

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2005
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee Gridley, Trustee House, Trustee Rodney, Trustee Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, Doug Johnson, Cliff Ogborn, Connie Donahue, Sharon Whitman, Phil Raney, Jose Lopez, John Clark, James Gilbert, Kathy LeFevre, LTC Collins, Ernie Elliott, Polly Sanders, Nikki Cruser, Nancy Brletic, Barry Cahill, Jeff Johnson, Jerry Tippets, Gayle Henderson, Sandra Herrboldt, Paul Shrum, Jeffrey Knight

At 7:33 p.m., Chairperson Alexander convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and called for the first item of business.

- I. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2005.**
Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget hearing and the meeting of July 19, 2005. There being no comment, Trustee Gridley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2005, with a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion approved.
- II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS -** Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn reported on the unaudited financial statements for July 2005. The statements for July reflected a balance of \$1,343,767.00. Unobligated cash and investments are net \$3,381,517.00 interfund payables. Expenses show salaries are at 7.82% of original budget, and benefits are at 7.41%. As of July 31, we have a net margin of revenues in excess of expenses of \$730,671.00. Trustee Rodney moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Ogborn. Motion seconded by Trustee House. Motion passed.
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS -** Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn presented the district bills for approval. Trustee Gridley moved to authorize payment of the district's bills as presented, with a second from Trustee Rodney. Motion carried. *(A full and complete listing of the District's bills may be reviewed at the District Office, Accounts Payable.)*
- IV. **STAFF/STUDENT RECOGNITION - None**
- V. **DELEGATION – None**
- VI. **PUBLIC INPUT – None**
- VII. **REPORTS –**
 - A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE -** Colonel Byrd. On behalf of Colonel Byrd, LTC Collins reported on the many different events taking place on base, including the Air Show coming in September. He explained that the increase in jet noise was due to the training exercise Combat Hammer, which should end August 20. Local training exercise Combat Archer is scheduled for August 21 through September 3. He stated that most of MHAFB's deployed troops should return in the middle of September. LTC Collins also stated that the German Air Force will arrive for training sometime on October. The Board inquired as to how many families moved out of town, during the deployment, to stay with family elsewhere. LTC Collins stated that very few families decided to move away due to the deployment

- B. SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE** – Phil Raney. Mr. Raney reported on the status of the summer projects. The MHHS gym floor should be completed by August 29. The stainless steel counter project at West Elementary is finished. The new bleachers at Tiger Field will be completed by late October. The final walk through for the HVAC units at MHHS were done. The heating and cooling system at the district office should be finished by the end of August. A boiler was installed at Base Primary, but the electrical work still needs to be completed and the state inspectors still need to inspect the boiler. The lighting has been upgraded at the high school. The high school gym and foyer painting project will be finished August 19, but there are a couple of small items that will still need to be done. Chairman Alexander inquired about the high school bleachers. Mr. Raney stated that they will be completed in about two weeks. The backboards will be automated. The lines for volleyball will be left as is. Chairman Alexander stated that the high school gym project has been one of the toughest projects in years. Mr. Raney concurred.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IX. NEW BUSINESS –

A. TRAVEL REQUEST –

1. Marching Band Competition – MHJH/MHHS – Reno, Nevada – Mr. Tippetts. Mr. Tippetts requested permission to take his band students to a Marching Band Competition in Reno, Nevada. Trustee Gridley asked if the band was taking a school bus or charter bus, and Mr. Tippetts said they would take a charter bus. Trustee House motioned for approval to the travel request as presented by Mr. Tippetts. Trustee Rodney seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- B. EMERGENCY LEVY/ENROLLMENT FIGURES** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey presented the enrollment figures to the Board. The enrollment is down by 83 students, grades K-7, district wide. The base is down 86 students, compared to the same time as last year. Certain grade levels are being monitored daily, as enrollment figures come in, to adjust student/teacher ratio(s). Registration for the junior high and high school isn't until August 17. Mr. McMurtrey also stated that if there is a significant increase in enrollment, by law, we could invoke an emergency levy. The timeline to meet the emergency levy is the second Monday in September. Following a full and complete discussion, a motion by Trustee Gridley to authorize Chairman Alexander to invoke an emergency levy, as dictated by enrollment, received a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion passed. Chairman Alexander stated the district doesn't have a tax base due to all the federal property, so Impact Aid is needed. At the beginning of October, the Federal Survey cards go out to see how Impact Aid will be affected, especially with low enrollment figures. The district held six (6) positions on base, for this reason alone. Students at Liberty Elementary will have lunch at the Primary School, which saves \$19,000.00, by not replacing two (2) cook positions at Liberty. Due to the declining enrollment at the base schools, one (1) bus route was eliminated. If a continued decrease in enrollment at base continues, a serious look at what the future of the base schools will be considered. This will be closely monitored this year to determine what needs to be done to best suite the district.

- C. OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUEST** – Doug Johnson. Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson requested approval for the open enrollment applications for the 2005-2006 school year, of the following:

1. Dennis and Paula McCurry for Dillon, 1st grade, seeks approval for their son to attend East Elementary.

A motion by Trustee Rodney to approve the open enrollment applications as made for Dillon McCurry as presented by Mr. Johnson, with a second by Trustee Gridley. Motion approved.

- D. PERSONNEL** – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson first requested that the Board declare a hiring emergency in the area of special education, administration, school counselor, gifted and talented, and vocational technology thus allowing candidates who are certified, but not qualified in these areas, qualify for Letters of Authorization. Trustee House moved that the Board declare a hiring emergency for the 2005-06 school year in the areas of special education, administration, school counselor, gifted and talented, and vocational technology as presented by Mr. Johnson. Trustee Rodney seconded it and the motion was approved. The second item was to request the approval of the personnel items including the addendum items. Trustee Gridley moved to approve personnel matters, including the addendum as presented by Mr. Johnson, with a second from Trustee Rodney. Motion approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong, Vicki D., Special Education Teacher, Hacker Middle School
 Bigelow, Shonda K., Special Education Paraeducator, Mountain Home High School
 Bobinski, Marie J., Cook II, Hacker Middle School
 Boesiger, Jill D., Parents As Teachers Instructor, Mountain Home School District
 Bradley, Catherine J., School Psychology Internship, Educational Services
 Burningham, Anna D., Special Education Teacher, East Elementary
 Casey, Melissa A., Special Education Teacher, North Elementary
 Christiansen, Barbara, Media Lab Facilitator, North Elementary
 Ferbrache, Abrie, Eighth Grade Girls Basketball, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Fish, Angela E., Special Education Teacher, Hacker Middle School
 Glover, Michael, Girls Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach, Mountain Home High School
 Hunter, Stephanie K., Special Education Teacher, Base Primary
 Lake, Jerri C., Vocational Technology Teacher, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Longhurst, Albert, Junior Varsity Head Football Coach, Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach,
 Mountain Home High School
 McMillian, Pete, Assistant Football Coach, Mountain Home High School
 Smith, Dustin, Junior Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Mountain Home High School
 Valdez, Ryan, Assistant Football Coach, Mountain Home High School
 VanVleet, Charles, Special Education Teacher, Hacker Middle School
 Vaught, Larry F., Food Service Delivery, Mountain Home School District
 Waite, Jennifer, Third Grade Teacher, Base Primary
 Watkins, Brandon, Assistant Football Coach, Mountain Home High School
 Zimmerman, Stephanie, Second Grade Teacher, Base Primary

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Thomas Berry – Boise State University – August 22, 2005 – December 16, 2005 – MHJH
 Co-operating Teacher – Heather Cherry, English
 Krystal Long – Boise State University – August 22, 2005 – May 5, 2006 – West Elementary
 Co-operating Teacher – Linda Cauffman, Second Grade Teacher

RESIGNATIONS

Bodovintz, Jolene M., Receptionist, Liberty Elementary
 Borgholthaus, Page, Parents As Teachers Supervisor, Mountain Home School District
 Coon, Melody A., Special Education Paraeducator, Base Primary
 Corbus, Edie, Visually Impaired Specialist, Educational Services
 Endsley, Zayle, Food Service Delivery, Mountain Home School District
 Hedgpeth, Teresa, Media Center Paraeducator, North Elementary
 Hergert, Penny E., Library Media, Base Primary
 Ivie, Sondra, Special Education Paraeducator, East Elementary

LeClair, Cheryl, Special Education Paraeducator, Hacker Middle School
Lee, Sandra, Cook II, Hacker Middle School
McCluskey, Phillip, Vocational Technology Teacher, Mountain Home Junior High School
Strusz, Kristin, Library Assistant, Hacker Middle School

DECLINED CONTRACT

Valentine, Kristina, Special Education Teacher, Hacker Middle School

RETIREMENT

Lathrop, Pam, Speech Language Pathology Assistant, East Elementary

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board determined that an executive session was not needed.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** - All business of the Board having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman