

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 and Sid Fredrickson were present. Trustee Stephanie Powers joined via telephone.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Hemenway to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010, second by Mrs. Zipperer, passed 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Zipperer to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010, second by Mr. Hemenway, passed 5-0.

Approval of the Agenda and Possible Addendum:

Motion by Mr. Fredrickson to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mrs. Zipperer, passed 5-0.

Meet the Board:

Ramsey Magnet School Principal Anna Wilson introduced Chad Booth 5th grade teacher; Jesse Lenz, 4th grade teacher, Lindy Bauer, 3rd grade teacher, and April Morrell, 2nd grade teacher.

Board Recognition:

The Association of School Business Officials International Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) program recognizes school business officials who demonstrate a combination of experience and education and a mastery of the knowledge and skills required to be an effective school business leader. Congratulations to Julie Day, Coeur d'Alene School District Business Manager & Treasurer as she is recognized as the First Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations in the State of Idaho.

Coeur d'Alene Education Association Report – President Kristi Milan said that whatever decision is made tonight, that she wants to thank the board, who volunteer their time and care about the district. The more education a person has, the less chance they have of being unemployed.

High School Student Body Reports

Project CDA/Bridge Academy – Mariah spoke about their leadership class “word of the week”; this week happens to be “Considerate”. Their food drive is completed, a bake sale continues, and spirit week activities will celebrate the beginning of second semester. Josh participates in food production class and will soon be dually enrolled at NIC. Students from Korea will visit this week.

Coeur d'Alene High School – Matt reported about Fight for the Fish; the event was fun although their team lost, Prom is coming up this weekend, students are sponsoring a fundraiser for a new sound system, and wrapping up the semester.

Lake City High School – Rachel and Taylor said that six visiting Korean students are attending this month, the STOMP group will put on a concert on Jan 20 at 7:30, and Junior Prom will take place at the end of January. They thanked administration and school staff members for the success of Fight for the Fish.

Approval of **Consent Agenda** Items:

- A. Personnel
- B. Approve Provisional Authorization to hire a Physical Science Teacher
- C. Approve Accounts Payable Check List Dated 01-04-11
- D. Approve Affidavit of Habitual Truancy
- E. Approve Minutes from Student Hearings (12/08/10 and 01-04-11))
- F. Approval to forward Textbook Waiver request to State Department
- G. Approve Bid Award for Walk-In Refrigerator at Lakes Middle School
- H. Approve Special Education Contracts

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

Consideration of **Information** Items:

Finance Report – Chief Financial Officer Steve Briggs shared a presentation about property tax rates. He has received many questions about this topic. In 2006, property tax relief was provided by the legislature. Information for 2011 has just been released. He shared property tax amounts by passing the levy at the renewal amount of 7.8 million. He also shared a comparison of the 13 largest districts in the State; we are the lowest in terms of taxes per thousand dollars of assessed value. Finally, he showed a comparison of schools in Region 1 where we rank 6th.

Ms. Bauman added that whatever the board decides, patrons should know that this levy is a two year levy. Midway through the two years, the Lake City High School bond and the KTEC levy will drop off, taxpayers will see a reduction in their property taxes. Mrs. Brooks asked why the district does not currently have an SPFL. Ms. Bauman responded that we continue to see growth at elementary especially. Atlas, Skyway and Ramsey would have been beyond capacity. By opening Hayden KinderCenter, we have delayed the need to build a new elementary school by 4 years. Facility needs are currently on the back burner. KTEC is a great opportunity for students – it was a partnership driven by business and industry and school districts. We joined with the business community and voters passed it in all three districts. The community wanted this even though the district was planning for a supplemental M&O levy in the spring.

College Readiness Report – Assessment Coordinator Mike Nelson shared the vision of the district for post-secondary opportunities. We are able to follow students. Multiple measures of assessment can best be described as the utilization of a variety of evaluations that measure the performance of student, schools and the district as a whole. How are students in District 271 prepared as they enter college. Of the graduates from the Coeur d'Alene School District, an average of 61% of students over the past 8 years attend a college within the first two years of post high school graduation. Engineering classes may need to be offered as students are taking this in college even though courses are not offered at the high school level. He also shared data about standardized testing and that District 271 scored higher than the state and national averages. This report will be available on the district website.

Mr. Hemenway asked why students are waiting to attend college. Ms. Bauman speculates it may have to do with the current economy.

Consideration of **Action** Items:

Resolution - Maintenance & Operations Levy – Ms. Bauman presented the same information as previously presented. Additional budget cuts are forthcoming as the governor eluded to in his state of the state address given today. A ballot will be created to offer a choice to voters as they may vote only for the replacement amount. She asked for community to support for two more years. She recommends adding 5 million as the second option to the levy amount. More is needed however she cannot justify asking for more.

Jan Fay, Coeur d'Alene is a parent, teacher and taxpayer. She encouraged the board to ask for the maximum amounts. Her students were well prepared for college, cuts in the classroom have affected students. Let's maintain our excellent standards. As a taxpayer, Idaho funding is very low, we are able to keep taxes down, and keep exemplary schools.

Mr. Fredrickson said there is no argument about the need for the 5 million, however he has concerns about that high of an amount being rejected at the polls. Mrs. Zipperer is concerned about the levy tax rate but is inclined to go with the higher amount mainly due to potential further cuts from the state. Many patrons do not understand school funding, and it has been critical to educate the public in this topic. Mrs. Powers asked about the Lake City High School bond and KTEC levy that will fall off within two years and therefore lower taxes by 50 cents per thousand. At the 5 million increase one year will come in at \$2.14 then drop to 1.64 per thousand. The State will cut funding again and she would like to go for the larger amount to insure continuing operations. Ms. Bauman said that our ability to provide quality education is stretched to the limit and she doesn't know how we will sustain with additional state cuts. She wants to preserve jobs, we are down to the bare number at the state formula and cannot reduce teachers without losing revenue. Even if the board and community support the highest amount, significant cuts are forthcoming. Mrs. Brooks supports the higher amount, parents want quality education opportunities, business owners expect this, safety is a factor, and cuts over the past two years have put a burden on every employee at every level. We hope to hold on until the economy rebounds and hopes the community will support us.

Motion by Mr. Hemenway to approve Resolution No. 10-11-001; a resolution of Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271 of Kootenai County, Idaho ordering an election to be held on the question of authorizing a supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Seven dollars each year to two years and an additional supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Three Million, Seven Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Seventy Five Dollars. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion by Mrs. Powers to approve Resolution No. 10-11-001; a resolution of Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271 of Kootenai County, Idaho ordering an election to be held on the question of authorizing a supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Seven dollars each year to two years and an additional supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Five Million Dollars.

Motion was amended by Mrs. Zipperer to approve Resolution No. 10-11-001; a resolution of Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271 of Kootenai County, Idaho ordering an election to be held on the question of authorizing a supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Seven dollars each year to two years and an additional supplemental maintenance and operations levy in the amount of Five Million, Thirty Eight Thousand, Seventy Five Dollars, second by Mrs. Powers.

Mr. Hemenway said he understands we are in a partnership together; it's all about students and student learning. Motion passed 4-1 (Mr. Hemenway voted Nay).

Call for Committee Reports

Mrs. Zipperer reported that the Policy Review Committee continues to review policies in section 600.

Superintendent's Report – Ms. Bauman said that MAP is being piloted in the State and selected our district to participate. Students who graduate early are encouraged to attend college, and the district is reimbursed for a portion of ADA. Scholarships are available.

Board Comments and Information

Mrs. Zipperer requests a workshop about Policy 684 Student Grading. Ms. Bauman asked to include information about how to measure student growth in other areas besides test scores. She will invite members of the district leadership team. Possibilities for a date will be discussed further.

Citizen Input on Information Items

Mrs. Brooks asked citizens who wish to discuss policy change to submit their comments in writing.

A recess was called at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Hemenway for Executive Session: Idaho Code 67-2345, Subsection (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student; second by Mr. Fredrickson, Roll Call Vote: Brooks, Hemenway, Zipperer, Fredrickson, Powers each "yes".

The meeting returned to open session and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Edie Brooks, Chair
Board of Trustees

Lynn Towne, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Summary Statement of Executive Session

At 6:45 p.m. Board members met in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2345, Subsection (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student. The Board conducted an evaluation of the Superintendent.