

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Kathryn Bomar, Dustin Heinzerling and Eric Steigers, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Shannon Morris, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, and two patrons.

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BUDGET STATUS (12/31/14) – Budget looks good with county taxes coming in January and a state payment in February.

FOOD SERVICE REPORT – The account is moving in the right direction and by the end of the year it should have a balance so that you can make a decision on the Breakfast Program.

2015 TRUSTEE ELECTION – Both Zone #4 and Zone #5 will be open. Eric Steigers is an At-Large Appointment for Zone #4 and will not be able to run for that zone. Cecil Martin is the current Zone #5 Trustee. Eric Steigers is a resident in Zone #5 as well. If only one candidate runs for the office, then no election will be held and that candidate will be declared elected for the May 19 Trustee Election. If no one runs for the zones, then those positions will need to be appointed. March 20 is the deadline to submit the Declaration of Candidacy to the Clerk.

BOARD TRAINING – The Lewiston Red Lion room Port #2 is reserved for the training on February 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ISBA trainer Jackie Hopper will be presenting the Strategic Planning workshop in the morning. The student class representatives and several staff will join the Board for lunch with a round-table discussion to follow as part of the Goals Meeting in the afternoon.

HVAC – Kinzer Air and Electric surveyed the building to see what is needed to submit a quote to update the system which will need new electric boxes as well. We want to disconnect the old system once the project is completed.

2016 STATE BUDGET PROJECTION – Governor Otter is recommending an increase of 5.1% for education next year to help cover the career ladder for certificated staff. New Superintendent for Education, Ms. Ybarra is presenting Mr. Luna's recommendation of an increase of 4.5% with discretionary funding up \$1,200.00 per unit. This would mean about \$14,500.00 for Culdesac. Discretionary funds spending can be determined by the District with the remaining budget earmarked for 2.2% salary increase with another increase in professional development funds for staff training. The JFAC recommendation is usually accepted by the legislature.

Trustee Eric Steigers commented on the starting salary of \$40,000.00 for certified staff as discussed by the legislature.

Superintendent noted that Tier I of the Career Ladder starts at the \$40,000.00.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

ENROLLEMENT – Total students enrolled is at 94 with 50 in Preschool – 5th, 24 in 6 – 8th, and 20 in 9 – 12th grade.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – Elementary student is Kage Mathews and secondary student is Jimmy Lomanto.

HONOR ROLL – Total students with 3.0 GPA or higher for First semester in the secondary 7-12th was 22 students.

SENIOR PROJECTS – The Senior presentations were good.

SPORTS – High School Basketball has two girls and one boy participating. Junior High Volleyball has eight girls playing.

FASFA – On January 28th students and parents will be completing the college grant applications.

TITLE IA MATH NIGHT – On January 29th the parents and students will be participating in a fun night of games.

ROBOTICS – February 7th is the competition at U of I. We have three students on the team to compete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments included: Robotic Club is a good option for the students to participate and the Board received a thank you for their time and effort from a staff member for providing opportunities for the students.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher remarked that the seniors did a good job on their presentations. The teacher had the students prepared.

Chairman commented that the presentations in a bigger school must be a marathon event.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Leave Approval)

Superintendent asked that open enrollment and a part-time intervention position be added to the agenda under new business.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the amended consent agenda with the additions. Seconded by Eric Steigers/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

TITLE IA SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

Principal Morris informed the Board that our targeted program only allows the school staff to serve those students that have been identified for additional help. The Title IA Schoolwide Program will give all students the opportunity for additional help.

Superintendent asked that the Board review the information with questions to be answered at the next meeting.

PTSA SAUSAGE FEED / FACILITY USE REQUEST

Superintendent explained that on Sunday, March 8th, the PTSA scheduled the sausage feed and will need to use the building that weekend to prepare for the event.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the use of the building for the PTSA sausage feed on March 8th. Seconded by Trustee Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

Chairman commented that PTSA ordered 4,700 pounds of pork this year for the event.

INTERVENTION POSITION

Principal Morris asked for a part-time position to work with students that are struggling with behavior issues. This position will help with in-school suspension so students keep up with their work. This position can also house those students who need a time-out to avoid disrupting other students who are working. This position would start at 10:30 am and cover learning lunch at noon as well.

Superintendent thought this position needed to start immediately and would cost about \$300.00 per week through the end of the school year.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to approve the part-time intervention aide for the remainder of 2014-15 school year. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

Superintendent asked this item be discussed in executive session under student matters for confidential issues.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel and student matters. Seconded by Eric Steigers/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:40 P.M.

Student matters discussed.

Personnel issue discussed.

Superintendent records minutes

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:48 P.M.

No decisions were made during the session.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

Trustee Kathy Bomar moved to accept open enrollment for Isaac Warden. Seconded by Eric Steigers/Yes – 2 and No – 2 votes with Chairman - Yes vote to pass the motion.

PERSONNEL

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Trustee Kathy Bomar moved that the classified staff receive that day of the emergency closure as a paid day so that those hours are not required to be made up. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed (Trustee Bryce Scrimsher abstained)

INTERVENTION POSITION (Part-Time)

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to hire Elizabeth Gibbs for the part-time Intervention position for the 2014-15 school year. Seconded by Kathy Bomar/Motion passed.

SUBSTITUTE PAY RATE

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to raise the classified substitute teacher rate pay to \$80.00 per day. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 8:53 p.m.

Chairman
Clerk