

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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**Council School District No. 13  
Adams County, Idaho  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
November 14, 2016**

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 and Melissa Roundtree. Diane Davis and Shawn Stanford were absent. Also present were Superintendent Les McCormick, Elementary Principal Vickie Green, Athletic Director Brian Joyce, District Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Lakey, Sandy Mahon, Rhonda Getusky and Dale Fisk.

Chairman Grossen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Reports

Superintendent McCormick reported the first grade now has 28 students, so Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Green have assigned the aide, Laura McCormick, who is a certified teacher, to work as a teacher in the afternoons in the first grade classroom and do aide assignments in the mornings. Mr. McCormick recently purchased RCA tablets for the first and second grades. Walmart sold them at a steep discount to the district for a cost \$30 each. Mr. McCormick is in the process of the putting applications on the devices so students can use them. A safety busing site needs added due to the new bypass and parents were notified of the site last week. Mr. McCormick has responded to the findings of the recent bus inspection. Mr. McCormick presented a draft of the 2017-18 school calendar, which is very like the current calendar with the exception of no day off for elk hunting. This year every day the opening week of elk season saw a 20-25% absentee rate, so Mr. McCormick asked the board to think about whether or not the district should hold school that week at all, or take the days off and make them up later at the end of the school year. Mr. McCormick showed the board some parts from the biomass system that had a three-year life span and had never been replaced and talked about the age of the system and the reality of many parts needing replaced in the near future. Once everything that needs replaced has been replaced and the system is running smoothly, then proper preventative maintenance should keep the costs down. The inventor of the system is going to be in the area in several weeks and Mr. McCormick is planning to ask him to come and go over the system and do some training to make sure all the parts are in good condition and working properly. The district is making some major improvements in the gym, including hand rails on the bleachers and steps at the bottom of each section to aide patrons in getting up onto the walkways. The agriculture students took on the project and did a great job. The students are now building a crow's nest over the main doorway to allow better videotaping of games. Another upcoming project is building more trophy cases down the main hall to display all the trophies that will no longer fit in the current shelving. The old banners from the gym will also be displayed in the hallway. Elementary leveling continues to go well and data should be available soon as to the effectiveness of the program. Attendance in the secondary is starting to be a problem for some students and Mr. McCormick plans to begin enforcing the district policy of only allowing seven absences per semester. The graduation policy requires a 2.0 GPA in core classes. Mr. McCormick would like to

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see some leniency in the policy for students transferring in with a low GPA. At the recent KEYS meeting, there was a discussion of ways of communicating with parents and the community and it was suggested the district start a Facebook page attached to the web page. Mr. McCormick let the board know he thinks the liability risk would be too high and advised the board against going down that path. He recommended making sure the district website is always current and easy to navigate and possibly providing training for parents on using the website effectively.

Elementary Principal Vickie Green reported elementary enrollment is up by two students. Data is starting to show growth due to the leveling. Mrs. Green also feels citizenship is improving in the building. Red Ribbon week activities took place with assistance from the ISP and local law enforcement officers. The students paraded through town in their Halloween costumes and had a great time. Students also did a parade when the national Christmas tree came through town. There was also a Veteran's Day Assembly. The PTO will meet Wednesday and are selling cookies at the Council Valley Free Library.

Athletic Director Brian Joyce reported football and volleyball seasons are both over and many students were named to all-conference teams for both sports. Basketball practice has begun with 20 boys signed up to play and fifteen girls and games start tomorrow for the girls and next week for the boys. Junior high basketball practice is starting with open gym on Saturdays. The track scheduling meeting was a few weeks ago, so the schedule should be completed soon. The track team is in need of a throwing coach to assist with practice two days a week. Mr. Joyce and Mr. McCormick are in the process of completing coaches' evaluations for fall sports. The evaluation form for parents and athletes is on the website and they are being encouraged to go online and complete them. The new scoreboards are up with help from Justin Getusky. New sponsorship banners are up in the gym and the advisory committee is considering improvements to the weight room and bleachers.

### Consent Agenda

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016, regular meeting; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

### Unfinished Business

Elementary Bathroom Remodel Project and Elementary Door Replacement. Mr. McCormick contacted several local contractors and a group of former alumni responded and are putting together a quote for doing these projects. Mr. McCormick also asked them to give a quote for fixing up the stage walls and ceiling.

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Policy Review #3501—Sports Eligibility. The policy was presented for a second reading. All the coaches and teachers have reviewed it and are in favor of the changes. Mr. McCormick recommended putting the new policy into effect the first day of second semester. It was suggested sending a notice to parents about it when report cards are mailed out. Moved by Melissa Roundtree to approve changes to Policy #3501 as presented; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

New Business

Sale of Scoreboards. Mr. McCormick asked the board to approved selling the old scoreboards, since they are in good shape for their age. He feels they could be repainted and sold to schools such as charters that are just starting programs and don't have a lot of money to purchase brand new ones. Moved by Melissa Roundtree to advertise for bids for sale of the scoreboards to be considered at the December board meeting; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Evaluation Tool for Superintendent. Mrs. Lakey presented the evaluation tool previously used to evaluate the superintendent and asked the board to complete it by the December board meeting.

Substitute Applications. There were not enough board members present to hold an executive session, so the application was considered in regular session. Moved by Melissa Roundtree to add Teresa Hull to the substitute teacher list; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Melissa Roundtree to adjourn; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried at 7:02 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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District Clerk-Treasurer