

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2007  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee Gridley, Trustee Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, Doug Johnson, Cliff Ogborn, Sharon Whitman, Connie Donahue, Brian Hershey, Sandy Herrboldt, Albert Longhurst, Ernest Elliott, Jeff Johnson, Jose Lopez, Jackie Harper, Ed and Caleb DeGroot, Anita Straw, Kathy LeFevre, Polly Sanders, Sue Martin, (Boy Scouts) Justin Johnson, Makay Tabler, Henery Smith, Max Snoey, Greg Dean, Kylie Ray, Kyle Knight, LTC Hansen, Nancy Brletic, Bill McCarrel, John Petti, Bryan Rich and mom, Jillian McCune

At 7:30 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 OCTOBER 16, 2007, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2007.** Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2007, and the special meeting of October 23, 2007. There being no comment, Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2007, and the special meeting of October 23, 2007, with a second by Trustee Gridley. Motion approved.
- II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS - Cliff Ogborn.** Mr. Ogborn reported on the financial statements for October 2007. The statements for October reflected a balance of \$125,609. Unobligated cash and investments are \$7,296, 118 net of interfund payables. The Income Statement reflected revenue through October is \$11,487,040. This includes the October 1<sup>st</sup> foundation payment. Expenses show salaries are at \$4,710,067 and benefits are \$1,578,772. These reflect 32.65% and 32.4% of their respective annual budgets. As of October 31, we have a net margin of revenues in excess of expenses of \$4,266,110. The payments received from the State so far this year are more heavily weighted than during this same timeframe last year. We will see smaller foundation payment from the State for the rest of the year. Trustee Gridley moved to approve the financial report as presented by Mr. Ogborn. Motion seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Motion passed.
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS - Cliff Ogborn.** Mr. Ogborn presented the district bills for approval. Trustee Gridley asked why there was a \$16,000 difference in the food service bill between September and October. Mr. Ogborn said he would look into the difference and notify her of the reason. Trustee Gridley 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 –**
  1. Caleb DeGroot – North Elementary – State Traffic Safety Drawing Competition – Polly Sanders. Mrs. Sanders explained that Caleb entered his traffic safety picture into the State Traffic Safety Drawing Competition in which the state selected his and thirteen other pictures to display from 500 entries. His picture was selected as the cover of the calendar. The Board of Trustees congratulated and presented Caleb with a Certificate of Recognition for his picture.
  2. Bryan Rich – MHHS Debate Team – Top Policy Debater at the Whitman College Speech and Debate Tournament – John Petti. Mr. Petti explained the accomplishment that Bryan achieved as the Top Policy Debater at the Speech and Debate Tournament hosted by Whitman College. The Board of Trustees congratulated Bryan and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition for his accomplishment as Top Policy Debater.
  3. MHHS Debate Team – Outstanding Job for the 2007-08 School Year – John Petti. The Board of Trustees presented John Petti and the Debate Team with a Certificate of Recognition for a continuing outstanding job for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Petti asked that the date of the certificate be amended to read for the 2006-07 school year, because this year isn't over yet and there are still numerous tournaments to attend. He then went on to say last year's debate team had four individuals qualify for the National Debate

Tournament in Kansas. The Debate Team has been recognized in many areas of competitive speech and debate tournaments this year as well as past years.

4. Chris Vogl - MHHS Journalism/Yearbook Class – Best in Photography at the State Journalism Conference – Sue Martin. Jeff Johnson, representing Mrs. Martin, explained the accomplishment of being recognized as Superior in Photography at the State Journalism Conference. In Chris' absence, the Board presented Mr. Johnson with a Certificate of Recognition for Chris.
5. Daniel Katsules – MHHS Journalism/Yearbook Class – Best in Sports Writing at the State Journalism Conference – Sue Martin. Jeff Johnson, again representing Mrs. Martin, explained the accomplishment of being recognized as Superior in Photography at the State Journalism Conference. In Daniel's absence, the Board presented Mr. Johnson with a Certificate of Recognition for Daniel.
6. MHHS Yearbook Staff – Small School District Best of Show (2006-07 Yearbook) – Sue Martin. Mr. Johnson, for Mrs. Martin, explained that the journalism class recently returned from the Idaho Journalism Conference in which MHHS Journalism/Yearbook class won Best of Show (Yearbook) for small school districts. The Journalism/Yearbook class has won this award for the past four years. The Board of Trustees presented Mrs. Martin and her students a Certificate of Recognition.
7. MHSD #193 – Boise State University Acknowledgment of MHSD #193's Partnership and Collaboration – Trustee Gridley. Trustee Gridley attend a special celebration hosted by BSU to thank school districts for their partnership and collaboration. BSU presented the school districts with a plaque and invited those school districts to stay and watch the BSU versus San Jose State Football game. Trustee Gridley gladly accepted the plaque.

The Board asked for a five minute break to allow those in attendance to leave if they so desired. The board convened into a five-minute break at 7:46 p.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

V. **DELEGATION – None**

VI. **PUBLIC INPUT – None**

VII. **REPORTS –**

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – Mr. Dennis Scott. LTC Lisa Hansen, on behalf of Mr. Scott, reported on the future reconstruction of the front gates in March 2008 and asked the school district for help and coordination with bussing during the construction. Chairman Alexander directed her to Mr. Johnson.
- B. **POLICY REVIEW** – No Changes – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported that the Policy Committee reviewed Homeless Children and Youth and determined that no changes needed to be made.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

IX. **NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. **CHURCH OF THE WILDWOOD** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey presented a request from the pastor of the Church of the Wildwood asking the Board to assist with the structural maintenance of the building. The building's siding is in need of replacement as recommended by the painter. Additionally, the building has a major bat problem and the parishioners have done everything feasible to rid the building of the bats, but nothing is working and it is now a health issue with the bat droppings and the creatures that are attracted to the droppings. The Board stated that the lease clearly states that the lessee is responsible for any painting and the bat problem. The Board also questioned whether it was cost effective to the District to continue maintaining old structures such as the Featherville School building. Trustees Gridley and Reynolds stated that the lessee only pays \$1 per year, so the District isn't making any money from the lease. With the bond not passing, maybe it would be better to sell the property to help defray costs. Chairman Alexander went on to say that along the lines of finances and maintaining structures, the District should get out of the Remote School business and close the Pine School, which is the property of the forest service and not MHSD. There are only 11 students enrolled,

and again it is costly to keep the one-room schoolhouse open. The Board requested a letter be sent to the church stating that MHSD will not fund the siding, painting, and bat projects.

- B. SCHOOL BOND ELECTION** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey requested approval from the Board to run the school bond election again in the spring, April 29, 2008. The bond failed this past fall by a very small margin and the consensus is that the district should attempt to pass the school bond again. Mr. McMurtrey asked if the Board wanted to add the cost of replacing the roof of the high school gym, classroom doors at the elementary schools that lock from the inside, and security cameras/system for the District to the bond. Discussion ensued regarding increasing the bond amount. Chairman Alexander asked Mr. McMurtrey to research the cost of the additional projects and how much the new projects will increase the bond amount. Additional discussion ensued regarding the bond election and the upcoming trustee election. Trustee Gridley motioned for approval to run a school bond again on April 29, 2008, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried.
- C. POLICY DELETION** – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson asked permission to delete the Mountain Home School District No. 193 Aids Policy and Head Lice Policy. Both of these policies were converted to procedures under the proposed adoption of Contagious/Communicable/Parasitical Diseases and Infections. Trustee Gridley motioned to approve the deletion of the Aids and Head Lice Policy as presented by Mr. Johnson. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- D. POLICY ADOPTION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented the first reading of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 policy adoption of Contagious/Communicable/Parasitical Diseases and Infections for approval. The language was adopted regarding the concerns and procedures dealing with contagious diseases, parasites, fungi, and infections that could affect students and staff. The policy committee also determined that the Aids and Head Lice policies should be incorporated as procedures under this policy. This policy will be the District's all encompassing policy regarding contagious and infectious diseases and infections. There has been no staff or patron input. Trustee Gridley motioned to approve the first reading of the adoption of Contagious/Communicable/Parasitical Diseases and Infections as presented by Mr. Johnson. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After adjourning the meeting, Trustee Gridley questioned whether the procedures could be adopted before the policy because the policy statement reads, "It is the purpose of this policy to establish procedures to reduce the spread of..." which means that the policy must be adopted first. Mr. Johnson answered by saying the procedures had been approved policies that were changed into procedures. Trustee Gridley then suggested that the Policy Committee revise the language and asked that the words "establish procedure" be stricken from the language.

- 1. Contagious/Communicable/Parasitical Diseases and Infections

**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193**  
**MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO 83647**  
**P O L I C Y**  
**CONTAGIOUS/COMMUNICABLE/PARASITICAL DISEASES AND INFECTIONS**

Mountain Home School District No. 193 acknowledges the potentially adverse effects of contagious and communicable diseases. The District encourages safe and healthy practices, not only school district practices but individual personal practices as well, to reduce the chance of bacteria, viruses, or parasites spreading among the students and staff members of Mountain Home School District No. 193. It is the purpose of this policy to establish procedures to reduce the spread of such diseases through practical and hygienic practices.

ADOPTED:

- E. POLICY REVISION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented the first reading of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 policy revisions of Credit for Non-traditional Education and Remote Schools for approval. The language on Credit for Non-traditional Education was revised to clarify who qualifies for non-traditional credit to graduate high school; the language on the Remote Schools policy was revised to change the required number of students registered for the school to remain open. There has been no staff or patron input. Trustee Gridley thanked the Policy Committee

for their time and for clarifying the language in the Credit for Non-traditional Education policy. She also noted that the statement in Remote schools, "In the event that a remote school is not opened due to having fewer than five (5) students..." should state, "...fewer than eight (8) students..." Trustee Gridley motioned to approve the first reading of the revisions to Credit for Non-traditional Education and Remote Schools with the correction, as presented by Mr. Johnson. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## 1. Credit for Non-traditional Education

### **MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193 MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO 83647 P O L I C Y CREDIT FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION**

Non-traditional education occurs when students are **either** home-schooled, in the process of receiving a GED, or transfer from a non-accredited private school. When those students want to return to a traditional high school in order to graduate with a high school diploma, credit can be given for previous educational programs.

Those students, no older than twenty-one (21) years, who are working towards their GED, **have been home-schooled, or have transferred from a non-accredited private school** may receive automatic credit in the following manner:

#### **SIMULATED GED EXAM**

Interpreting Literature  
Writing Skills  
Social Studies

Math  
Science

#### **HIGH SCHOOL CLASS EQUIVALENT**

Reading  
English I or II  
American or World History  
or World Cultures  
General Math or Pre-Algebra  
Applied Science

Those students who have been in a non-traditional education programs will take a test(s) covering one or more of the high school equivalents. The test(s) requires a 70% pass rate to receive credit. The test(s) will be taken from simulated GED tests. ~~thus making the credit process like those students with GED's.~~ The student will receive a pass/fail grade and be able to attain a maximum of five (5) credits.

An essay in the social studies area may be required of anyone wishing to receive a credit. ~~This Such a~~ choice is up to the discretion of the administration.

Should anyone who has been home-schooled, **attended a non-accredited private school, or has been working towards a GED and or received a GED wishes wish** to return to high school for a diploma, the above credit regulations apply.

ADOPTED: July 20, 1999

Revised: December 21, 2004

Revised:

## 2. Remote Schools

### **MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193 MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO 83647 P O L I C Y REMOTE SCHOOLS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to provide a well-balanced educational program to students living in remote areas of the school district.

In order to facilitate the orderly operation of the remote schools, specifically the Atlanta School and the Pine School, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Application will be made in May of each year to the State Board of Education for approval to hold school in Pine and/or Atlanta if there is any indication that eligible students will be living in those attendance zones the following school year.
2. Given approval to open the school, **eight (8)** ~~five (5)~~ students must register on or before the date published for elementary student registration throughout the District.
3. The school(s) will remain open until **fewer than five (5)** ~~two (2) or fewer~~ students **remain** ~~are~~ enrolled. When the enrollment of the school drops to **below five (5)** ~~two (2) or fewer~~ students, the school will be closed for the remainder of the school year.
4. In the event that a remote school is not opened due to having fewer ~~than five (5)~~ **eight (8)** students, or is closed during the school year, the ~~following~~ options will be **discussed with** ~~explained to~~ the parents/guardians of the remaining students. ~~and the option that best suits the needs of the student and the school district will be selected:~~
  - a. ~~District materials provided for home schooling purposes.~~
  - b. ~~Correspondence course approved by the Board of Trustees at District expense.~~
  - c. ~~Boarding the child in an area in which public schools are in session.~~
5. In the event that students of sufficient number to open a school (see item #2) move into a remote area after the start of school, the Board of Trustees will hear all information regarding the situation and make a decision to open the school, or cause it to remain closed.
6. In the event that a teacher is under contract to teach in a remote school and the prerequisite number of students is not met, that teacher will be given the opportunity to transfer to another position within the school district. Assistance in moving will be provided by the District.

ADOPTED: February 20, 1990

Reviewed: March 16, 2004

Revised:

- F. PERSONNEL** – Doug Johnson. Mr. Johnson requested approval of the personnel items. Trustee Gridley asked if the receptionist position at maintenance was a new position. Mr. Johnson answered no. Chairman Alexander asked if the District has a suitable replacement for the resigning teacher. Mr. Johnson stated that the District has a certified teacher for that position. Trustee Gridley moved to approve personnel matters as presented by Mr. Johnson, with a second from Trustee Reynolds. Motion approved.

### APPOINTMENTS

Asbury, Chris, Head Softball Coach, Mountain Home High School  
 Clark-Miller, Jessie A., Paraeducator, Alternative Placement Center  
 Johnson, David, Wrestling Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School  
 Merryman, Nisha, Receptionist, Maintenance  
 Miracle, Patricia A., Classroom Paraeducator, Hacker Middle School  
 Siegewein, Martin, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A Boys Basketball Coach, Hacker Middle School  
 Whited, Joan, Cook II, Hacker Middle School

### RESIGNATIONS

Lane, Angela L., Duplicating Machine Operator/Free and Reduced Lunch Program, MHSD  
 Lockett, Bobbie, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Hacker Middle School  
 McCune, Jodi, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math/Science Teacher, Hacker Middle School, Effective January 15, 2008  
 Morgan, Christine, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A Volleyball Coach, Mountain Home Junior High School  
 Scheffler, Florence L., Cook II, Hacker Middle School  
 Smith, Dustin, Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach, Mountain Home High School

**TERMINATIONS**

Mace, Michelle A., B Custodian, Base Primary

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - All business of the Board having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Chairman Alexander

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Clerk Whitman