

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 MARCH 19, 2019  
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Chairman Abrego, Vice-Chair Binion, Trustee Donahue, Trustee Monasterio, Trustee Knox

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. GOOD NEWS –**

*Each month, the school board encourages students, teachers, administrators, and board members to recognize the notable activities, events, celebrations, student achievements & awards, etc., that have occurred in the school district or in the community.*

1. MHHS – Toni Abrego, Darcy Braithwaite, & Kim Wortham. Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Ward recognized Kim Wortham, Darcy Braithwaite, and Kim Wortham for their generous support, dedication, and volunteering numerous hours to MHHS. Mr. Gunderson stated that Kim Wortham is the PTT parent extraordinaire. She is always willing and available to help, she's always available when needed, and she and the other PTT parents ensure that the staff at MHHS are well fed during conferences. She has truly supported the spirit of MHHS, she and the other PTT parents ensure that teachers and staff are recognized for special occasions by providing food, treats, etc.

Mrs. Ward recognized Darcy Braithwaite everything she has done for the community and for MHHS. She brought Tiger Pride back to the highest level, and as a booster, she volunteers for the different events and activities, she also promotes and ensures that parents have access to purchase tiger gear, she helps paint window in the community business for spirit/homecoming week, and she even does the cage for the football players to run through at games.

Mrs. Ward then recognized Toni Abrego for her countless hours of dedication, preparation, involvement, and support of Senior Celebration. She attends all the home events at MHHS, all of the conferences, and other events. She sells raffle tickets, she does the baked goods for sales, she send letters to parents to keep them informed of the happenings of MHHS, she is part of the group that goes to BMHS and works with the daycare, and so many other things.

MHHS presented flowers to the three women and the Board presented Certificates of Recognition to them, as well.

2. MHJH – Jeremy Sayer & Jessica Buckholz. Mr. Cochran recognized Jessica Buckholz, MHJH Librarian, as a real go-getter, she always has loads of student involvement and event ideas, and she is always finding ways to engage students. Mr. Cochran stated that he couldn't recall a time that MHJH had ever had a book fair, but Jessica was determined to resolve that issue and MHJH had it's first ever book fair. He said that Jessica had put in countless hours to organize and prepare for the event. The book fair was so successful that Jessica organized a second successful fair.

Jessica explained that she hosted the book fairs during Parent/Teacher Conferences. She informed everyone that she was able to make over \$3,000 in book sales, allowing her to get \$1,500 worth of books to bring back to the students.

Mr. Schamber recognized Jeremy Sayer, P.E. teacher, for his due diligence in raising money to purchase a much needed soccer goal. He explained that most of the time, the students would have to make an improvised goal out of their clothes, books, or whatever else was available.

Jeremy explained that he hasn't had a goal for a number of years and he was really determined to figure out a way to purchase one. He asked Mr. Schamber what could be done to raise money. Mr. Schamber told him about a program called Donors Choose. Jeremy put in his project and then some community members donated money, some of his family and friends, donated money, etc., until there was enough money to purchase one goal; the cost is about \$1,200 per goal. His plan is to continue until at least one more goal is purchased and hopefully, he'll be able to purchase three

additional goals for a total of four goals. Jeremy thanked all of the community members and his family and friends for their donations.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA OR ADDENDUMS** – Chairman/Vice-chairman. Prior to the consent agenda items, Chairman Abrego asked 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. Chairman Abrego asked that consent agenda item E.2. Journalism Travel Request be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business. Trustee Donahue moved to approve the consent agenda with item E.2. moved to New Business, received a second from Trustee Knox. Motion carried.

**A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019.**

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**D. PERSONNEL**

**E. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. HOSA – MHHS – HOSA State Leadership Conference – Boise, Idaho, April 10-12, 2019 – Brescia
2. ~~Journalism – MHHS – National Journalism Convention – Anaheim, California, April 25-28, 2019 – Burden~~
3. Football Team – MHHS (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders) – University of Montana Football Camp – Dillon, Montana, June 5-15, 2019 – Clark
4. BPA – MHHS – National BPA Conference – Anaheim, California, April 30 – May 5, 2019 - Webb

**F. POLICY REVISION** – 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading

1. Guaranteed Policy Input Policy: Teachers/Staff/Patrons

**G. POLICY REVISION** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1. Board Authority Policy – Denying Enrollment – Board of Trustees Statement
2. Budget & Ordering of Instructional Materials & Supplies Policy
3. School District Intellectual Proprietary Ownership Policy
4. Asset Maintenance Policy: Inventory Records of Fixed Assets
5. Energy Conservation Policy
6. Remote Schools Policy – Pine Elementary/Jr. High School
7. Tobacco & Other Inhalants Policy

IV. **DELEGATION – NONE**

*Any group wishing to be a delegation must submit a letter to the Superintendent Administrative Assistant/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.*

**A.** Denise Weis – MHEA Representative, she wanted to share that six union delegation association members were traveling to Coeur d’Alene to attend the state business for the Idaho Education Association conference. The board thanked her for the information.

VI. **REPORTS –**

**A. MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFB Liaison. Mr. Niksich introduced Colonel Matt Sandelier, Deputy Commander for Support; he works directly for the Wing Commander. Colonel Sandelier informed everyone that he is happy to be part of the community and that he is the father of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at SES. The board and audience welcomed him.

Mr. Niksich informed the board that the volunteers were busy as usual, especially with the upcoming Senior Celebration and the recent STEAM Night. He reminded administrators that if they wanted to have a fieldtrip to the base to please contact him early, so that he can get the background checks completed in a timely manner.

Mr. Niksich also reminded everyone of the upcoming Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) class.

He informed everyone that this is a beneficial class for teachers and administrators that explains the changes in the personalities of those who were deployed and returning home and how it affects their children. The class is schedule for April 17. It was free and breakfast and lunch would be provided.

Mr. Niksich reported that the next Educator of the Quarter nominations are due May 9 and the Educator of the Year nominations are due May 15.

Mr. Niksich informed everyone that he is excited to work on the math initiative at MHHS to get more AP level Math, AP Science, and AP English classes added. He continued to inform everyone that they have had several meetings with the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) and they received a conditional acceptance last month, and are just waiting to hear the good news.

- B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert reminded everyone that the students break for spring break starting Friday and that Friday was an in-service for teachers. He also reported that the state is nearing the end of the legislative session and we should have a better idea of the funding formula. He added that the funding formula has hit a road bump, but that is a good thing because whatever our legislators decide regarding education funding, it would be around for about 10-years. We would like the legislators to decide on a funding formula that is best for all Idaho public school students no matter the size of the school district.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- A. OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS – 2019-2020** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment application for the 2019-2020 school year. The parents would provide transportation to and from school. Trustee Monasterio motioned to approve the Open Enrollment as presented. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion granted.

1. Jeff Blanksma for his 11<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS

- B. AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert informed everyone that he sent an email to the board with different scenarios of the cost to the district to raise the mileage reimbursement. He added that the district hasn't increase mileage for many years and he would like to get closer to the state number of \$.58 per mile. Superintendent Gilbert stated that Mr. Vick had researched the different costs to the district depending on the amount of reimbursement. He said that raising the mileage to \$.45 increased the cost by \$4,000, and increasing it to \$.58 would cost the district an additional \$10,500.

Chairman Abrego stated that the board is trying to get the district back to a good position and we are hoping to hire more teachers, and that was important, but if the district requires employees to travel and use their vehicles, they should be reimbursed the proper amount. He recommended that the district, even though we don't know what we will be funded by the state, that we increase the mileage reimbursement rate to match the state rate of \$.58 per mile. The other trustees concurred. Trustee Binion motioned to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to match the state amount of \$.58 per mile and to annually monitor the mileage increases from the state. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSAL (ACTION)** – Food Service – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick informed the board that Chartwell's Food service was the only company who bid on the food service project. He added that the cost per meal increase is in line with what it has been every year. Mr. Vick stated that when Chartwell's was first awarded the food service bid in 2015, the food service fund balance was (-\$26,150) the food service fund balance is now at over \$300,000. Trustee Binion clarified that the food service fund balance can only be used for food service, food service equipment, remodels, and such; it has nothing to do with the district's fund balance. Mr. Vick mentioned that this is a five-year contract that is renewable every year due to the meal price increase. Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the Food Service Bid to Chartwell's Food Service, as presented, received a second from Trustee Binion. Motion approved.

- B. AUTHORIZATION TO USE MHSD FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT (ACTION)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert asked for the annual authorization to use the district's football equipment for football camp, as the IHSAA's insurance will not cover the equipment. Trustee Monasterio motioned to

approve the use of the district’s football equipment for football camp, as presented. Trustee Binion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. POLICY REVISION (ACTION) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – James Gilbert**

1. **Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide** – Superintendent Gilbert presented the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed revision of Mountain Home School District No. 193 Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide. He said this policy had numerous changes to delete much redundant language and to ensure the district is in compliance. Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed adoption of the Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert. Trustee Monasterio seconded the motion. Motion granted.

**D. POLICY REVIEW (ACTION) – 1<sup>st</sup> and Only Reading – James Gilbert**

1. **Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services** – Superintendent Gilbert informed the Board that the Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services was reviewed by the Policy Committee and they determined that no revisions were necessary. Trustee Knox motioned for approval of the review with no changes of the Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Monasterio. Motion passed.

**E. TRAVEL REQUESTS (ACTION) – Chairman Abrego**

2. **Journalism – MHHS – National Journalism Convention – Anaheim, California, April 25-28, 2019 – Burden.** Chairman Abrego was concerned that there would only be one adult chaperone even though it was legal according to policy. He felt that it would be safer to have two adult chaperones and asked Mr. Gunderson, MHHS Principal, if he would please look into possibly adding another adult chaperone. Chairman Abrego stated that his intention was to approve the travel request, but he just wanted to inquire about the possibility of adding another adult chaperone. Trustee Monasterio motioned to approve the travel request for the Journalism Class to attend the National Conference in Anaheim, California. Trustee Knox seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Student Matters**

*Executive Session – Title 74, Chapter 2, Section 74-202(4)(c)(6)(a) – Open Meeting, 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public school student, Idaho Code.*

Chairman Abrego called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the board to enter into executive session. Trustee Binion motioned to enter into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code to discuss student 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 Idaho Code, Title 74, Chapter 2, Sections 74-202(4)(c)(6)(a) – Open Meeting (Regular Meeting), 74-204(3) – Open Meeting (Executive Session), 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public a public school student.

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 8:03 p.m.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

**A.** Hearing for Possible Expulsion – Student A

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Albert Longhurst, Sam Gunderson, Jessie Ward, (Names on File).

Following a full and complete discussion of a student matter, the Board reconvened into open session at 8:34 p.m. A motion by Trustee Binion to deny attendance to (Name on File) to Mountain Home School District for violation of the District's Zero Tolerance Policy and for actions deemed detrimental to the health and safety of students and staff received a second by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried.

The board reconvened the executive session at 8:35 p.m., to hold another student hearing.

**B.** Hearing for Possible Expulsion – Student B

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Albert Longhurst, Sam Gunderson, Jessie Ward, (Names on File), and counselor.

Following a full and complete discussion of a student matter, the Board reconvened into open session at 9:30 p.m. A motion by Trustee Binion to reassign (name on File) to Bennett Mountain High School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year. Trustee Monasterio seconded the motion. Motion granted.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Abrego called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Binion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

Gunderson, Samuel G., Principal, Mountain Home High School  
Cotton, Mark A., Assistant Principal, Mountain Home High School  
Ward, Jessie A., Assistant Principal, Mountain Home High School

Tesar, Stehvn J., Principal, Bennett Mountain High School

Cochran, Daniel L., Principal, Mountain Home Junior High School  
Schamber, Monte Nicholas, Assistant Principal, Mountain Home Junior High School

Smith, Lonni M., Principal, Tom Hacker Middle School  
Schipani, Robyn M., Assistant Principal, Tom Hacker Middle School

Cruser, Nichole C., Principal, West Elementary School  
Kuntz, Ryan M., Principal, East Elementary School  
McCluskey, Phillip D., Principal, Stephensen Elementary School  
Straw, Anita S., Principal, North Elementary School

Clark, John F., Activities Director, Mountain Home School District

**APPOINTMENTS**

Giordanengo, Joseph; B Custodian, HMS  
Herrington, Jennifer; Personal Care Assistant, HMS  
Wadas, Shannon; Head JV/Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach; MHHS

**RESIGNATIONS**

Castro, Abel; Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, MHHS; effective: February 24, 2019  
Eden, Stephanie; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, West Elementary; effective: May 24, 2019  
Fletcher, Michael; Special Education Teacher, MHHS; effective: May 24, 2019  
Fletcher, Michael; Asst Varsity/Asst Jr. High Wrestling Coach, MHHS/MHJH; effective: February 21, 2019  
Jimenez, Wilda; Title I Paraeducator, HMS; effective: March 21, 2019  
Poulin, Gary; Career Center Coordinator, MHJH; effective: March 12, 2019  
Sage, Toni; Cook 2, HMS; effective: February 14, 2019  
Shineflew, Samuel; Asst Varsity Baseball Coach, MHHS; effective: February 19, 2019

**RETIREMENTS**

Stowell, Marsha; Special Education Teacher, North Elementary; effective: May 24, 2019

**STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2018-2019 SY**

Melissa Mazzaglia, – Idaho State University – February 25, 2019 – March 31, 2019 –  
Co-operating Speech Language Pathologist – Laura Willoughby, SLP

**STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020 SY**

Cameron, Jessica, – Western Governors University – August 9, 2019 – December 20, 2019 –  
West Elementary, Co-operating Teacher – Erin Acarregui, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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Chairman Abrego

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Clerk Whitman