

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 19, 2017  
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego/Vice Chair convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m., and asked that all cell phones need to be off or muted.

Trustees Present: Chairman Abrego, Trustee Knox, Trustee Monasterio, Trustee Binion, Trustee Donahue

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA OR ADDENDUMS** – Chairman/Vice-chairman. Prior to the consent agenda items, Chairman Abrego asked if there was an addendum to the agenda, or if there was anything to add or remove. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve or amend the agenda. Trustee Binion moved to approve the agenda as published, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Agenda approved.

- III. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Board of Trustees. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Donahue moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Trustee Monasterio. Chairman Abrego abstained. Motion carried.

A. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2017.**

B. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

C. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

D. **PRINCIPAL'S DATA REPORT**

E. **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. Cross Country Team – MHHS – Elko Invitational Tournament – Elko, Nevada – October 12, 2017 – Root
2. Speech & Debate Team – MHHS – Jack Howe Speech & Debate Tournament – Long Beach, California – September 30-October 2, 2017 – Petti
3. Volleyball Team – MHHS – Tournament – Washington Terrace, Utah – Sep 29-30, 2017 – Jordan

- IV. **DELEGATION – None**

*Any group wishing to be a delegation must submit a letter to the Administrative Secretary/Clerk of the Board no later than the Tuesday prior to the next regular board meeting; the letter must include the reason for asking to be a delegation.*

- V. **PUBLIC INPUT – None**

*Those wishing to speak on any topic of their interest should complete and submit to the chairperson the **MHSD Request to Address Board of Trustees Form** located at the Board Materials table. The Individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The board will not hear complaints against school district employees by name or against students by name in open session. If you have a complaint against personnel or students by name, you need to schedule an appointment with the Superintendent. There will be no action taken at this time, but action on a problem area could be scheduled for a subsequent meeting of the board.*

- VI. **REPORTS –**

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFFB Liaison. Colonel Henry informed the board that Mrs. Pritchard was the Educator of the Year; educator of the quarter nominations are due October 11. He also informed the board that the SAC would like to recognize teachers and administrators at the end of the year with a Teacher's Appreciation base visit.

Colonel Henry also informed the board that the SAC conducted two school events to just prior to school starting to help their students prepare for school and to introduced and buddy-up the new students. The next SAC meeting is Oct 11, at noon, at the Airman & Family Readiness Center; please contact Allen Niksich at least one-week prior if you are interested in attending, so that he can get you a base pass. The SAC would also meet at any of the schools, after school, if any school would like to volunteer their building so that there might be more community participation and ideas.

Colonel Henry notified the board that MCEC training for educators and parents is scheduled for April

18, 2018; from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; it’s a one-day course this year called SPARC. He said that the base counselors are fully staff and are also available to town schools; contact Allen Niksich.

Colonel Henry thanked Mr. Tippets and the Tiger Band for the 25-years that the band participated at the Idaho Veterans Olympics He also invited MHJH and MHHS classes to the base for any kind of career field briefings for the students; please contact Allen Niksich.

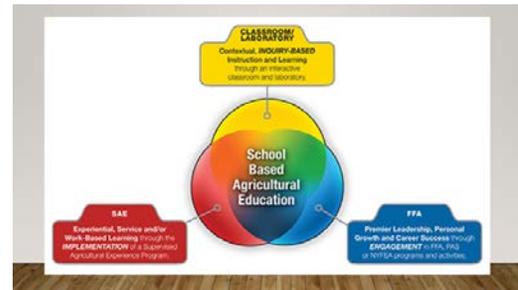
Colonel Henry reported the OPS and MSG did a dinner for BMHS students and families, as well as a school supplies drive last week that was very successful. The Singaporean Air Force gave a generous donation to BMHS. He also mentioned that the base and the Joint PTT are working on getting some resources for the STEM Project; they welcome ideas from parents and teachers. Gunfighters recently helped raise \$3,300, at the West Elementary Carnival.

Colonel Henry stated that the Gunfighter community looks forward to helping students at all the schools and they are actively trying to convince the parents from the town schools to get involved with the schools and to help the teachers. The board thanked him.

**B. GREENHOUSE CONSTRUCTION & AG PROGRAM – Kya Vines.**

*(A full recording and the presentation can be found on the website, under the tab Parent and Students.)*

Kya Vines presented her AG Program and AG extracurricular activities along with the Greenhouse Construction to the board.



**FRESHMAN AG CLASSES**



- **Personal Skill Development Semester (AG 0410)** 9<sup>th</sup> grade students wanting to participate in FFA have preference. This is a comprehensive course in developing agricultural leadership, citizenship, and cooperation. It includes topics in FFA history, personal development, employee/employer relations, and group and individual interpersonal communications skills. This class is a speech credit.

**FRESHMAN AG CLASSES**

- **Introduction to Livestock Industry (AG 0140)** 9<sup>th</sup> grade students wanting to participate in FFA have preference. A course that includes principles of evaluation and selection of beef, swine, sheep, horse and dairy animals.





**SOPHOMORE AG CLASSES**



- **Introduction to Agricultural Mechanics (AG 0130)** Agriculture Mechanics/Equipment/Structures courses provide students with the skills and knowledge that are specifically applicable to the tools and equipment used in the agricultural industry. While learning to apply basic industrial knowledge and skills (PVC pipe, copper pipe, welding, and carpentry, leatherwork).

**SOPHOMORE AG CLASSES**

- **Zoology/Fish and Wildlife Science (AG 0536)** 10<sup>th</sup> grade students wanting to participate in FFA have preference. This class fulfills a science credit for graduation. A course designed to examine the importance of fish and wildlife science, outdoor recreation and natural resources.




### JUNIOR AG CLASSES

- Agriculture Welding
- Advanced Agriculture Welding




### SENIOR AG CLASSES

- Agriculture Fabrication
- 2 class periods






### FFA

- FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.



### CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- Ag Communications
- Environmental & Natural Resources
- Livestock Evaluation
- Ag Issues
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Ag Mechanics
- Farm Business Mgmt
- Meats Evaluation & Tech
- Ag Sales
- Floriculture
- Nursery & Landscape



### CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- Agronomy
- Food Science & Technology
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Creed Speaking
- Forestry
- Dairy Cattle
- Horse Evaluation
- Prepared Public Speaking
- Dairy Handlers Activity
- Job Interview
- Dairy Foods



### IDAHO QUALITY PROGRAM STANDARDS START UP GRANT

- Mountain Home High School Agriculture program 2017 recipient
- \$25,000

### VISION

- Build a 30 X 60ft commercial greenhouse
- Offer horticulture class
- Hands on learning experience
- Real life application- career or at home garden, floriculture and business management
- Fund raiser for the agriculture program to replace what class fees could provide
- Cost for structure about \$50,000

### PAY FOR GREENHOUSE

- IQPS grant
- Perkins grant
- Community support



Trustee Donahue asked if Ms. Vines needed community support through donations, and the reply was that the AG class could always use donations, but that she has applied for and received some grant money to help with the project. She added that she would seek community support for some of the labor elements.

Chairman Abrego asked how full the classes are. Ms. Vines stated that she has about 24-25 students.

Trustee Binion asked what kind of "skin" would be on the greenhouse; how weatherproof would it be. Ms. Vines said that it would be a hard plastic (3-ply) with a life expectancy of about 10-15 years, which stays on for the duration of its life expectancy, and then she would try to use Perkins Grant money to replace the skin.

Trustee Knox asked how durable the skin would be. Ms. Vines replied that since Mountain Home doesn't get a lot of snow, and we don't get a lot of hail, but we do have very strong winds, so she plans to purchase something that can withstand the winds that we get and can withstand the hail. She added that the greenhouse would be behind the annex and behind a locked fence.

Trustee Binion asked about the introduction to livestock and how would it work. Ms. Vines plans to coordinate with local dairies and such so that she can bring her students out to the farms. She continued





Trustee Donahue asked about the success of the all-day kindergarten. Mr. McCluskey responded that when SES first started the all-day kindergarten class, it was a slow start, but now they have a waiting list. He added that it would be the same for the schools in town.

Chairman Abrego asked how the PBIS program was affecting his staff. Mr. McCluskey said that it was good and his staff are comfortable and enjoy being on the same page with regards to behavior matters and knowing what is going on.

Trustee Monasterio mentioned that a few teachers had complained to him about the amount of work it takes regarding the math and language arts programs, and asked how the teachers at SES were handling the programs. Mr. McCluskey replied that yes, it is a lot of time and work, but his staff have weathered the programs with a smile. The board thanked him.

- D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert reported to the board that the district had petitioned to move our athletics to a 3A level for equity of play, but the petition has to be approved by the IHSSA board of trustees. He explained the processes and informed the board that it would be a long shot to be approved.

Mr. Gilbert also reported that the Mayor is starting a Youth Advisory Council, a council of high school students, in which they would have funds and they would advise the Mayor on how to best use those funds. He said that this is a great opportunity for our high school students to participate in a leadership position; these Youth Advisory Councils are being created throughout the state.

Mr. Gilbert informed that board that the district has met with Parks and Recs on a grant that we are going to apply for, for after school programs, but after talking to Parks and Rec, we are going to be the sole writers and applicants for this grant.

Mr. Gilbert updated the board that Facebook and Twitter would be online and ready to go in mid-October. He added that John Petti would be the communications person for both, and he has some great ideas for both. He added that parents would be informed when the district goes live.

Trustee Binion asked when we would hear about being approved for 3A. Mr. Cotton replied that he hoped to hear something by next Tuesday.

Trustee Donahue stated that it was a great idea for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and would there be any other representation from the high school. Mr. Gilbert replied no; this is a high school student youth advisory committee to the Mayor to get kids from the town high schools involved in leadership who are not already involved with school government programs.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment application for the 2017-2018 school year. The parents will provide transportation to and from school.

1. Edwin Stone for his 10/11<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS
2. Crystal Waller for her 11<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS

Trustee Monasterio motioned to approve the Out-of-District Open Enrollment Application as presented

by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Binion. Motion passed.

- B. IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST (ACTION)** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert presented the in lieu of transportation requests. He added that these families live in the Pine-Featherville area and we do not provide bussing from those areas. Trustee Binion motioned to approve the In Lieu of Transportation Requests as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion approved.

1. Jolyn Seibert for her grandson going to Pine School
2. Heather Whitted for her 11<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS, and her 9<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS

- C. DECLARATION OF HABITUAL TRUANCIES** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert explained that during a recent meeting with the Juvenile Probation officers and the County Prosecuting Attorney’s office regarding truanicies. He said that the prosecuting attorney’s office would process the parents of our truant students through the court system provided the board approve the list of names of the truant students, so this will be a reoccurring board agenda item. He added that this is the first time in years that the prosecuting attorney’s office has opted to follow Idaho Code; the previous prosecuting attorney, Kristine Schindele, said that she would not prosecute the parents of habitually truant students even though it was in a state statute; the new prosecuting attorney will support us.

Mr. Gilbert said that truanicies have been a big problem in this district for years. He also explained that parents have 48-hours to excuse their child’s absent, and after that, it becomes a truancy. He added that we have excused absences after the 48-hours depending on the circumstances, but there is a 90% attendance rule that students must follow. When we have elementary students with 40 or more unexcused absences then that becomes a parental issue and parents are allowing this to continue. We are not here to punish the students, but to address the parents and their parental responsibility.

Discussion began regarding truanicies and what constitutes a truancy; the amount of truanicies and the inconsistencies between the absences in the different class periods of the day; unverified absences versus truant; parents continually calling in absences causing their child to miss more than 90% of their classes; the district’s attendance policy and the attendance rules are also in the student handbooks; we are not here to hurt students, but to help them and enforce them going to school; etc.

Trustee Monasterio stated that he wasn’t sure if he supported this tonight. Trustee Donahue stated that one of the biggest detriments a principal has with regards to attendance is not having anything in place legally to address truancy, and now we have a prosecuting attorney who is willing to support this and this is a very necessary document to support the district and the principals.

Chairman Abrego called for a motion. Trustee Binion motioned to approve the Declaration of Habitual Truanicies as presented, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Motion granted.

- D. PERSONNEL** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the personnel items. Trustee Monasterio motioned to approve the personnel items as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Binion. Chairman Abrego abstained due to a possible conflict. Motion carried.

#### **CATEGORY I CONTRACTS**

Griggs, Emily  
Nida, Amanda

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Clifford, Amber; Receptionist, MHJH  
Cunningham, Audrey; Speech/Language Paraeducator, MHSD  
Garcia, Jennifer; Kindergarten Paraeducator, North Elementary  
Garcia, Janice; Behavioral Supports Paraeducator, West Elementary  
Hall, Amanda; Special Education Paraeducator/Personal Care Assistant, HMS  
Hire, Amber; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Stephensen Elementary  
Lemons, Deborah; TEAM Paraeducator, East Elementary  
Linares, Beth; Pre-School Paraeducator, West Elementary  
Schroeder, Shauntay; Cook 1, East Elementary  
Simonsen, Lauren; Special Education Teacher, West Elementary  
Vick, Levi; Accountant, MHSD

Villalta, Maria C.; Part-Time Title I Paraeducator, North Elementary  
Westhart, Kelly; School Based LPN, MHJH

**RESIGNATIONS**

Lake-Bernard, Karen; Behavioral Supports Paraeducator, HMS; effective: August 15, 2017  
Koehler, Amy; Behavioral Supports Paraeducator, West Elementary; effective: August 22, 2017  
Nizich, Katherine; TEAM Paraeducator, East Elementary; effective: September 9, 2017  
Simons, Zachary, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, MHHS; effective: September 11, 2017

**RETIREMENTS**

Hoye, Michele; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, MHJH; effective: December 22, 2017

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*ROLL CALL VOTE*) – Labor Contract Matters**

*Title 74, Chapter 2, 74-206(1)(j) – to consider labor contract matters, as authorized by Idaho Code.*

Chairman Abrego called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the board to enter into executive session to discuss labor contract matters. Trustee Binion motioned to enter into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code to discuss labor contract matters, received a second from Trustee Donahue, the following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT SO RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of School District No. 193 recess from an open meeting into the following executive session(s) pursuant to Title 74, Chapter 2, Section 74-206(1)(j), in order to consider labor contract matters as authorized by Idaho Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That following the executive session, the Board of Trustees will convene into public session for further business or adjournment of the meeting.

Chairman Abrego called upon Clerk Whitman to do a roll call vote. Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Knox ..... Aye  
Trustee Monasterio ..... Aye  
Trustee Binion ..... Aye  
Trustee Donahue ..... Aye  
Chairman Abrego..... Aye

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the Chairman declared said resolution adopted and the board recessed into executive session at 8:27 p.m.

**ACTION ITEM(S): None**

**NON-ACTION ITEM(S):**

**A. Labor Contract Matters**

Others present: The attending Board members, Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Albert Longhurst, Jeff Johnson, and Will Goodman. Following a full and complete discussion of labor contract matters, the Board reconvened into open session at 8:52 p.m. No motion needed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Abrego called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Monasterio to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Binion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.**

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Chairman Abrego

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Clerk Whitman