

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Council School District No. 13
Adams County, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 13, 2017**

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 Diane Davis and Michael Paradis. Melissa Roundtree and Shawn Stanford were absent. Also present were Superintendent Les McCormick, Elementary Principal Vickie Green, District Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Lakey, Dayna Eppich, Ramona Beyuka, Britney Crigler, DR Bledsoe, Dale Fisk, Marygrace Shelton, and Sandy Mahon.

Chairman Grossen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports

Superintendent McCormick reported the first graders have received their new tablets and are using them with enjoyment. The inventor of the biomass system came and worked on the system. He made several recommendations. The chip is of inferior quality, which doesn't burn at a high enough temperature to keep the system operating on chip only which then requires propane to help keep the water loop at the optimum temperature. The new belt system helped a lot, but he is still recommending a shaker table. The crystals in the computer system operating the biomass are thirteen years old and are at the end of their life span. The district is attempting to find a solution and is talking to Siemens about options. The doors at the east end of the elementary have been replaced and are now secure. The junior high has elected their own student government and is working on incentives for good behavior and good grades. The first eligible group took a trip to Big Al's last week as a reward and students are excited to begin working for the next quarter. The secondary has completed testing and is showing great growth from last spring and the results are being used to place students in remediation classes for the coming school year. Junior high basketball teams have begun their season and their first game is tomorrow. NAEP testing will be tomorrow for the eighth grade. Girls' basketball is finished, the boys' JV tournament is tonight in New Meadows and the boys' varsity tournament starts next Monday in McCall. Mr. McCormick thanked all the community members who came to help shovel snow at the district. Nineteen people shoveled the elementary school and seven came the next day to shovel the shop roof. The district will be providing a BBQ for those volunteers as a thank-you at a later date. Plans are being made to remove the rain gutters on the building this summer to prevent ice build-up next year. Strict precautions were taken to keep children safe when sheets of ice were sliding off the building.

Elementary Principal Vickie Green reported four new students enrolling and two leaving for a total enrollment of 162 in the elementary school, which is up 20 students from last year at this time. Attendance is about 93%, which is good considering a round of influenza in the building. Testing is still being completed due to weather-related closures and illnesses. The district recently purchased the MAP program, which will be used as a benchmark test and a storage program for student data. Preparations

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are underway for Valentine's Day parties and activities. Winter sports activities are coming up in March for elementary students.

Consent Agenda

A quorum being present, it was moved by Diane Davis to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the December 12, 2016, regular board meeting; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

New Business

Spanish Club Trip Request. The high school Spanish students are requesting permission to take a school trip to Costa Rica. Spanish teacher and club advisor Ramona Beyuka presented an outline of the proposed trip and answered questions from the board. Moved by Diane Davis to approve the trip to Costa Rica in 2018 for Mrs. Beyuka's Spanish class; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Emergency Snow Closure/Winter Weather Issues. Multiple days were missed due to snow and one because there was no heat. Damages to the buildings include things like damage to concrete surfaces from salt, and rain gutters and vents being torn off by the ice. The district has spent over \$20,000 on snow removal alone, trucking a lot of it to other locations to get it away from the buildings in preparation for warmer weather. Some of the sidewalk has also pulled away from the foundation around the gym, allowing water to leak through the foundation into the basement. Plans will be made to pull out the sidewalks and install French drains in these areas. Moved by Diane Davis to declare emergency school closures for 12/20/2016, 1/9, 1/19, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25 and 1/26/2017 due to snow issues; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried. DR Bledsoe mentioned the school might consider using inmate labor to shovel snow if necessary and also suggested using steam pressure washers to remove ice dams if the weather situation happens again. He also expressed concern that snow removal measures were taken while students were in the classroom and that possibly the building could have been damaged by using heavy equipment to break ice from the eaves and might need to be inspected. Mr. Bledsoe also asked about protocol for closing school. Mr. McCormick explained that if the roads aren't passable for the buses, then school is closed. Mr. Bledsoe asked how families are contacted when there is an emergency closure. Superintendent McCormick explained teachers are contacted and they contact their students, the county automatic caller calls those registered, emails are sent and it's posted on the school's website.

Chip Contract. Mr. Corbett has questioned a clause in the chip removal contract and Mr. McCormick recommended eliminating the contract form and proceeding with Mr. Corbett in good faith. Moved by

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Michael Paradis to waive the contract for the remainder of this school year; seconded by Diane Davis; motion carried.

There were not enough board members present to hold an executive session, so it was tabled until March.

Substitute Applications. Moved by Diane Davis to add Meredith Bakula, Brandy Gibleau, Jayne Heath-Wilmarth and Frances Heil to the substitute lists; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried.

Moved by Diane Davis to adjourn; seconded by Michael Paradis; motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Board Chairman

District Clerk-Treasurer