

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2007
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, Doug Johnson, Cliff Ogborn, Sharon Whitman, Connie Donahue, Phil Raney, Sandy Herrboldt, Jackie Harper, Nikki Cruser, L. Clag, Nadine Dirda, Ernie Elliott, Erin Acarregui, Albert Longhurst, Jose Lopez, Anita Straw, Polly Sanders, Kathy LeFevre, Judy Blanchard, Joyce Wright, Sam Fields, Jeff Johnson, Kathy Cote, James Gilbert, Nancy Brletic, Dennis Scott, LTC Lisa Hansen, Kerrie Raines, Paul Shrum, Lisa Wickert, Karen Ganger, Jim Bird

At 7:32 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 REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.** Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2007. There being no comment, Trustee Gridley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2007, with a second by Trustee Rodney. Motion approved.
- II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS -** Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn reported on the financial statements for September 2007. He stated that the prior year's numbers are still unaudited, but will reflect the audit adjustments on the October financial statements. The statements for September reflected a balance of \$276,917. Unobligated cash and investments are \$3,857,213 net of interfund payables. The Income Statement reflected revenue through September is \$6,001,336 or 26.5% of the amount budgeted. Expenses show salaries are at \$3,443,284 of original budget, and benefits are \$1,181,129, which is 23.9% and 24.3% respectfully of the approved budget. As of September 30, we have a net margin of revenues in excess of expenses of \$855,405. Trustee House moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Ogborn. Motion seconded by Trustee Rodney. Motion passed.
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS -** Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn presented the district bills for approval. Trustee Rodney moved to authorize payment of the district's bills as presented, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. 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 –** Nadine Dirda approached the Board to voice her opinion on how the school should better secure the students. She gave the Board a copy of a letter she wanted to publish in the Mountain Home Newspaper and stated that she was concerned with the lack of security in the schools. Ms. Dirda then went on to say a small school in Pennsylvania installed a buzzard system to control who comes and goes. She said that the school secretary must get up and open the door to let visitors into the school. Ms. Dirda suggested that teachers take their students directly to the buses or to the parents upon dismissal of school. She asked when does the responsibility of the school end, at the school property lines. She also suggested that classes are dismissed via intercom bus-by-bus, day-care-by-day-care, and/or by parent. Ms. Dirda contacted State Superintendent Luna asking him how to fund security for schools. He referred her to the SDE Safe and Secure Schools survey. She also contacted the military OSI and asked them to investigate and look into how the school district can better secure the school buildings. The OSI responded by saying that they would be happy to assist the town detectives. Ms. Dirda ended by saying that she and other parents want to help secure the school buildings.

Kathy Coti approached the Board and stated that two weeks back she sent her daughter to school with a 3x5 index card with directions on where her daughter was to go after school (ride the bus or go to daycare). She said that she had told the teacher to check her daughter's backpack daily for those directions. Ms. Coti stated that the

teacher neglected to look for the index card and her daughter rode the bus instead of going to daycare. The daycare called her and called the police. She also mentioned that the school never checked IDs when her friend went to pick up her daughter. Ms. Coti stated that the school told her that they knew her friend thus allowing the girl to go with the friend.

Chairman Alexander stated that the district was saddened and hurt by what happened to a student at East Elementary, and that the District takes safety of the students seriously. He asked if the two parents ever read the District's School Safe Plan. Chairman Alexander went on to explain that the District has safety measures in place as recommended by the safety-consulting firm National Institute for School and Workplace Safety (NISWS). The school buildings evaluate the School Safety Plan frequently. The District has explored many points of views from many different parents. Some parents say the district is prison-like, while others want more security. Chairman Alexander said that school security is always a work in progress and will never end. He did say that things are done behind the scenes that patrons are unaware of, but if they knew about them, the security procedure wouldn't work. Chairman Alexander thanked them for their input and said that the Board will take it under advisement. He also asked them to volunteer for committees that are periodically formed to address such issues.

VII. **REPORTS –**

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – Mr. Dennis Scott. Mr. Scott introduced LTC Lisa Hansen as the other deputy commander for the 366th MSG. He reported that the main gate of the base will undergo a major design renovation and will be closed for about six months starting April 2008. Mr. Scott also reported that the next major project on the base is to renovate the TLF (temporary lodging facilities). He stated that Phase V is complete and ready for occupancy, but the base will be going through an exercise this week so families won't be allowed to occupy them until the end of the month. Mr. Scott also said that Phase VI is well under way and another 218 units are expected to be ready for occupancy around December 2008. Chairman Alexander stated that it was ironic that the base is building so many houses, yet the student enrollment keeps declining. Presently, the base is 25 students less than at the same time last year.
- B. **POLICY REVIEW** – No Changes – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported that the Policy Committee reviewed Military Leave, Sick Leave Bank, and Vacation – Classified and determined that no changes needed to be made.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

IX. **NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. **ANNUAL AUDIT** – 2007 Eide Bailly – Scott Phillips/Ben Greenwood/Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Phillips, one of the auditors of Eide Bailly, presented the District's audit. He first reviewed the Audit Committee letter, and said that there was only one thing to report. The new government standard, which relates to postretirement benefits, requires that benefits provided to retiring employees for implied rate subsidies be recorded as liability during the years of service. The liability will be established through actuarial studies. Chairman Alexander asked about using an actuary. He opposes having to do certain legalities because of the increasing cost of doing business. Chairman Alexander said the cost of the audits alone is expensive and that money could be used to go towards education.

Secondly, Mr. Phillips reviewed the Financial Statements. He said that an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level we could be in, states that the District's Financial Statements can be relied on. The Financial Analysis is authored by Mr. Ogborn telling the financial story of what happens in the District. This is the most useful information. Mr. Phillips stated there were no significant financial adjustments. Chairman Alexander asked if Impact Aid was a problem, the auditor didn't feel there were any issues with Impact Aid. He reviewed the footnotes that reflect the cash flow outlook. Mr. Phillips said that the auditing standards are also changing immensely. The auditors are required to assess the checks and balances procedures. He said nothing changed in process, but now the Significant Deficiency (old Reportable Conditions) definition changed that requires auditors to report the fact that if the auditors help prepare the audit, then they are to report that as a Significant Deficiency. There were a few

adjustments, but they weren't Significant Adjustments. He said the District has a clean bill with the spending of federal money.

Lastly, Mr. Phillips reviewed the Management Letter. He said the District needs to tighten policy on the procedures regarding cash receipts. Mr. Phillips said Mr. Ogborn not only this year, but as in the past did a great job. Trustee House stated that she looks for the inconsistencies and conditions in the section of the audit and also feels that Mr. Ogborn does a great job. Trustee Gridley made a motion to accept the annual audit for 2007 as presented, with a second from Trustee Rodney. Motion approved. *(A full and complete copy of the District's audit may be reviewed at the District Office.)*

- B. POLICY REVISION** – 1st Reading – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented the first reading of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 policy revision of Credit for Non-traditional Education (Transfer Credits) for approval. The phrase, "...or received a GED..." was stricken from the language. Trustees Gridley and House stated that this policy isn't clear as to whom this policy applies. Chairman Alexander requested the Policy Committee revisit this policy and revise the language to clarify its meaning. The policy was tabled until the next regular board meeting.
- C. PERSONNEL** – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson requested approval of the personnel items including the addendum Trustee Gridley moved to approve personnel matters, including the addendum, as presented by Mr. Johnson, with a second from Trustee Rodney. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Andrews, Debbie, Cook II, Hacker Middle School
 Day, Andrea M, Special Education Paraeducator, Mountain Home High School
 Hall, Kori L., Student Assistant Counselor, Mountain Home School District
 Kerfoot, Katie, 8th Grade B Girls Basketball Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Mederios, Scott, 7th & 8th Assistant Wrestling Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Shrum, Debra, 8th Grade A Girls Basketball Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Spagnolo, Carmilla K., Title I Paraeducator, West Elementary
 Sterling, Patricia, Cook II, East Elementary
 Villa Lander, Cynthia, L., Speech Language Pathologist Paraeducator, North Elementary
 Wohosky, Donna L, Title I Paraeducator, West Elementary

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Erlinda Valerio – Boise State University – October 22, 2007 – December 14, 2007 – East Elementary
 Co-operating Teacher – Katherine Hudson – Early Childhood
 Lee Anderson – University of Idaho – October 2007 – May 2008 – Educational Services
 Co-operating Teacher – Ed Hall – School Psychologist

RESIGNATIONS

Asbury, Chris, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Cain, Wendy, Speech Language Pathologist Paraeducator, North Elementary
 Dickinson, Elizabeth, Title I Paraeducator, West Elementary
 Green, Tammy, Cook II, Hacker Middle School
 Humphrey, Brooke, Cheerleading Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Effective end of 2007-2008 Season
 Ramirez, Maria Elizabeth, LEP Paraeducator, Mountain Home Junior High School

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Student and Personnel Matters. Chairman Alexander called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the Board to retire into executive session for student and personnel matters. After a full and complete discussion and upon motion duly made by Trustee House and seconded by Trustee Rodney, the following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT SO RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of School District No. 193 recess from an open meeting into executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345, Idaho Code, in order to discuss personnel matters as authorized by Section 67-2345(1)(a)(b), Idaho Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That following the executive session, the Board of Trustees will convene into public session for further business or adjournment of the meeting.

Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Alexander	Aye
Trustee Gridley	Aye
Trustee House	Aye
Trustee Rodney	Aye
Trustee Reynolds.....	Aye

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the chairman had declared said resolution adopted, and the Board recessed into executive session at 8:15 p.m. Others present: Mr. McMurtrey, Mr. D. Johnson, Mr. Ogborn, Mrs. Donahue, Clerk Whitman, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. James Gilbert, Mr. Ernie Elliott, Mr. Longhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Flores and their daughter, Mrs. Ganger and student.

Following a full and complete discussion of student matters, the open meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m. Trustee Gridley moved to approve the early graduation request of (Name on File), with a second by Trustee Rodney. Motion passed. The Board re-entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m. Following a full and complete discussion of student matters, the open meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m. Trustee House moved to approve the early graduation request of (Name on File), with a second by Trustee Rodney. Motion approved. The Board again recessed into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Following a full and complete discussion of student matters, the open meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. The Board determined that there was no need to discuss personnel matters.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - All business of the Board having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman