

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 AUGUST 20, 2013
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Cliff Ogborn, Sharon Whitman, Tara Handy, Sherri Ybarra, Will Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Tilli Abbott, Albert Longhurst, Phil McCluskey, Lyle Bayley, Anita Straw, Nikki Crusier, Stehvn Tesar, Mike Jewell, Ty Larson, Robin Schipani, Bill and Kristina Bradshaw and a large group of patrons, Katie Crawford, Elyse Pearlman, Kristen Miles, Marsha Baker

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 names to the out-of-district open enrollment request in accordance with Idaho Code, Sections 67-2343(4)(c). Trustee House called for a motion to approve the addendum to personnel, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Chairman Alexander called for a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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

- I. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING OF JULY 16, 2013, AND THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 16, 2013, AND THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JULY 19, 2013.** Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of July 16, 2013, the regular board meeting of July 16, 2013, and the special board meeting of July 19, 2013. There being no comment, Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of July 16, 2013, the regular board meeting of July 16, 2013, and the special board meeting of July 19, 2013, with a second from Trustee Checketts. Motion approved.

- II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn reported on the financial statements for July 31, 2013. The statements for July reflected a balance of \$1,130,000. Unobligated cash and investments are \$327,150 net of interfund payables. The Income Statement reflected revenue through July as \$118,160. We have not received any Impact Aid Vouchers since June 2013. Expenses show salaries are at \$1,001,200 of original budget, and benefits are \$303,100. As of July 31, we have a net margin of expenses in excess of revenue of \$1,247,640. Trustee House moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Ogborn. Motion seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Motion passed.

- III. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS** – Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn presented the district bills for approval. Trustee House 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**

V. **PUBLIC INPUT –**

1. Ralph Binion – Mr. Binion approached the Board and stated that he had two matters he wanted to discuss. He said the first item was that the superintendent blocked him from the school district’s FaceBook page for derogatory comments he posted about his feelings of the school district. Mr. Binion claimed that his freedom of speech was violated and not only would he like to be unblocked, but for his comments to be reposted.

Chairman Alexander responded that the FaceBook page belonged to Mr. McMurtrey and that he could do with it what he deemed necessary; not to mention that the FaceBook page was cancelled before the end of last school year. He then asked Mr. Binion about his second matter.

Mr. Binion stated that rumors were going around the internet that the school district was allowing the Three Springs kids into our schools and that he is extremely opposed to having those types of students in our schools.

Chairman Alexander responded that Three Springs (Sequel) has been trying for years to enroll their students into our school, and we have declined their request every year. He informed the audience that according to the Sequel/Three Springs webpage, Three Springs/Sequel houses up to 60 male juveniles, who have displayed inappropriate sexual behavior or committed sexual offenses, in their “secure residential treatment facility” who have been assigned by the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections and/or Health and Welfare after being adjudicated by the court. He said this matter will end up in court and because of that, the Board had to be careful on what they say.

Chairman Alexander then explained that it wasn’t Sequel as much as it is Health & Welfare that is demanding we enroll their kids. He said that Idaho Legislators with the Department of Health & Welfare passed a law years ago that stated all public school districts and public charter schools must take students that have been adjudicated by the court to the Department of Health & Welfare, the Department of Juvenile Corrections, or Children and Family Services free of charge or tuition. He said the school district would have to pay for all the extra staff it would require to monitor these students and to provide all the necessary services required.

Chairman Alexander continued to explain that the Mountain Home City Council and Mayor approved the lease with the Sequel Company and recently approved the renewal. He said no one called the school district to ask their opinion should Sequel want to enroll their students. He added that Health & Welfare contracted with Sequel to house some of their adjudicated kids and those are the kids that Health & Welfare demand we enroll into our schools. Chairman Alexander said that the district has not enrolled these kids since Sequel has its own school.

Mr. Binion said that he doesn’t have issues with the kids going to the Sequel school, but he is really concerned about those types of kids being in our schools.

Chairman Alexander responded that the school district was told that we would never have to educate Sequel’s kids, but Health & Welfare then contract with Sequel and it is more profitable for Sequel to access the local school district. He informed the audience that Sequel applied for a building permit to construct/expand their building from 60 students to 120 students; that tells us that Health & Welfare plan to send more students to Sequel and the district would have to educate them. He said that there are a lot of people who stand to gain a lot of money should Health & Welfare get their way.

Chairman Alexander said that student safety is a huge area of concern for the Board and that he was sure parents and the community have the same concerns, not to mention the additional costs to the district and taxpayers to educate these students. He said that Mr. Binion and all the other parents in the audience have every right to be concerned and have every right to be involved with this issue. He said parents have every right to approach the City Council members and the Mayor and ask them that as elected

officials what their responsibility is to the safety of our children. He added parents have every right to approach their elected representatives, senators, and legislators and ask them the same question. Chairman Alexander said that the School Board, City Council and Mayor, County Commissioners, Legislators, and Governor are all accountable and there are many means and many tools for parents to object to this.

Trustee House said that Sequel has been here for a few years and we have never encountered this problem, but the Health & Welfare part is new and Health & Welfare is being very aggressive in getting their students into our schools. She said that student health and safety, as well as the public's safety should be a primary concern of City Council. She added that the school district will end up in court over this so the Board needed to maintain a certain decorum in this matter.

Mr. Binion asked if this was going to happen this year and Chairman Alexander responded that the district has to do what the court tells the district to do, and he didn't know if it would be effective immediately or not. The Board thanked Mr. Binion for his input.

VI. REPORTS –

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFFB Liaison. Mr. Mike Jewell stated that all their civilians are back to work; furlough is over for now. He informed the Board that the Wing Commander told the SDE that the base would not join the committee regarding common core for legal reasons, but that the base would support the law.
- B. **STAR RATING 2013-2014** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey reported that MHHS, MHJH, and West Elementary all made four stars. The Board congratulated those schools.

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 2013-2014 school year.
 1. Robert Lindquist for Samantha, 7th grade, MHJH
 2. Steve & Anita Landis for Lorenzo Lewis, 8th grade, MHJH, and Patricia Lewis, 7th grade MHJH
 3. Micheal & Chrystal Wilson for Christian McGhehey, 8th grade, MHJH
 4. **Nikki Markham for Charlie Shoemaker, 11th grade, BMHS, and Nicholas Shoemaker, 10th grade, BMHS**

The parents will provide transportation to and from school.

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

- B. **EMERGENCY LEVY/ENROLLMENT FIGURES** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey gave the Board the most recent enrollment figures; the district is currently up by 97 students and expect more students after Labor Day. He said that he is concerned with the large numbers of students in some of the elementary grades and depending on the number of new elementary enrollees would like to hire at least two more elementary teachers. Mr. McMurtrey also informed the Board that if there is a significant increase in enrollment, by law, we could qualify for an Emergency Levy. Mr. McMurtrey said that the timeline to meet the Emergency Levy is the second Monday in September, but we have asked the County Commissioners to extend that date to September 10. He asked the Board to authorize Chairman Alexander to invoke an Emergency Levy as dictated by enrollment.

Trustee House moved to authorize Chairman Alexander to invoke an emergency levy, as dictated

by enrollment and law, received a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion approved.

- C. SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION ROUTES - 2013-14** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the 2012-13 school bus route descriptions, timelines, and turnarounds. He stated that the district was able to keep these routes due to the supplemental levy passed almost two years ago. Mr. Gilbert said that all of our routes comply with Idaho Code. Chairman Alexander asked how the new bus company was working out and Mr. Gilbert responded that it was going very well. Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the 2013-14 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.)*
- D. SAFETY BUS ROUTES REQUEST - 2013-14** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval for the annual Safety Routes for 2013-2014 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. The Board of Trustees may approve the transportation of students living less than one and one-half (1½) miles from school when it 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 House to accept the four-safety busing routes for 2013-2014 as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. PERSONNEL** – James Gilbert. Trustee House motioned to approve the personnel items and addendum, as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried.
- 1. DECLARATION OF HIRING EMERGENCY – REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ALTERNATE AUTHORIZATION** – Mr. Gilbert requested approval of four alternate authorizations in Special Education, high school Math, high school French; and high school philosophy. Trustee House motioned to approve the alternate authorization as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2. APPOINTMENTS** – Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the regular appointments and resignations. Trustee Reynolds motioned to approve the regular appointments and resignations as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Checketts. Motion approved.

Barnes, Jack, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, MHHS
 Beale, Greta, Cook II, MHJH
 Cameron, Jessica, Title I Paraeducator, East Elementary
 Cowsert, Allison, 3rd Grade Teacher, Base Primary
 Ehardt, Megan, 8th Grade “B” Volleyball Coach, MHJH
 Foster, Sean, French Teacher, MHHS
 Freer, Sheri, Part-Time Math Teacher, BMHS
 Garey, Tawnya, Social Studies Teacher, MHHS
 Hutchings, Simon, Special Education Paraeducator, MHJH
 Karren, Sherri, 2nd Grade Teacher, North Elementary
 Mills, LiseAnne, Special Education Teacher, MHHS
 Pedroza, Alfredo, Special Education Paraeducator, East Elementary
 Percy, Catherine, English Teacher, BMHS
 Reidel, Kelly, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, MHHS
 Rector, Belinda, Kindergarten Teacher, North Elementary
 Renfroe, Elizabeth, 3rd Grade Teacher, East Elementary
 Scholte, Christine, 4th Grade Teacher, East Elementary
 Schroeder, Geoffrey, Philosophy Teacher, MHHS

Yellowboy, Heather, Special Education Teacher, HMS
Ytuarte, Lisa, Part-Time Title I Paraeducator, North Elementary

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Andrus, Nathan, Part-Time English Teacher, BMHS
Baird, Gwendolyn, 2nd Grade Teacher, North Elementary
Claiborne, Anna, Cook II, MHJH
DeSantis, Janet, Special Education Paraeducator, MHJH
Fisher Cseh, Amy, 8th Grade “B” Volleyball Coach, MHJH
Guadarama, Marcos, Title I Paraeducator, East Elementary/North Elementary
Maholick, Madalyn, Title I Paraeducator, East Elementary School
Murphy, Diane, Kindergarten Teacher, North Elementary School
Ramos, Anthony, Special Education Paraeducator, MHHS

- IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Student and Personnel Matters. Chairman Alexander called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the Board to retire into executive session to hear three requests for student re-admittances and personnel matters regarding staffing. After a full and complete discussion and upon motion duly made by Trustee House and seconded by Trustee Reynolds, 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 Section 67-2345, Idaho Code, in order to hear requests for student re-admittances and to discuss personnel matters regarding staffing as authorized by Title 33, Sections 33-205, 33-510, 33-511(2), 33-512, 33-513, and Sections 67-2341 through 67-2345(1)(b), Idaho Code.

Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

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

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the chairman had declared said resolution adopted, and the Board recessed into executive session at 8:03 p.m. to hear student re-admittance requests. Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent McMurtrey, Assistant Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Cliff Ogborn, (Names on File) and son. Following a full and complete discussion of the student re-admittance request, the Board reconvened into open session at 8:22 p.m. A motion by Trustee House to re-admit (Name on File) to Mountain Home School District received a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion granted.

The Board entered back into executive session at 8:23 to hear another re-admittance request. Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent McMurtrey, Assistant Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Cliff Ogborn, (Name on File) and son, and probation officer. Following a full and complete discussion of the student re-admittance request, the Board reconvened into open session at 8:45 p.m. A motion by Trustee Checketts to re-admit (Name on File) to Mountain Home School District received a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion granted.

The Board determined that an executive session for personnel wasn't needed.

- 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 Checketts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman