



Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2011,
Mountain View School District Office, 5:30 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Harold Gott called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Other board members in attendance were Ray Stowers, Lot Smith, Keith Evans and Mike Dominguez.

Additions, Deletions, and/or Corrections to Agenda

A motion to modify the Agenda was made by Keith Evans with a second by Lot Smith, to allow the following addition and correction:

- To add Superintendent's Agenda, Item 6 – Request by Idaho County Commissioner Skip Brandt to present information about the proposed Idaho County USFS land swap issue.
- To change the date on the Agenda header to October 25th.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board went to New Business (1) - Auditor's Report

Minutes of Previous Meeting

• September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting

Chairman Gott asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. Keith Evans noted a change was needed on page 2, the word "inquired" should be "inquiry". A motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Keith Evans and passed unanimously.

Public Input Session (1)

Audience may address the board (members of the audience are requested to sign in and indicate their topic)

There were 6 administrative staff, 2 students, 3 parents, 2 auditors from Presnell Gage, the district legal counsel and the Idaho County Freepress correspondent in attendance at this time.

.The Board went to Superintendent's Report - Science Project Presentation

New Business (1)

1) Auditor's Report (5:30 pm)

Phil Nuxoll, CPA and Tom Luper with Presnell Gage, PLLC presented the fiscal year-end 2011 auditor's reports, financial statements and a summary of talking points to the board. Mr. Nuxoll commended the district business manager noting the financial records are in good shape with no audit adjustments necessary. The following points were also noted:

- The Audit Opinion is qualified because the district has chosen, at this time, to not incur the expense necessary to obtain and record the actuarial value of the implicit rate subsidy of retiree healthcare, which is required to be reflected in the District Wide Financial Statements by GASB Statement 34.
- Presnell Gage recommends maintaining carryover, or access to available financing, equivalent to 60 days of expenditure for cash flow purposes in addition to carryover needed for specific program purposes. The district's combined General (36 days) and Forest Reserve Fund (163 days) carryover balances at June 30, 2011 meet this cash flow requirement; however, it was noted that only one payment remains on the dwindling Secure Rural Schools and Communities (SRSC) funding and Congress has not reauthorized the program at this

time; therefore, care would need to be taken to not expend the Forest Reserve Fund below the required 60 day level for internal cash flow purposes.

Mr. Nuxoll asked the board to accept the report and to authorize distribution to the State Department of Education, Legislative Auditor and the Single Audit Clearinghouse. A motion to accept and distribute was made by Ray Stowers, seconded by Mike Dominguez and was approved unanimously.

The Board went to Minutes of Previous Meeting

Information Agenda

Superintendent's Report

1) Science project presentation by two 8th grade students from GEMS.

Alica Holthaus introduced Darby Finnegan and Ahni Anderson and each student presented their science project to the board and audience. Their parents, Naomi Finnigan, and Larson and Elaine Anderson were introduced as well.

2) October 7th Inservice Update

Superintendent Bailey briefly described each school's training activities during the recent in-service day. Both high schools worked on goals and reviewed data for their school improvement programs. The three elementary schools concentrated on the multiage program and utilized the Idaho Education Network (IEN) lab to facilitate interaction between the GEMS and CVE staff. GEMS middle school staff worked on developing / utilizing end of course (EOC) assessments.

3) Title IX Training Update

Superintendent Bailey and principals from CVHS, GEMS and GHS, along with their respective Activity Directors traveled to Moscow on October 24th for this training due to the recent naming of 75 Idaho districts in a complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). Mr. Bailey reported that program compliance is full of many grey areas and recommended establishing a Title IX committee to conduct a review of the district's athletic programs. He also reported that OCR has closed the complaint lodged against our district.

4) Idaho Capacity Builders' District Update

Superintendent Bailey provided an update on the process the Capacity Builder group is using to establish goals for the district noting they are looking at all our data, test scores, etc. in order to set goals that will be objective and measurable. He extended an invitation for one board member to also be a part of the team.

5) Alternative 2012/2013 School Calendar Proposal & Discussion

Superintendent Bailey introduced several preliminary 2012-13 calendars built around the concept of four instructional days per week and extending further into the summer months in an effort to facilitate more student retention over the summer break and to provide more full-day staff development time throughout the academic year. Mr. Bailey explained he was seeking the board's permission to explore an alternative calendar and begin a dialogue with the board and ultimately the communities. Chairman Gott stated it was important to garner input and weigh out the merits, options, strengths, weaknesses, fears, etc. that such a change might bring; he asked Superintendent Bailey to bring back a plan of communication to present to the Board to arrive at community buy-in as well as to minimize interruptions to our schedule. He also stated that a special meeting might be necessary to fully discuss the issue. Mr. Bailey asked for

board members and the audience members to communicate their individual ideas/concerns to him over the next week.

6) Request by Idaho County Commissioner Skip Brandt to present information about the proposed Idaho County / USFS land swap issue.

Mr. Brandt did not attend the meeting.

Old Business

1) Policy 512: Graduation Policy - Alternative Graduation Requirement & Procedures (Second Reading).

Principals Dave Harrington and Steve Higgins summarized the process they used to *develop the proposed policy and made themselves available for questions. A motion to accept the policy as second reading was made by Ray Stowers, seconded by Lot Smith and was unanimously approved.* Chairman Gott asked Superintendent Bailey to keep the board informed on the progress.

New Business (2)

1) ISBA Regional Meeting Update & Referendum Review

Superintendent Bailey reviewed the proposed ISBA resolutions with the board. The board, by consensus, agreed that the delegate to the ISBA annual meeting would vote as follows:

- Continued Financial Protection – Do Pass
- Public Funds for Driver Education in Idaho – Do Pass
- Renewal of Idaho Code Section 33-1004H – Do Pass
- School Election Dates – Do Pass
- Reducing the Super Majority Requirement for Bond Levies – Do Pass
- Restore Funding Lost in Senate Bills 1108, 1110, & 1184 – Do Pass
- Funding for Pay for Performance – Do Pass
- Classified Employees Included in Idaho's Pay for Performance Program – Do Not Pass (Board would prefer another avenue to compensate non-certified employees).
- Educational Field Trips – Do Pass
- Safe Extra Curricular Travel – Do Not Pass (Board agrees with the intent but not the mechanism).
- Liability Insurance Notice Requirement – Do Pass
- Teacher Certification and Document Sharing – Do Not Pass (Board agrees with the intent but not as written; Superintendent Bailey will offer suggestions to ISBA).
- Kindergarten Preparation – Do Not Pass
- Idaho's K-12 Leads Nation – Do Not Pass
- Improving Success for Idaho's High School Graduates – Do Not Pass
- Increase Dual Credits/AP Courses in Idaho's High Schools – Do Not Pass

2) Approval requested to be the Trustees of the Larry Paul Music Scholarship

The board reviewed the proposed agreement. District counsel, Greg FitzMaurice, suggested modifying the document to specify alternatives if any of the organizations mentioned in the selection committee should cease to exist. A motion to accept the

agreement, as modified by Mr. FitzMaurice's suggestion, was made by Keith Evans, seconded by Mike Dominguez and was unanimously approved.

New Business Consent Agenda (to be approved in one motion)

- 1) **Staff Hires/Renewals**
 - a. **Sonya Turner, GHS Music Accompanist**
- 2) **Staff Resignations/RIF/Dismissals - None**
- 3) **Financial Report**
 - a. **School District 244 Treasurer's Report.**
 - b. **School District 244 Accounts Payable.**
- 4) **Board & Room / In Lieu of Transportation Requests**
- 5) **Non-Resident Open Enrollment request(s) – None**
- 6) **Bus Stop Approval request - None**

Chairman Gott questioned the Accounts Payable Schedule expenditure to District II Board of Control for a fine. Following this discussion a motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ray Stowers and seconded by Lot Smith. The motion carried.

Public Input Session (2)

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There were 6 administrators, one teacher, the Idaho County Freepress correspondent and district counsel in attendance at this time.

Executive Session

- 1) **To conduct deliberations to acquire an interest in real property that is not owned by a public agency. To consider a complaint regarding a personnel issue. To communicate with legal counsel to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(b, c, f).**

At 7:58 PM a motion was made by Keith Evans and seconded by Mike Dominguez to enter into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(b, c & f) as described above. Chairman Gott called for an individual vote which was as follows:

Ray Stowers	Aye
Mike Dominguez	Aye
Lot Smith	Aye
Keith Evans	Aye
Harold Gott	Aye

Executive session ended at 8:56 PM and the meeting resumed in open session.

A motion was made by Keith Evans, seconded by Mike Dominguez to affirm the decision of the Superintendent with reference to the "Teacher A" issue. The motion carried with Chairman Gott abstaining.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

School Board Chairman

School Board Clerk

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2011, 5:30 P.M., Clearwater Valley High School Library, Kooskia.