

Minutes

At 5:00 p.m. Chair Edie Brooks called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Bill Hemenway, Diane Zipperer, Sid Fredrickson and Stephanie Powers were present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson to approve the minutes of November 1, 2010, second by Mr. Hemenway, passed 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Hemenway to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010, second by Mrs. Zipperer, passed 5-0.

Approval of the Agenda and Possible Addendum:

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson, second by Mr. Hemenway to approve the agenda and the addendum (board recognition of Lego League Teams) passed 5-0.

Board Recognition:

Lake City High School Music

Music teacher Tim Sandford introduced students who performed a piece by Bach on saxophones.

Music teacher Terry DeGroot introduced students from the jazz choir who performed two holiday songs.

CHS Football Team State 5A Champions

Mrs. Brooks introduced Shawn Amos, CHS Viking Head Football Coach and some of the players. The last time the Vikings won the state title was in 1985. They ended the season with a record of 11-1 and took home the State Championship.

Avista Rebate for Energy Savings – Nutrition Services

Mrs. Brooks introduced Nutrition Services Director Ed Ducar and Glenn Robinson to speak about their process for purchasing energy efficient equipment resulting in a rebate of over \$5,800.

Meet the Board:

Fernan Elementary Principal Warren Olson introduced Libby Keyes, Title 1 teacher. He also mentioned Amy Sullivan, kindergarten teacher who was not able to attend this evening.

Lego League Teams from Canfield and Ramsey

Mrs. Brooks introduced Ramsey Principal Anna Wilson and teacher Michelle Williams from Canfield.

Teams of students from Ramsey and Canfield competed in a Lego League, placing first in their categories and qualified to compete at the State level.

Coeur d'Alene Education Association Report

President Kristi Milan spoke about students in poverty and the teachers and staff members who are adopting needy families for Christmas. She thanked the community for their support of schools.

High School Student Body Reports

Coeur d'Alene High School - Matt thanked the Board for recognizing the football team. Winter sports are just beginning, state drama has finished and they had a 3rd place finisher. Students are looking forward to the holiday break and Fight for the Fish which is scheduled for January 7th.

Lake City High School - Natalie reported that 3 medals were received at the state drama competition, a showcase is planned for tomorrow evening. Choir and Band concerts will be held on December 14, 15 and 16. Taylor spoke about ISAT tests finishing up and the National Honor Society, who are spotlighting different universities each month.

Project CDA/ Bridge Academy - Mariah said their food drive is doing well. They are planning an assembly to honor students with a 3.5 gpa or higher. Plans are in the works for a prom later this year. Jessie said they are hosting a belated thanksgiving dinner this Friday as the previous dinner was canceled due to a snow day.

Approval of **Consent Agenda** Items:

- A. Personnel
- B. Approve Accounts Payable Check List Dated 11/30/10
- C. Approve Affidavit of Habitual Truancy
- D. Approve Minutes from Student Hearings (11-09-10)
- E. Approve Copier Lease/Maintenance for Winton Elementary
- F. Approve Postage Meter Lease for the District Office
- G. Approve Special Education Contracts

Motion by Mr. Hemenway to approve the consent agenda, second by Mr. Fredrickson, passed 5-0.

Finance Report – Chief Financial Officer Steve Briggs spoke about Idaho’s support for salaries. The State provides base funding for salaries and benefits based on Average Daily Attendance. The formula is based on support units which generates teaching positions. The district previously funded teacher salaries over the minimum amount however, we are not able to continue. Classified positions are underfunded by the state. He shared a list of cuts to spending over the past two years . Those cuts total \$8.8 million dollars. Textbooks are lacking current information. Building budgets have been significantly cut. These cuts will not be replaced within the upcoming levy. Taking funds from the fund balance weakens our financial position.

Mr. Hemenway asked why there is a larger gap within purchased services; Mr. Briggs responded that the district has paid more earlier in the year and this will balance out. Mrs. Brooks said this shows expenditures to this point in time. Ms. Bauman added that this will be watched carefully. A portion could be due to the numbers of special needs students and required provided services. Mrs. Powers asked about the number of administrators funded by the state. Ms. Bauman responded that the district is operating below the recommended number. Textbooks are considered discretionary and we are limited on what we can cut. She invited anyone who wishes additional information to come in and sit down to look at the options. Hundreds of hours have been spent in making these decisions.

Maintenance & Operations Levy – Superintendent Bauman shared a power point presentation. This is a tough time to run a levy however, if we don’t, the district will face more significant cuts. What does the levy support? In the past, levy dollars have enhanced programs, however it is no longer supplemental, it is essential. She shared the scenarios of amounts with corresponding cuts upon passage at different levels. Legislators predict further cuts as high as 10% and we must plan for this. How do these cuts affect the district, what would it look like? Adding 5 million does not guarantee further cuts as the state will likely cut funding. Mr. Hemenway noted that the KTEC and LCHS Bond tax amounts will fall off the tax rolls in two years. Ms. Bauman is asking the board to consider the second amount to present to voters.

Mrs. Brooks asked about input from community groups. Ms. Bauman responded that parents and staff she has talked to feel the district should ask for the maximum amount of \$5 million in addition to \$7.8 million as the base levy amount. Some business and community leaders feel we should stop short and continue belt tightening. Mr. Hemenway said for the sake of the community and children, he hopes for a partnership between the community and the board to figure out what's best for kids but also to do right by property owners. He would like to continue receiving input. Mr. Fredrickson concurs with Mr. Hemenway, he is not ready at this time to set an amount and asked if we have looked at multiple options beyond those presented. Mrs. Powers agrees and said much information has been put out to the public. She wants to know what the district wants so she can talk to patrons. Mrs. Zipperer heard that if the levy does not pass, parents might withdraw their students which will impact funding. If programs are lost and people stop moving here, that will negatively affect property values. Choose an amount to keep people here and keep them coming. Ms. Bauman noted that the county will run this election for the first time under election consolidation. The amount must be set no later January 10th. Mrs. Brooks asked if information is on the website and how patrons can comment. Ms. Bauman said that the information is on the front page of the website and there is a link there to send comments. Mrs. Powers asked if the superintendent has a recommendation in mind for an amount? Ms. Bauman said she would recommend no running for any less than \$3.7 with adding \$1.3 from the fund balance. That would represent a minimum amount with a range between that amount and \$5 million as a maximum. Mr. Hemenway reiterated that the board is committed with integrity to keep taxes low. Mrs. Brooks wishes to keep schools safe and maintain the current top education; she will see what the community response is to suggesting the highest amount. The state will reduce funding. Additional community input will be valuable on the proposed amount. Ms. Bauman said that voters have supported this levy for more than 25 years and she feels the voters wish to continue. There will be one year difference from KTEC dropping off in June of 2012 and the Levy in June of 2013. Mrs. Brooks concluded that after two years, her hope is that the district can get the levy amount back down. Mrs. Powers asked for a summary of comments from all groups.

Request to Name CHS Strength Center – Ms. Bauman presented a request from Coeur d'Alene High School to name the newly remodeled strength center after Lee Shellman who was a great supporter of the athletic training programs. Motion by Mr. Hemenway to name the strength center at Coeur d'Alene High School after Lee Shellman, second by Mrs. Powers, passed 5-0.

Board Policies

Duncan Koler wished to lodge a complaint about two of the proposed policies. The Board did not grant his workshop request to discuss IB last year; he feels this was a missed opportunity to discuss IB with the public. Recent workshops that have taken place are not recorded. The Board is avoiding issues and stopping meaningful public comment.

Dan Gookin said the Board represents all constituents and it's easy to represent those who agree with you. Trustees must hear all sides and if someone takes the time to attend a Board meeting, they should have a voice. He wonders why a person cannot record the meeting. In the spirit of transparency and openness, keep an open mind.

Debbie Morris asked if the podium could be moved to see Board members better? She is concerned that the Board took action on an information item without public input i.e. naming of the strength center at CHS. The Policy Advisory Committee did not allow comment from observers. Ms. Bauman responded that it has been the practice of this board to hear information and take action subsequently however, it is legal to take action on items as needed.

202 - School District Name
204 - Policy Adoption
212 - Board Authority
214 - Functions of the Board
215 - Duties of the Board
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220 - Advisory Committees
222 - Complaint Resolution
224 - Membership in State & National Associations
262 - Board Meetings
1010 - General Public Participation/Concerns

Motion by Mr. Hemenway to table policy 1010 based on patron's concerns, second by Mr. Fredrickson, passed 4-0-1. Mrs. Brooks voted no.

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson to adopt the balance of policies as presented , second by Mr. Hemenway, passed 5-0.

Emergency School Closure – Ms. Bauman reported that schools were closed on November 24 due to extreme low temperatures and that had a negative effect on bus diesel fuel. Pre-K through grade 8 was a scheduled non-school day therefore, only secondary schools were affected. Motion by Mr. Fredrickson to approve the emergency closure day on November 24, 2010 for secondary grades 9-12, passed 5-0.

Call for Committee Reports

Long Range Planning is beginning the process of reviewing the 10-year plan. Their next meeting will take place in January.

Mrs. Powers reported about the Attendance Zone Committee; they are looking at the different populations at the high schools. Data is being gathered prior to meeting again.

Superintendent's Report – Ms. Bauman reported about upcoming concerts and programs. Tomorrow is Lakes Middle School Pearl Harbor Program/Assembly. All are encouraged to attend. New information shows the rate of students who go on to a 2 or 4 year college is 65%. Mrs. Brooks asked if this information available annually and it is.

Board Comments and Information - None

Citizen Input on Information Items

Debbie Morris asked about budgeting and financing some of the long range plans. At the current rate, we will lose funds with bus rotation. Why doesn't the district have funds as they did in the past for bus rotation. Ms. Bauman invited Mrs. Morris to make an appointment with Mr. Briggs to go over the information as it is quite detailed.

Nancy Heffter wanted the Board to know that winning the robotics awards took much personal time and the coaches and students are paying their own expenses to attend and compete at the state level.

Recess at 7:10 p.m. Reconvene at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson for Executive Session: Idaho Code 67-2345, Subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated, second by Mr. Hemenway, Roll Call Vote: Brooks, Hemenway, Zipperer, Fredrickson, Powers each "yes".

The meeting returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson to table the pending tort claim indefinitely, second by Mrs. Zipperer, passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Edie Brooks, Chair
Board of Trustees

Lynn Towne, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Summary Statement of Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. Board members met in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2345, Subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated