Council School District No. 13 Adams County, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Grossen at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Other board members present were Michael Paradis, Melissa Roundtree, and Shawn Stanford. DR Bledsoe arrived at 6:16 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Tim Jensen, Elementary Principal Vickie Green, District Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Lakey, AD Brian Joyce, Chloe Lucas, Valerie Armichardy, Ryan Hatfield, Doug Kesler, Mary Ellis, Mindy Ivey, Dale Fisk, Crissy Gipe, Sandy Mahon, Rhonda Getusky, Ramona Beyuka, and members of the Spanish Club.

Chairman Grossen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, it was moved by Shawn Stanford to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, regular board meeting as amended (Shawn Stanford should have been reported as absent); the March 20, 2018, March 22, 2018, and April 2, 2018, special meetings ; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried.

Reports

Superintendent Jensen reported the district has been notified that the Federal Forest funds have been renewed for two years, but no information was given pertaining to the amount or when the funds might reach the district. IT director Kevin Miller has created a link to the reader board and it is now functioning. Mr. Jensen thanked all the staff who helped out last week during the Zollman's tragedy. The secondary is almost completely done with ISAT testing. Some results are available and seem promising. It is possible the district will not be in the bottom percentages and may no longer need a capacity builder. The SAT for the junior class is scheduled for tomorrow and secondary MAP testing will be done the first part of May. FCCLA has three students who qualified for National in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer. Mr. Jensen gave the board a quote for security improvements for the buildings as budgeting is starting for next year. Another company based in McCall is currently working on a quote as well and Mr. Jensen will bring it to the board at a subsequent meeting. There is a small amount of levy money allocated to the project as well as Safe and Drug-Free Schools funds and grants are also available if someone has the time to write grant applications.

Elementary Principal Vickie Green reported enrollment is still increasing and is now at 162 students. Attendance for the month of March averaged 156, which is better than in the recent past. ISAT testing is starting in the elementary as is the IRI and testing schedules will be posted on the website. Staff is putting together care packages for students to help them cope with the test. The sixth grade traveled to New Meadows last week for a quiz bowl and took third place out of eleven teams. Mrs. Mahon's math group will participate in a Noetic Learning math test tomorrow and she has been working with the students on practice questions.

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AD Brian Joyce reported Lance Nichols and Brett Rosengrant were selected as all-state 2nd team, which is a huge honor. Some problems have come up with the track schedule and the team will be traveling to Lapwai instead of Payette. Junior high track is off and rolling with 27 students participating. The first two meets will be in Riggins, and Council will host the second meet there. Mr. Joyce asked for volunteers to help. The third meet will be in Cambridge and the final one in McCall. Babe Ruth baseball has started as well as Parks and Rec volleyball. The fifth and sixth grades have been invited to a track meet in McCall and plans are being made to facilitate attendance. The track team has new high jump standards, the track has been sprayed for weeds, sand has been replaced in the jump pits, and the railroad ties on the edges of the pits have also been replaced. Four youth wrestlers attended the state competition last week and all finished fifth or higher.

Ramona Beyuka's students reported on the Spanish Club's recent trip to Costa Rica. The kids had a great time and learned a lot. Mrs. Beyuka presented MAP scores for secondary math. Algebra I is slightly below the national average, but geometry and Algebra II are well above the national average. She is working with the Algebra I students to bridge gaps in their knowledge base.

Mary Ellis, who teaches second grade, reported on her students' progress. Mrs. Ellis mentioned that the State Standards for the primary grades are repetitious and the teachers are working together to make sure all the standards are being addressed. The reading curriculum is Houghton Mifflin and Mrs. Ellis explained how she uses the reading topics to help children relate to the world around them. Language arts and grammar are also being taught, with skills leveling helping to address struggling learners and also to enrich those students who are advanced. Mrs. Ellis explained some of the MAPS goals and how teachers use the results to identify gaps and to group students into skills leveling. One of the gaps is in informational text, but the curriculum doesn't have much on it. Mrs. Ellis uses supplemental resources to help address this.

Unfinished Business

Supplemental Levy Committee Update. The committee has not met since last meeting and therefore had nothing to report.

Tractor Purchase. Mr. Jensen asked the board about changing the date of a lease/purchase for a tractor from after July 1 to this fiscal year. Since chip is being purchased from Parma Post and Pole and they dump it directly into the building, there is no longer a need for a dump trailer or a bucket attachment. Since the most pressing current need is for a mower and a snow blower, Mr. Jensen is looking at a 39 HP Kubota with a front mower attachment and snow blower attachment. Andy Goold is willing to mow

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until the district has a chance to purchase equipment. Mr. Jensen asked the board to consider this option.

New Business

Policy Revision #1020 and #3501. Mr. Jensen presented revisions to Policy #1020, Employment of Spouse or Relative of Board Member, for a first reading to bring it current with state statute. The state allows small school districts to employ the spouse of a board member as a teacher under certain conditions. Mr. Jensen presented revisions to Policy #3501, Extra-Curricular Activity Rules, for a first reading to change the attendance requirement for participating in games and practices. The current policy states that students need to be here all day on the day of the activity in order to participate and Mr. Jensen would like it changed to "at least 4 hours".

End of Year Release for Seniors. Mr. Jensen requested approval for seniors to be released on May 17, 2018. Moved by Shawn Stanford to approve the change to the calendar to allow seniors to be released on May 17, 2018; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried.

Secondary Test Data. Included in Mr. Jensen's report.

Annual Budget Hearing Date. Moved by Melissa Roundtree to hold the annual budget hearing on June 11, 2018, at the regular June board meeting; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Five-Day Week Calendar. Mr. Jensen related some concerns brought to him by parents of elementary students who aren't in favor of the four-day week. They would like to see the district return to a five-day week. He advised the board to hold a public meeting to gather input from all stakeholders. The 2018-2019 calendar could still be revised if the majority were in favor of it. Research seems to indicate that the number of days per week or the length of day isn't as much of a factor in performance as is giving students breaks for physical activity and changing the pace of instruction. DR Bledsoe suggested hearing from the teachers prior to opening it up to the public.

Executive Session

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(a) and (b) for the purpose of personnel and (j) for the purpose of negotiations; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried at 7:32 p.m. by roll call vote as follows: Michael Paradis—yes; Shawn Stanford—yes; Bob Grossen—yes; Melissa Roundtree—yes; and DR Bledsoe—yes. Present in executive session were all board members, Mr. Jensen, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lakey, and Mr. Joyce. The board discussed personnel and

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negotiations. Mr. Joyce left at 8:35 p.m. and DR Bledsoe left the session at 8:49 p.m. The board discussed personnel and negotiations and returned to regular session at 9:06 p.m.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to hire Roxanne Leigh as a literacy substitute for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to hire Randy Nichols as the varsity football coach; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to renew coaching positions for varsity volleyball, assistant volleyball, junior high volleyball, varsity track, assistant track, junior high track, junior high boys basketball, and junior high girls basketball ; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to advertise for a full-time food service director immediately and terminate employment of the current foodservice director Alice Critchlow with her last day of employment to be the last day of school ; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to advertise for a full-time maintenance person immediately and terminate Scott Midgley effective immediately; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree not to renew Rodd Baxter's contract as varsity girls basketball coach and assistant girls basketball coach and to advertise both positions; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Michael Paradis to advertise for a boys' varsity basketball coach; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried. Moved by Michael Paradis to advertise for a boys' assistant basketball coach; seconded by Melissa Roundtree; motion carried.

DR Bledsoe left the meeting at 9:13 p.m. As no other certificated applications were received, it was moved by Melissa Roundtree to hire Teddi Bledsoe as a full-time elementary teacher; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to adjourn; seconded by Shawn Stanford; motion carried at 9:15 p.m.

Board Chairman

District Clerk-Treasurer