

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Checketts, Trustee Donahue

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Cliff Ogborn, Albert Longhurst, Sharon Whitman, Bill Magnusson, Adrian Carcas, Ty Larson, Mark Cotton, Jeff Johnson, Till Abbott, Stehvn Tesar, Sam Gunderson, Jessie Ward, Lyle Bayley, John Clark, Karen Gordon, Anita Straw, Phil McCluskey, Nikki Crusier, Colonel Kubak, Mike Jewell, Dave and Kathy Holland, Doug Root, Marilyn Kellerman, Denise Weis, Rosemary Ash, Marsha Baker, Carrie Darkes

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman Alexander convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and called for the first item of business.

Prior to the first agenda item, Chairman Alexander stated there was an addendum to the agenda to add Gifted & Talented to New Business in accordance with Idaho Code, Sections 67-2343(4)(c). Trustee Reynolds called for a motioned to approve the addendum to New Business, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Chairman Alexander called for a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Chairman Alexander Aye
Trustee House Absent
Trustee Reynolds Aye
Trustee Checketts Aye
Trustee Donahue Aye

and no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, motion approved.

- I. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 15, 2014, AND THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2014.** Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 15, 2014, and the special board meeting of August 5, 2014. There being no comment, Trustee Checketts moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 15, 2014, and the special board meeting of August 5, 2014, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion approved.
- II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn reported on the financial statements for July 2014. He reported that the June 2014 activity is unaudited and would change. He also stated that the statements for July reflected a balance of \$983,616, with the Income Statement reflecting revenue through July as \$54,483. Mr. Ogborn informed the Board that the district received an Impact Aid payment of \$18,628, which closed out FY11. He added that most of the cash the district receives in July would be accrued into FY14, as a receivable. Mr. Ogborn continued to report that expenses show salaries are at \$1,028,954 of original budget, and benefits are \$330,546. He reported that as of July 31, the district has a net margin of expenses in excess of revenue of \$1,382,784, which is typical in July since the State foundation payments do not begin to arrive until August. Trustee Checketts moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Ogborn. Motion seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion passed.
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS** – Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn presented the district bills for approval. Trustee Donahue moved to authorize payment of the district’s bills as presented, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried. (A full and complete listing of the District’s bills may be reviewed at the District Office, Accounts Payable.)

IV. **DELEGATION – None**

1. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** – Jason Checketts. Mr. Checketts requested that he be removed as a delegation.

V. **PUBLIC INPUT – None**

VI. **REPORTS –**

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFB Liaison. Colonel Kubat introduced himself as the new MSG/CC. He stated that all was going well on the base. He also said that school is extremely important to the military families and the he and the majority of families on base have kids in the school district. Colonel Kubat informed the Board that the base recently completed a project of painting the inside of Stephensen Elementary School making it look much better. He explained that base volunteers painted the inside of Stephensen Elementary, and that the privatized base housing company assisted with some landscaping by removing weeds and clearing paths of overgrowth to make it better for the children to go to school.

Colonel Kubat then explained that there is a large, six-month deployment coming up soon involving many families. He asked that the district and schools to be aware of the impact on the military families, and should military children start acting out, he asked for some patience and consider that the misbehavior might be due to the deployment of the student's parents. He added that he and Mr. Jewell are available to discuss deployments and how it affects military children.

Colonel Kubat then notified the Board that MHAFB is working at making the base a community in which military personnel would want to live on the base. He explained that a significant portion of the base personnel live in the Boise area. Colonel Kubat stated that when asked why not live on the base, one of the many reasons was the school district; they felt their children receive a better education in the Boise area. He said the base leadership is working on how to communicate to military personnel of the benefits of going to MHSD. He added that there were approximately 400 base students living in the Boise area. Colonel Kubat then spoke about Impact Aid and by not having those 400 students attend MHSD was significant. Colonel Kubat stated that he estimated that if the 400 students were enrolled in the MHSD, there was a potential to receive an additional \$400,000. He concluded by saying that he would like to work with the district on ways to better communicate the benefits of attending the Mountain Home schools.

Chairman Alexander welcomed Colonel Kubat and informed the Colonel that Mike Jewell has been a great liaison between the base and the town and that there has been a great working relationship for the last couple of years. Chairman Alexander went on to explain the history of the Stephensen family. He concluded by telling Colonel Kubat that he looks forward to working with him. Trustee Donahue also thanked the Colonel for the efforts the MHAFB personnel and school personnel.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. **TRAVEL REQUEST –**

1. Cross Country Team – MHHS – Cross Country Elko Invitational Tournament – Elko, Nevada, October 16, 2014 – Doug Root. Mr. Root requested permission to take the Cross Country team to the Elko Invitational Tournament, in Elko, Nevada, on October 16, 2014. Trustee Donahue motioned for approval of the travel request for the Cross Country Team to travel to Elko, Nevada, for a Cross Country Tournament, October 16, 2014, as presented by Mr. Root. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- B. **OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment application for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Corey Arellano for Matthew, 11th grade, MHHS
2. Kathy Mori for Julianne, 10th grade, MHHS
3. Nathan Saylor for Alexis, 8th grade, MHJH
4. Don Spencer for Austin, 5th grade, HMS

The parents would provide transportation to and from school.

Trustee Reynolds motioned to approve the Out-of-District Open Enrollment Application as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Checketts. Motion carried.

- C. **BRUNEAU ELEMENTARY OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPROVAL CHANGES** – James Gilbert

1. Parents of Bruneau Elementary students – Mr. Gilbert informed the Board that he received a letter from the Bruneau Elementary school parents who applied for out-of-district open enrollment. He also said that the parents were appreciative of their children being allowed to attend school in the MHSD, but that the Bruneau-Grandview School District has recently decided to keep the Bruneau Elementary School open for this upcoming school year, and the parents would prefer to keep their children in Bruneau and try to get their levy passed. Trustee Checketts clarified that they could apply in the future. Trustee Donahue clarified that the one letter covered all the parents from Bruneau Elementary. Mr. Gilbert said that a motioned did not need to be made. No motion taken.

- D. **IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert presented a transportation reimbursement request for approval.

1. John & Collett Boguslawski for Heather, 10th grade, and Michael, 8th grade
2. Lorie Winmill for Elizabeth Morris, 1st grade

Chairman Alexander asked Mr. Gilbert how many miles would have to be reimbursed. Mr. Gilbert replied 12 miles each way. Chairman Alexander mentioned that in his opinion, the district had other students who traveled farther and they've never asked to be compensated. A motion by Trustee Checketts to approve the In Lieu of Transportation request as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second by Trustee Donahue. Motion approved.

- E. **SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION ROUTES - 2014-15** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the 2014-15 school bus route descriptions, timelines, and turnarounds. He informed the Board that the bus route running from MHAFB to HMS has a seating capacity of 83 and there are already 75 students assigned to that bus. He then said that should that route reach capacity, another route would have to be added, which means another bus would have to be purchased and another driver hired. Trustee Donahue moved to approve the 2014-15 school bus transportation routes as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee Checketts seconded it. Motion granted. (Complete listings of Bus Route Descriptions are on file at the District Office, at the Clerk's desk.)

- F. **SAFETY BUS ROUTES REQUEST - 2014-15** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval for the annual Safety Routes for 2014-2015 for student transportation. Idaho Code calls for the district to provide transportation for students living more than one and one-half (1½) miles from the nearest appropriate school. He added that under Idaho Code, the Board of Trustees may approve the transportation of students living less than one and one-half (1½) miles from school when they believes it is warranted because of the age, health, or safety of the students. Mr. Gilbert stated that the safety bus routes are the same four (4) routes used for many years that have many safety issues

such as lack of sufficient sidewalks, students having to cross irrigation ditches or canals, high traffic area(s), etc. He said all four of the safety routes were approved by the state and the district is reimbursed for the routes. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to accept the four-safety busing routes for 2014-2015 as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- G. **GIFTED & TALENTED TINY HOUSE CURRICULUM APPROVAL** – David Holland. Mr. Holland informed the Board about the project in which the K-6 Gifted & Talented (G/T) students are involved. He explained that there are many resources for the Gifted & Talented students, but not much curriculum. He said that he used material from the College of William and Mary that specializes in curriculum for the gifted.

Mr. Holland stated that while at a G/T conference, he came up with an idea that combined two of his passions, building, and teaching. He said that his idea was to build and provide a shelter for those who could not afford a traditional home. Mr. Holland then stated that last spring, the opportunity arose for him to present at Edufest, a large gifted and talented conference in Boise. He informed the Board that he submitted his idea for using the “Tiny House” concept for teaching higher-level thinking, and was accepted.

Mr. Holland spoke about him soliciting investors and that he purchased the materials for the project. He said he told his investors that his goal was to have some kids from G/T work on the house this summer in which the students would put on the floor [onto a flatbed trailer], he would then take it to EduFest and have teachers put up the walls, and then he would bring it back to school and have the kids put on the outside plywood, rafters, and roof metal. He notified the Board that he met his goal and he is now ready for the G/T classes to get involved.

Mr. Holland informed the Board that the overall discipline involved in this project is not just the “Tiny House,” but the social aspect and communities, with an emphasis on shelter. He continued to say that it would be cross-curricular using writing, math, science, problem solving, and the study of systems. He added students would also be exposed to an ever-increasing social problem of homelessness. Mr. Holland then said he would develop the curriculum for this project by modeling it after material from the College of William and Mary Center for Gifted Education, by using the reasoning model by Richard Paul that identifies eight elements of viable reasoning, and part of the Parallel Curriculum Model-Core Curriculum, and Standards.

Mr. Holland then asked permission to be able to bring the “Tiny House” to school to have the kids work on it as much as possible; he would like to be able to mention the school’s Gifted & Talented program when promoting this idea to the community, and the students would like to enter it as a float in the AFAP.

Chairman Alexander asked what happens to the “Tiny House” at the end of the project. Mr. Holland responded that it would be auctioned off to the highest bidder, thus helping create revenue for the next project.

Trustee Donahue asked that Mr. Holland bring the curriculum as it is being developed to the Board for approval and that he could advertise the G/T project. Trustee House motioned to approve adding Tiny House Curriculum to the Gifted & Talented program as presented by Mr. Holland, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried.

- H. **PERSONNEL** – James Gilbert.

1. **ALTERNATE AUTHORIZATION** – Mr. Gilbert first requested approval for alternate authorization for Districtwide Special Education and high school math. Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the alternate authorization as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Checketts. Motion carried.

- a. Districtwide Special Education
 - b. High School Math
2. **APPOINTMENTS** – Mr. Gilbert then requested approval of the personnel items. Trustee Reynolds motioned to approve the personnel items and addendum, as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Motion carried.

Bundy, Nathan, Math Teacher; MHHS
 Cobos, Brian, Assistant Varsity Football Coach; MHHS
 Dooley, Jack, Special Education Clerical Paraeducator; MHHS
 Dooley, Jack, 8th Grade “A” Boys Basketball Coach; MHJH
 Hagen, Samantha, 1st Grade Teacher; West Elementary School
 Henretty, Samantha, 7th Grade “B” Volleyball Coach; MHHS
 Hill, Karen, Cook I; MHHS
 Hutchings, Simon, Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach; MHJH
 Johnson, Barbara, Cook II; MHJH
 Kerfoot, Kyle, Assistant Varsity Football Coach; MHHS
 Kuzel, Michelle, 4th Grade Teacher; Stephensen Elementary School
 Lord, Linda, Speech & Debate Assistant Coach; MHHS
 Lynn, Tyjuan, Head Freshman Football Coach; MHHS
 Martin, Daniel, Special Education Teacher; West Elementary School
 Mori, Kathy, English Teacher; MHHS
 Nizich, Katherine, Part-time Title I Paraeducator; North Elementary School
 Olsen, Kathlyn, Part-time Title I Paraeducator; North Elementary School
 Padour, Justin, P.E. Teacher; West Elementary/Stephensen Elementary School
 Paille, Christine, 4th Grade Teacher; East Elementary School
 Principali, Tracy, Special Education Teacher; Stephensen Elementary School
 Rayfield, Benjamin, Assistant Varsity Football Coach; MHHS
 Robinson, Bessie, Special Education Paraeducator; HMS
 Scott, Melissa Special Education Teacher; West Elementary School
 Wilson, Heidi, Kindergarten Teacher; Stephensen Elementary School
 Young, Zach, Assistant Freshman Football Coach; MHHS

RESIGNATIONS

Andrews, Debbie; Cook I; MHHS; Effective: August 1, 2014
 Belt, Douglas; 8th Grade “A” Boys Basketball Coach; MHJH; Effective: August 1, 2014
 Brooks, Diana; Cook II; MHJH; Effective: August 1, 2014
 McKinney, Lorraine; SpEd Paraeducator; MHHS; Effective: August 4, 2014
 Poulin, Sondra; SpEd Paraeducator; West Elementary School; Effective: August 1, 2014

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Alexander called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Reynolds to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman