

SPECIAL BOARD HEARING
JUNE 19, 2012
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustee Murray, Trustee House, Trustee Checketts, Chairman Alexander (arrived 7:08 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Sharon Whitman, Phil Raney, Tara Handy, Craig Handy

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 was convened at 7:02 p.m., on June 19, 2012, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Title 33-510, 33-801, 33-801A, and Title 67-2340 through 67-2347, Idaho Code, and pursuant to affirmation by the Clerk that notice of the special meeting had been given to each trustee and had been announced by published and posted public notice as required by law. A copy of the Notice of a Special Meeting of School Trustees so posted follows:

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, Elmore County, Idaho, will be held on June 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office, located at 470 North 3rd East, in Mountain Home, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the proposed budget for the forthcoming school year.

A copy of the proposed budget, as determined by the Board of Trustees, is available for public inspection at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing.

This budget hearing is called pursuant to Sections 33-510, 33-801, 33-801A, and 67-2340 through 67-2347, Idaho Code.

Dated the 6th day of June 2012.



Sharon M. Whitman
Clerk, Board of Trustees

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At 7:02 p.m., Vice-Chairman Murray convened the special meeting of the Board of Trustees and stated that the purpose of the budget hearing was to allow an opportunity for the Board to receive public testimony from interested patrons. He asked Mr. Ogborn to present the budget for FY 2012-13.

Mr. Ogborn presented the Summary Statement of the proposed budget for 2012-2013 school year. He said that we have had zero input on the budget. Mr. Ogborn said we scheduled the Budget Hearing for 7:00 p.m., instead of the usual 7:15 p.m., because we thought we would have more public input. He said the levy passed and the Summary Statement includes the levy amount. Mr. Ogborn mentioned that we're budgeting a \$96,000 surplus in FY13;

everything is status quo. He informed the Board that the SDE is funding Steps & Lanes again this year; therefore, our certified staff will receive monetary increases should they qualify to move on the Steps & Lanes schedule. He added that the majority of our certified won't be receiving the Steps & Lanes monetary increase, as they fall into one of the frozen corners.

Vice-chairman Murray relinquished the special board meeting to Chairman Alexander at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. McMurtrey clarified that this is no different from what was done last year. He also said that when we told the patrons that there wouldn't be a salary increase, there isn't a salary increase, as this is funded by the SDE. Mr. Ogborn agreed and added that the base salary schedule has not increased; it is and has been frozen.

Trustee Murray inquired why Steps & Lanes isn't considered a pay raise. Mr. Ogborn explained that the SDE pays school districts a certain amount per employee as reported on the ISEE report. In addition, the SDE funds Steps & Lanes, which is then passed onto our certified employees.

Trustee Murray then asked for clarification on what had been said regarding the SDE reimbursing teachers more for the next couple of years. Mr. Ogborn explained that the SDE froze the salary schedule corner at \$31,000, and we're at \$31,900, so our beginning salary is higher than that of the SDE. He also said that we pay more for Steps than what the SDE reimburses us; we pay more in Lanes than what the SDE reimburses us; the SDE has frozen year 0, year 1, and year 2, so they've compressed those three (3) years of experience into the same experience payment, whereas we pay by Step and by Lane.

Mr. Ogborn went on to state that the SDE is very clear that they are funding Pay for Performance and laptops. He then said that the SDE claims that the funding is coming from new money and not from old money, which the SDE withheld from school districts for the past few years. He said the fact remains that the SDE still hasn't corrected the compactions they've done over the last couple of years, and yet they've found new money to do the innovative things instead of fixing the restrictions that they've put on districts three or four years ago.

Discussion continued regarding SDE funding, technology, grant money, etc.

Trustee House asked about our insurance benefits. Mr. Ogborn replied that the Insurance Committee decided to switch from Morton Company to Premier because Premier could get us a better deal. He said that we are also switching from Blue Cross to Regence BlueShield; we will have Delta Dental and Willamette, MetLife for vision, and long-term disability and group Life Insurance. Discussion ensued regarding the different options, benefits, and costs.

Chairman Alexander then asked if there were any more questions or statements from the trustees. With there being no additional questions or statements from the Board, Chairman Alexander then asked for public input.

With there being no public input, Chairman Alexander stated that the Budget Hearing was concluded. A motion from Trustee Checketts to adjourn was seconded by Trustee House. Motion approved. Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman