

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee House, Trustee Rodney, Trustee Houston

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Cliff Ogborn, Sharon Whitman, Connie Donahue, Phil Raney, Nikki Cruser, Bill McCarrel, Brian English, Polly Sanders, Anita Straw, Brian Hershey, Jeff Johnson, William Murray, Ernie Elliott, Vickie and Joseph Armstrong, Colonel and Mrs. Maxwell, Nancy Brletic, John Marshall, James Main

At 7:32 p.m., Chairman 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 BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2009.** Chairman Alexander called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 18, 2009. There being no comment, Trustee Rodney moved to approve the regular board meeting of August 18, 2009, with a second from Trustee Houston. Motion approved.

II. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Cliff Ogborn. Mr. Ogborn reported on the financial statements for August 2009. The June 30, 2009, numbers are preliminary and still unaudited so they are subject to change. A preliminary unaudited loss for FY 2009 of \$351,200 shows the district with an overdrawn fund balance of \$152, 135. The statements for August reflected a balance of \$1,046,267. Investments in the State Investment Pool are at \$3,415,806. Unobligated cash and investments are \$4,234,920 net of interfund payables. The Income Statement reflected revenue through August is \$5,590,963, including a state foundation payment. Expenses show salaries are at \$2,385,167 of original budget, and benefits are \$971,901. As of August 31, we have a net margin of revenues in excess of expenses of \$1,894,263.

Mr. Ogborn stated the district looked at implementing the Emergency Levy, but even though we have more students than this time last year, our ADA is lower now than this time last year. Some of the ADA issues are from the H1N1 flu, other illnesses, and the base had a down day resulting in some families possibly taking their students out of school for a three-day weekend. It is not feasible to invoke the Emergency Levy this year. Chairman Alexander asked if implementing an Emergency Levy is based on enrollment or strictly ADA and Mr. Ogborn replied strictly ADA. 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 House. 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** –

1. Joseph Armstrong approached the Board. He stated he has coached soccer for many years and is here today to speak on the behalf of (Names on File), which he has known for many years. They are both hard working good young men. He has always known them to keep their grades up and to be very disciplined. Chairman Alexander excused himself for interrupting Mr. Armstrong, but Chairman Alexander said that if this is involving student matters, it couldn't be discussed in open session. Mr. Armstrong said he understood but just wanted the Board to understand he was there as a character witness for both boys and his personal opinion is that both boys understand their actions are their responsibilities. He trusts the boys and enjoys their input. He would also like to say he has been impressed with their judgment even though

there have moments of lack of judgment, but he would like the Board to take into consideration the fact that up until this point in time, the boys have never been in serious trouble. Chairman Alexander again stated that the Board had no idea who the boys were he was speaking of and the Board couldn't make a comment. Mr. Armstrong stated the boys' names were (Names on File) and that they were the last item on the agenda. Chairman Alexander said the Board couldn't comment. Trustee House thanked Mr. Armstrong and stated she was sure the boys appreciate his comments.

VII. **REPORTS –**

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – Mr. Dennis Scott. Colonel Maxwell, the Mission Support Group Commander, thanked the Mountain Home community for such a fun and fantastic AFAD. He and his wife enjoyed the corn husking Friday night. Colonel Maxwell also wanted to thank First Student (School Bus Company) for making adjustments to the pickup and drop-off schedule for the base students. He reported about 850 airmen are currently deployed and another 850 airmen will replace them around Christmas. Colonel Maxwell mentioned there would be many unusual aircraft flying around the base due to the Large Force Exercise (LFE). He reported the medical group did an outstanding job during their recent evaluation. The base has received the last of their promised stimulus money. This will help with improvements to the base resulting in a boost in the local economy. Colonel Maxwell touched upon a very serious topic of meth use. He said he has two airmen that have meth problems and admitted to the Colonel that they are having difficulties breaking the habit. The Colonel wanted the community to know just how hard this addiction is to overcome. The Board thanked the Colonel for his comments.
- B. **ENROLLMENT FIGURES** – Tim McMurtrey. Mr. McMurtrey reported on the enrollment figures. The district is up 23 students more than last year at this time. North and West Elementary schools are down in enrollment as compared to last year. HMS looks like it is down but the numbers show back at the junior high and high school level as part of the reorganization. He stated he is concerned over the number of kindergarten students (106) and 3rd grade students (107) at North Elementary; however, there are large classrooms at most of the elementary schools. East Elementary has ninety-one (91) 2nd graders, West Elementary has one hundred-ten (110) 2nd graders, and Base Primary has sixty-four (64) 4th graders.. Mr. McMurtrey mentioned he didn't like the high number any more than the teachers and parents; however, we are in line with many of the SIC schools regarding numbers of students in classes. We simply cannot afford to hire aides for all the schools. Mr. McMurtrey also stated this is why the district needs to have a fund balance. Trustee House agreed and said it would be terrible to waste an emergency levy for a very small increase in enrollment, and in light of the current economy, this wouldn't please our patrons.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

IX. **NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. **TRAVEL REQUEST –**
 - 1. Speech and Debate Tournament – MHHS – Whitman Speech and Debate Tournament, Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, November 5-7, 2009 – John Petti/Jeff Johnson. Mr. Johnson requested permission to take the Speech and Debate team to a tournament at Whitman College, in Walla Walla, Washington. Trustee House motioned for approval of the travel request for the Speech and Debate Team to attend the Whitman Speech and Debate Tournament, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, November 5-7, 2009, as presented by Mr. Johnson. Trustee Rodney seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. **OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment applications for 2009-2010 school year.
 - 1. Christine Turner for Devon Turner, 11th grade, MHHS
 - 2. Regina Roscoe for Tasha Belling, 12th grade, MHHS

The parents will provide transportation to and from school.

Trustee Rodney motioned to approve the Out-of-District Open Enrollment Applications for 2009-2010 as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee House. Motion carried.

- C. **IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATIONS REQUEST** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert presented transportation reimbursement requests for approval. The district's policy states reimbursement to the nearest bus stop. A motion by Trustee House to approve the In Lieu of Transportation requests, as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second by Trustee Rodney. Motion passed. Chairman Alexander asked for the record to show he voted no for In Lieu of Transportation requests.

1. Melanie Schell for Aura Schell, 11th grade, MHHS
2. Rebecca Whitted for Makayla, 5th grade, and Katlyn, 3rd grade, Pine School
3. Kritsti Sharp for Kasey, 9th grade, MHHS

- D. **MHHS BOILER RISK IMPROVEMENT** – Phil Raney. Mr. Raney requested guidance regarding the 52-years old and 57-years old MHHS boiler, which recently was inspected and was told the boiler needed replacing. He presented the MHHS Boiler Risk Improvement Report that the inspector gave him. The inspector used terms such as catastrophic. Maintenance had previously taken one of the boilers offline due to leaks. Mr. Raney stated that the plan is to do an acid wash on the second boiler one more time and hopefully we can get it certified for the remainder of the year. He said once school was out, the Senior Hallway, Locker Rooms, and the Café/Small Gym, projects would be finished. The district already budgeted \$500,000 out of Plant Facility funds to finish this project. Discussion ensued regarding the boilers, plug-in heaters, and the inspection report. The inspector will back on 21 Sep 09 to re-inspect the boiler. He plans to tell the inspector that maintenance will work on the boiler during Christmas break. Chairman Alexander said the Board has discussed this at various time over the years and have budgeted for a new boiler. Mr. McMurtrey stated we had already budgeted for project for this year again and asked the Board to start the bid process, which includes the boiler and roofing system. The Board concurred they will wait until next month for Mr. Raney to report on the 21 Sep 09 inspection before making a motion.

- E. **SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION ROUTES** – 2009-10 – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the 2009-10 school bus route descriptions, timelines, and turnarounds. There have been no route changes from last year. We did add an additional bus to the Tippanuk area as our student population warranted a need. One bus route has been eliminated and we consolidated some others in some neighborhoods. There is no longer front-door service. The students now have to walk to the bus stops.

Mr. Gilbert said there might be some adjustments made to routes or times as we try to coordinate things for the year. He said the state audit last year recommended we reduce the amount of bus stops and routes.

Trustee Rodney moved to approve the 2009-10 school bus transportation routes as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee House seconded it. Motion approved. *(Complete listings of Bus Route Description's are on file at the District Office, at the Clerk's desk.)*

- F. **TENTATIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the negotiations agreement between MHSD administration and MHEA. The Negotiations Committee tentatively agreed, and it was ratified by the MHEA. Trustee Rodney moved to approve the 2009-2010 Master Contract Agreement, as presented by Mr. Gilbert. Trustee House seconded it. Motion carried.

- G. **PERSONNEL** – James Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert requested approval of the personnel items including the student teaching assignments and administrative internships. Trustee Rodney motioned to approve the personnel items as presented by Mr. Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Houston. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Andrews, Marty, 9th Grade Varsity Football Assistant Coach, MHHS
 Beus, Jennifer, Cook II, MHHS
 Heckathorn, Mista, Cook I, West Elementary
 McIntosh, Jessica C., Cook II, East Elementary
 Parker, Brittany N., 7th Grade B Volleyball Coach, MHJH
 Sanchez-Conley, Sandra A., ELL Paraeducator, MHHS
 Siefferman, Lori L., Title I Paraeducator, North Elementary
 Spencer, Christina L., Cook I, Base Primary
 Willoughby, Travis J., 1st Grade Teacher, West Elementary

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

Nilles, Andrea K., - University of Phoenix – August 24, 2009 - December 9, 2009 – Base Primary
 Co-operating Teacher – Sarah Knowlton – Third Grade

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIPS

Asbury, Chris – University of Phoenix - August 24, 2009 - June 3, 2009 – Mountain Home High School

Co-operating Administrator – Jeff Johnson – Administration

Clark, John – University of Phoenix - August 24, 2009 - June 3, 2009 – Mountain Home High School

Co-operating Administrator – Jeff Johnson – Administration

Hudson, Katherine A. – University of Idaho - August 24, 2009 - June 3, 2009 – Mountain Home High School

Co-operating Administrator – Jackie Harper – Administration

Tesar, Stehvn J. – University of Idaho - August 24, 2009 - June 3, 2009 – Mountain Home High School

Co-operating Administrator – Jeff Johnson – Administration

RESIGNATIONS

Olson, Holly A., Cook I, Base Primary
 Ryan, Shelly, 1st Grade Teacher, West Elementary

- X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Negotiations, Student, and Personnel Matters. Chairman Alexander called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the Board to retire into executive session for negotiations, 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 the following executive sessions pursuant to Section 67-2345, Idaho Code, in order to discuss personnel matters regarding pending litigation and matters concerning current staff, student matters regarding appeal of extra curricular suspensions, and negotiations matters regarding the tentative Master Contract language agreement as authorized by Section 67-2345(1)(a)(b)(c), 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 House Aye
 Trustee Rodney Aye
 Trustee Reynolds Absent
 Trustee Houston 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 8:04 p.m. to discuss student matters. Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent McMurtrey, Assistant Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, Connie Donahue, Cliff Ogborn, (Names on File) and son, and (Names on File) and son.

Following a full and complete discussion of the students appeal, the Board reconvened into open session at 9:04 p.m. No motion needed.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** – No further business needed be discussed and all business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Alexander called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee House to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Houston. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman