



# Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020 5:30 P.M.  
Elk City School, Elk City, ID

The Public may attend via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96736370337?pwd=TmxrcHZKSm80SGJHSURRaXhPTFpFZz09>

## Call Meeting to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Lutz called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M. Other board members in attendance were Casey Smith and Pam Reidlen. Rebecca Warden joined the meeting via Zoom. Melisa Kaschmitter was absent.

*The Board went to New Business (3) – Elk City Improvement Plan*

## Information Agenda

**Reports will cover day to day school events as well as topics that may arise throughout the month. No action will be taken on reports.**

### 1) Maintenance Supervisor Report

Maintenance Director Reuter reported on the extensive work being performed on district wide HVAC and ventilation equipment so indoor air quality should be immensely better than it was. He extended appreciation to Rick Ketola for the equipment maintenance and his expertise. In other COVID19 related work he reported that custodians are spending extra disinfectant time and we have purchased back pack electrostatic sprayers and hand held devices to tackle this task.

### 2) Principal/Technology Director Reports

Principal and IT Director Rodriguez provided reports on current events in both the CVE and Elk City schools, use of CARES Act funds to purchase distance learning devices for students and staff then answered questions from the board.

### 3) Superintendent Report

Superintendent Fiske reported on:

- Current enrollment on site and with IDLA
- Laptops for staff and Chromebooks for students
- Recommending masks, not requiring, and those teachers asking students to wear masks have been respected by students
- Administrators are doing a great job to schedule students in classes and to fill positions with the right people.
- Replacements for teachers range from fully endorsed to some that need to be certified through the Alternative Authorization process.
- A teacher resignation received last week brings professionalism into question as it is a big deal when someone leaves in the year like that; we try to minimize the impact on students.

- There are needs across the district that are exacerbated by loss of the levy; we need bus drivers. Some of the workforce is worried about COVID19 and its difficult to find subs.
- Big jump today in Idaho county COVID19 counts and our district is not immune. Both staff and student cases exist in each school except Elk City. When in “yellow” we are running a/b schedules and principals are ready for this with ongoing preparation.
- Discussed some thoughts on masking
- Reported that senior recognition nights are being held early in the season this year
- #244 schools have not been requested to be a November election polling place.
- CARES Act financial support is big with the recent announcement by Governor Little. The special disbursement has been construed as restoring the 2020-21 5% cut in state revenue. While the amount is in the neighborhood of the 5% state revenue cut, it does not restore the programs that were reduced. It is to be spent on COVID19 related back to school / keep schools open and spent by 12-30-20. The Board will be budgeting these dollars and what we want to do. Current thoughts are to compensate staff in some form for the additional / unusual / different type of work they’ve done around COVID for the additional planning and the structures put in place. It’s a one-time piece that extends to 12-30-20 and is only available for continued preparation around COVID.
- CVHS football field light poles have been tested and are all good.
- A new scoreboard at GHS was a donation from the Bulldog Booster Club and Les Schwab and the installation materials were funded by donations.
- GHS Soccer has requested sprinklers be extended to their part of the field.
- The District apparently owns a piece of property three miles outside of Kamiah. Vice Chair Lutz requested that Superintendent Fiske gather details, seek an appraisal and bring the results to the next meeting.
- Requested trustees to confirm their ISBA virtual convention reservations, including Early Bird registration
- Requested trustees to consider changing the regular December 21, 2020 board meeting date; this could be an action item on the October agenda.
- Budgetary pieces – Superintendent Fiske has concern about current staffing levels across many departments and how to set the levy amount. He recommends the levy election be held in March noting it is critically important to pass this levy. You have to have a levy every year. You are going to have to make some systematic decisions around the levy amount and what it supports. You need counselors. The Principal at GEMS has no assistant principal. There are algebra classes with 35 students. These are factors that

wear folks out and they leave. This load can't be carried long distances. We are doing more with less, hurting kids and staff. This is what he sees as a newcomer to the district. Decide if and how much the Forest Reserve Fund commitment will be so we can be consistent and transparent to communities so we can move forward; we do not want to just guess at a number we think patrons will support; we need to be clear on what we need, what it costs, and why we need it. We are talking about backfilling some failed levy items; some of the 2020-21 budget reductions are just one year cuts. We must be clear about what MVSD #244 needs to operate every year. It is every year. Trustee Reidlen extended her thanks to Superintendent Fiske for his letters to the communities on the website commenting that it really makes a difference to have a dialogue between the community and the Superintendent.

**4) Trustee Reports as Necessary**

None

**5) Treasurer Report – FYE 6-30-20**

Business Manager Becky Hogg reported on the results of operations for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 and answered questions from the Board.

**Public Input Session - Please refer to Procedure and Ground Rules for Public Input.**

*Audience may address the board. Because of the diversity of issues, members of the Board may choose not to respond to public comment. (Members of the audience are required to sign in with the Clerk and indicate their topic. As a courtesy to others, remarks may be limited to three minutes.)*

There were seven staff members/patrons in attendance at this time and no input was received.

**Action Item - Unfinished Business**

None

**Action Item - New Business Consent Agenda (to be approved in one motion)**

- 1) Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - a) August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
  - b) August 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- 2) Non-resident Open Enrollment Request(s)
- 3) Room & Board / In Lieu of Transportation Requests

A motion to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda was made by Pam Reidlen and was seconded by Casey Smith. The motion carried.

**Action Item - New Business****1) New Hires**

A motion to approve the new hires as recommended was made by Pam Reidlen with a second by Casey Smith. The motion carried.

**2) Emergency Closures – Elk City, 8/19/20 and 8/26/20**

A motion to certify to the State Department of Education the Emergency Closures at the Elk City School on August 19 and August 26, 2020 each due to a power outage was made by Pam Reidlen and seconded by Casey Smith. The motion carried.

*The Board went to New Business Item 4 – Combined District Plan***3) Elk City Improvement Plan**

Dennis Kachelmier, Kathy Knutzen and other Elk City staff and patrons described the CSI UP2 Plan of Improvement underway at the Elk City School noting the positive impacts and successes.

A motion to accept the Elk City School Wide Improvement Plan for 2020-21 was made by Pam Reidlen and seconded by Casey Smith. Motion carried.

*The Board went to Information Agenda***4) Combined District Plan**

Superintendent Fiske reported that Susan Anderson works with this piece and brought it to the district leadership team. The Plan mirrors what was submitted last year. A motion to approve and submit the Combined District Plan as presented and reported was made by Pam Reidlen with a second by Casey Smith. The motion carried.

**5) ISBA Bylaw Changes**

Due to audio connection difficulties, this item was tabled until the October meeting agenda.

**6) Alternative Authorizations**

- a) Content Specialist – Jayci Frei, K-8 Teacher
- b) Teacher to New Certificate and/or Endorsement – Heather McHargue, SPED 9-12 Teacher
- c) Content Specialist – Micah Campbell, Renew Certificate
- d) Content Specialist – Jordan Wasem, 6-12 Math Teacher
- e) Content Specialist – Shanna Cook, K-8 Teacher

**7) Emergency Provisionals**

- a) Kolby Krieger, 6-12 Math Teacher

**b) Kaleigh Poxleitner, 5-12 Secondary Health**

**c) Katrena Hauger, 6-12 Social Studies**

A motion was made by Pam Reidlen to accept each of the Alternative Authorizations and Emergency Provisionals as presented and listed in Items 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by Brad Lutz. Discussion followed. Vice Chairman Lutz expressed the board's appreciation for the staff's extra effort to fill in the vacated positions which have put all of us in a difficult spot. The board appreciates your work and your team's work to identify individuals that can fill these vacated spots as well as stepping up beyond your normal duties. The motion carried. .

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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**School Board Chairman**

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**School Board Clerk**

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020, 5:30 P.M., Grangeville High School Library, Grangeville**