Code stipulates that only up to \$50.00 can be used for a benefit of student funds. Other schools have agreed, but my recommendation is not to donate as the amount is over what is allowed by law.

Richard Grant moved to accept Superintendent's recommendation not to donate from the student funds as presented. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

Lori Zenner moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel issues. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Board Poll-Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:18 P.M.

Principal and Clerk excused.

Chairman recorded minutes.

Personnel item discussed.

No decisions were made.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:22 P.M.

#### PERSONNEL

Richard Grant moved to accept Mr. Olson's contract as submitted for the 2011-12 year with stipulation of salary as presented. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 10:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk