



Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 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, and Mike Dominguez. Keith Evans was absent.

Additions, Deletions, and/or Corrections to Agenda

After reviewing information received by Mr. Dominguez at a recent training, "Requirements of the Open Meeting Law", Chairman Gott requested Superintendent Bailey to contact the ISBA regarding their recommendation for making additions, deletions or corrections to an Agenda. A motion to modify the Agenda was made by Mike Dominguez with a second by Ray Stowers to allow the following correction due to a typographical error:

- To amend New Business Item 5 – The Policy should be listed as number 411 rather than 419. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- **November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting**

Chairman Gott asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ray Stowers, seconded by Mike Dominguez 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 two patrons, two instructional staff and six administrative staff in attendance at this time.

Information Agenda

Superintendent's Report

1) **Idaho Capacity Builders' District Update**

Superintendent Bailey and District Librarian, Lynn Johnson, relayed the progress made by the Capacity Builders team with regard to district goals and components. The finished product will be presented for board approval later this year.

Old Business

1) **Alternative 2012/2013 School Calendar: Update**

Superintendent Bailey reviewed three alternative calendars for 2012-13 with the board and suggested that the one receiving a strong endorsement from the staff (at least a 90% approval) then be forwarded for presentation to the community. He noted that staff hours and student instructional time remains status quo among the three alternatives and that he will continue to seek feedback and a conversation with staff and community members about the calendar options. This item will be revisited by the board at their January 2012 meeting.

New Business

1) **Approval of Bid for carpet in CVE, GEMS and GHS libraries**

A motion to accept the low bid of \$29,410 from Lindsley's Furniture was made by Mike Dominguez with a second by Lot Smith and was unanimously approved. Superintendent

Bailey noted that installation will take place at two schools over Christmas Break and one school over Spring Break.

The Board went to New Business Item (4) – Student Information System and School Business Data System Replacement Proposal

2) Request for Graduation Ceremony Participation of Students Not Receiving a Diploma

Mr. Fred Stevens came to the board to answer questions the board might have regarding the letter he sent requesting that homeschooling students, such as his son, be able to participate in the high school graduation ceremonies. Mr. Stevens stated it's not about getting a piece of paper, rather he was requesting his son be allowed to experience the joy and pleasure of walking with his classmates. Following a review of the current district graduation policy and the GHS handbook's limitations on Class Night participation the board heard suggestions from Mr. Stevens and his son regarding an alternative graduation policy. Chairman Gott stated he understands graduation to be the awarding of diplomas, so a shift in policy would be inconsistent with this view; however, Senior Class Night is another matter. Mike Dominguez moved to allow Warren Stevens to walk during graduation with his GHS classmates even though not receiving a diploma on graduation night. The motion died for lack of a second. Mike Dominguez moved to allow the high school principals to modify their student handbooks with regard to allowing principals the discretion to select which students are allowed to participate in Senior Class Night activities. Lot Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3) Mike Kennedy – GHS Football/Baseball Field Repair Proposal

Mr. Mike Kennedy, regional manager for Primeland Cooperative, presented a no-cost proposal for reshaping the GHS football/baseball fields, installing drain tile and a sprinkler system, landscaping on the north-slope to direct runoff toward a reclaiming pond, and laying bluegrass sod on the football field in June 2012 within a timeline to allow practice to begin on schedule in August. Area donors would provide the sod, equipment, materials and labor necessary to complete the project in the window allotted. Chairman Gott requested that Mr. Kennedy arrange with the Superintendent to be included on a future board meeting agenda when he can return with a detailed presentation and a firm showing of community commitment toward this project.

The board took a brief recess from 8:12 to 8:17 PM.

The Board returned to New Business (4) – Student Information System and School Business Data System Replacement Proposal

4) Student Information System and School Business Data System Replacement Proposal – Skyward (6:00 pm)

Superintendent Bailey, Becky Hogg, Susan Morris, Dani Blackwell and Rob Gasser described some of the experiences, inefficiencies and lack of integration that currently must be overcome among the various software platforms being utilized across the district. A central database, cohesion, giving tools to the staff for student achievement and avoiding the hiring of additional personnel to accomplish state reporting functions were among the reasons cited in favor of migrating to a unified system utilizing Skyward's unique K-12 student and financial management system. System acquisition, including hosting services and data migration, would be invoiced interest free over three years and the project could be financed from state funding the district received at the end of FY 2011 pursuant to federal maintenance of effort requirements. Following board discussion

and several questions posed to the staff and administrators present, the board set this item aside until later in the meeting.

The Board went to New Business Item (2) - Request for Graduation Ceremony Participation of Students Not Receiving a Diploma

The Board Returned to this Item at 8:17 PM:

Following deliberation by the board and further discussion and questions posed to the staff members in attendance, a motion was made by Mike Dominguez with a second by Ray Stowers to upgrade the district's student and financial management software to the Skyward system. The motion was unanimously approved.

5) Policy 411: Employee-Student relations

Superintendent Bailey presented information gathered at the ISBA conference for the board's consideration. Chairman Gott requested Superintendent Bailey compile any specific changes being proposed and bring them for board consideration at a future meeting.

6) Vehicle and Equipment Surplus

- a) 1985 Ford Escort
- b) 1988 Dakota Pickup
- c) Metal Lathe Grangeville Bus Shop

A motion was made by Mike Dominguez with a second by Lot Smith to declare the three items listed herein as surplus property, to allow for salvage disposal of the two vehicles having an estimated value of less than \$500 each, to seek appraisal of the equipment and to allow for its subsequent sale by sealed bids. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Request to Move January Board Meeting Date

A motion to move the regularly scheduled January 2012 board meeting from January 17 to January 23 was made by Ray Stowers and was seconded by Lot Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

8) Pending Sale of the Powell Building

Superintendent Bailey reported receiving inquiry from USFS Powell Ranger Station regarding purchase of the Powell school building and requested the board's permission to continue negotiation. By consensus the board granted this permission.

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

- 1) Staff Hires/Renewals - None
- 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

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Lot Smith and was seconded by Ray Stowers. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Input Session (2)

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

There were four administrators in attendance at this time.

Executive Session

- 1) **To consider deliberations concerning personnel and to communicate with legal counsel regarding possible pending litigation pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (b, f).**

At 9:00 PM a motion was made by Mike Dominguez and seconded by Lot Smith to enter into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (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.

Chairman Gott called for an individual vote which was as follows:

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

Executive session ended at 9:06 PM and the meeting resumed in open session.

Chairman Gott requested that the executive session for next meeting be placed at the beginning of the agenda to allow adequate time for discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

School Board Chairman

School Board Clerk

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012, 5:30 P.M., District Office, Grangeville.