

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in the School Library as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Lori Zenner, Kathryn Bomar and Dustin Heinzerling, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer, Principal Shannon Morris, Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols, and two staff members.

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BUDGET STATUS- Revenues are more than enough to cover the expenditures with a good projection for year end.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – Graduation is Friday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. Reserve seating for the Board with Bryce Scrimsher and Dustin Heinzerling presenting diplomas. (The remainder of the Board will be in attendance as well.)

PRINCIPAL REPORT

ENROLLMENT – 87.5 students with 53 in elementary and 34.5 in secondary.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Emily Marek in 6th grade for elementary and Bailey Shawver in 8th for secondary.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Tammy Dudley as Paraprofessional for staff.

ISAT TESTING – Students were served breakfast each morning for three (3) weeks by the staff in preparation for the ISAT tests.

Reading is up five%, Math is up 6%, Language Arts is up 11.8%. IRI testing for the K-3rd reading is up 45 to 65%. Students had huge growth with only one sophomore left to pass the ISAT for graduation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff member Melanie Gibbs thought that the breakfast made a difference for the kids taking tests. Staff member Carol Hunt commented that with breakfast being served before school started, the school had fewer tardies.

Superintendent commented that he would put together some figures for the cost of Breakfast for the June meeting to be considered for next year.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher thanked the staff for their help with breakfast to increase the students test scores.

Chairman Cecil Martin thanked the staff for their commitment in providing breakfast for the students.

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

Superintendent asked that Renewal of District Insurance for 2013-14 be added under New Business.

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to accept the consent agenda as amended. Seconded by Bryce Scrimsher/Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DECLARE TRUSTEES ELECTED FOR ZONE 1 AND 3

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to declare Trustee Bryce Scrimsher for Zone 1 and Trustee Dustin Heinzerling for Zone 3 elected. Seconded by Trustee Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

SCHOOL ELECTRONIC SIGN DISCUSSION

Superintendent explained that Stewart Company quoted \$13,000.00 with an additional \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 needed for installation of an electronic sign. Jennifer School spent \$11,000.00 plus the cost of install includes labor/concrete/permits for a total of about \$13,000.00. Secretary Marge Munsterman informed the Superintendent

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that several of the student accounts could help towards the cost of about \$4,990.84 total. We need to see if the City and Potlatch #1 Federal Credit Union is willing to help with the cost as well. PEPSI might be interested but their logo would be part of the sign.

Chairman Cecil Martin thought that the sign would provide positive information within the community and help the school image. It would be a good idea to check with Dels Electric for the installation. Potlatch #1 Federal Credit Union owns that corner on Main Street that would be ideal for the sign.

Trustee Kathryn Bomar commented that she would check with the City of Culdesac to see if they would be willing to help out.

Superintendent commented that cutting down the tree that blocks the old sign on the school property may be an option.

NEW BUSINESS

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM RENEWAL

This is to offer hot lunch for next year. A new option for breakfast is to be available in April that is a community program where students could eat for free to be looked at for next year. If the National Program with Provisional 2 option is used then we need to follow all those guidelines and can't just offer cereal and milk. Cook/Manager Debbie Marker recommended that the cost for breakfast would be about \$1.50 minimum without the new regulations/guidelines.

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept the Food Service Lunch Program renewal for the 2013-14 school year. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Motion passed.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST

Superintendent recommended approval for Emily Marek open enrollment request for the 2013-14 school year.

Principal reported that she is attending school this year and is doing well with some tardies.

Trustee Kathryn Bomar moved to accept the open enrollment request for the 2013-14 school year. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

SUMMER SCHOOL APPROVAL

Superintendent reported that Title I Teacher Oscar Tiegs has recommended Jacob Blackstock for the Summer School Teacher.

Principal commented that he would work with the K-6 in the morning and the secondary in the afternoon through the PLATO credit recovery curriculum. The program will run for six (6) weeks. The four day a week will be Monday through Thursday for June and July. If no students attend the afternoon session then that afternoon in July will be cancelled.

Trustee Lori Zenner directed the Administration to implement the summer school program as needed. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Superintendent explained that without negotiations final, the budget does not have any firm numbers. A rough draft for the summary will be published but adjustments will be needed at the June Budget Hearing after tentative agreement is made with the Culdesac Teacher Organization (CTO). The publication will represent the 2% increase from SDE funds and less 5% from Federal funds cutback. A conservative approach to the revenue has been followed by both the Superintendent and Clerk.

Chairman reminded the Board that the June Budget Hearing starts at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting.

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DISTRICT PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

American Insurance renewal includes a \$450.00 increase for next year for a total of \$12,329.00. Next year Superintendent would like to have ISBA Insurance quote as well. Mr. Felgenhauer recommended approval with the renewal due in July. American Insurance was good in being ready for the fees lawsuit and better news now that the lawsuit does not include Culdesac School.

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to accept the insurance renewal for 2013-2014 school year. Seconded by Bryce Scrimsher/Motion passed.

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to enter executive session as per IC 67-2345 for personnel and student matters. Seconded by Dustin Heinzerling/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:00 p.m.

Personnel discussed.

Student issues discussed.

Minutes recorded by Superintendent

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:37 P.M.

No decisions were made during executive session.

PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Trustee Lori Zenner moved to offer the following certificated staff contracts for 2013-2014 school year – Beth Reiners, Ashle Long, Allison Parker, Jesse Roehl, Casrson Kachelmier, Laura Morgan and Caitlin Scott. Seconded by Kathryn Bomar/Motion passed.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Trustee Bryce Scrimsher moved to accept ratification for the CTO/Board negotiations. Seconded by Lori Zenner/Motion passed.

STUDENT ISSUE

Trustee Kathryn Bomar moved to approve the Senior Alternative Route to Graduation. Seconded by Bryce Scrimsher/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Chairman
Clerk