

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m., and then the Pledge of Allegiance as said.

Trustees Present: Chairman Abrego, Vice-Chair Binion, Trustee Donahue, Trustee Monasterio, Trustee Knox

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. GOOD NEWS –

Each month, the school board encourages students, teachers, administrators, and board members to recognize the notable activities, events, celebrations, student achievements & awards, etc., that have occurred in the school district or in the community.

DUE TO COVID19 GOOD NEWS WAS TABLED UNTIL THE END OF THE EPIDEMIC.

1. MHHS – Sam Gunderson for E-Sports – Joe Anderson – Coach, Chris Whitman – Asst Coach, Team Tigers Claw – Chris White, Dakota Loucks, Ryan Black, Kai Salisbury, Logan Tibbitts; Team Tigers Tooth – Ryker Kuntz, Tony Chong, Mason Gallup, River Tapley, Michael Conway; Team Tigers Blood – Aiden Donoghue, Tyler Cummins, Jaron Dodge, Roland Archuleta, Aki Uchima; Team Tigers Eye – Paul Groom, Blaze Burris, Elijah Ruiz, Hawk Lomeier, Danica Trouten – Sam Gunderson
 2. MHJH – Dan Cochran for a student project establishing the PBIS Rewards Store – Michael Dickinson
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA OR ADDENDUMS** – Chairman/Vice-chairman. Prior to the consent agenda items, Chairman Abrego asked if there was an addendum to the agenda, or if there was anything to add or remove. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve or amend the agenda. Trustee Binion moved to approve the agenda as published, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Agenda approved.
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Board of Trustees. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Monasterio moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Trustee Binion. Motion carried.

A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

C. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

D. PERSONNEL

E. POLICY ADOPTION – 3rd and Final Reading

1. Building & Student Safety Policy – Evacuation/Fire Drills

F. POLICY REVISION – 3rd and Final Reading

1. Student Alternative Placement of Secondary Students at Alternative Schools Policy
2. Student Referral from BMS to MHHS or MHJH Policy
3. Certified Workday Requirements Including Extended Employment, Prep Time, & In-Service Policy

G. POLICY ADOPTION – 2nd Reading

1. Title I Program – Parental Involvement Policy – Development of District Policy

IV. **DELEGATION – NONE**

Any group wishing to be a delegation must submit a letter to the Superintendent Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board no later than the Tuesday prior to the next regular board meeting; the letter must include the reason for asking to be a delegation.

V. **PUBLIC INPUT – NONE**

Those wishing to speak on any topic of their interest should complete and submit to the chairperson the MHSD Request to Address Board of Trustees Form located at the Board Materials table. The Individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The board will not hear complaints against school district employees by name or against students by name in open session. If you have a complaint against personnel or students by name, you need to schedule an appointment with the Superintendent. There will be no action taken at this time, but action on a problem area could be scheduled for a subsequent meeting of the board.

VI. REPORTS –

- A. MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE –** MHAFB Liaison. Mr. Niksich praised the administrators, teachers, and staff on how well they handled the COVID19 closure of the school buildings and their reassurance to their students and parents and he was glad that education would continue albeit online. It was a tough and emotional day.

Mr. Niksich informed the board that all fieldtrips to MHAFB have been cancelled until further notice because of the COVID19

Mr. Niksich reported that for the last couple of years he attended the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) meetings and that Idaho didn't have anyone attend to represent Idaho, so he was glad when the first Idaho MIC3 meeting happened. He explained the importance of the MIC3 and how it affects military families transitioning from one school district to another and the need to minimize the obstacles and issues for military students and families such as enrollment, educational programs, advanced courses, and graduation.

Mr. Niksich reminded the board that April is the Month of the Military Child, but the celebratory events are cancelled until the epidemic is over. April 24 is Purple Up day to recognize military children.

Superintendent Gilbert thank Mr. Niksich for all his help and support.

- B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –** James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert reported that he had been in contact with DoDEA on grant opportunities for SES. He explained that every five years, the DoDEA comes in and evaluates the base structures including the SES. This year SES was ranked 39 out of 44 for projects from full replacement to massive renovations. Superintendent Gilbert spoke with the government person and told him his reservations of just having put \$1.5 million into a building only to tear it down in three years. Superintendent Gilbert was told that the school district must meet 20% of the project and an estimated cost of an elementary building would cost us about \$3-\$3.5 million. He added that if we renovate then the work that we have already put into SES counts towards the 20%. Superintendent Gilbert stated that there is no way the district could come up with \$3-\$3.5 million right now. He did believe that there might be a way to fold that into a bond next year for a high school and add the \$3-\$3.5 million to the bond and then that way we could have two new buildings for the price of one; the community might consider this plan. The timing means we would have to hire a person to design the building and that could also become part of the grant for year one. Superintendent Gilbert continued to explain the requirements and progression needed to receive the DoDEA grant.

Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that the state of the economy due to the COVID19 doesn't look promising for the Supplemental Levy passing. He said that patrons in our community might be without jobs and that is concerning.

Superintendent Gilbert continued to inform that board that if the supplemental levy fails, we might have to rely on the bond. He added that we will proceed with the design phase because 80% is a guarantee of receiving the DoDEA grant as long as we show progression. Superintendent Gilbert notified the board that we will have to redistrict the attendance zones and that is never popular with parents, but West and East Elementary Schools are maxed out in enrollment. We would also change HMS to a K-6 elementary school, which will help with classroom student numbers.

The board continued to discuss the 80% grant money for two school buildings, the increased student enrollment at SES, changing HMS into a K-6 elementary, supplemental and bond levies, and the affect that COVID19 has on the community economy.

- C. COVID19 INFORMATION & CURRENT PLANS –** James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert previously sent information to the trustees on the COVID19 and what to expect educationally. He said that he has been in daily state-run webinars and web conferences with Region III and IV superintendents on the current situation. He added that the planning we did prior to any of this happening has helped our district be ahead regarding continuation of education via online through different google classroom programs and other programs. Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that March 30 would be the start of the online education program as explained to our parents and staff. He said that he feels that the schools will be closed for the duration of the school year.

Superintendent Gilbert explained that this is a work in progress and to expect changes throughout. He said that staff would continue being paid by working from home; classified personnel will assist with the online education, custodians will continue to clean and disinfect facilities, maintenance still has all their regular facilities and grounds work that need to continue, and the district office is also able to work from home. He added that there would be periods of time in which a teacher or district office person would have to enter the buildings, but they have been told to minimize their being in the buildings and to have no more than two or three people in the building. Administrators are able to take phone calls as normal, as well as the district office. Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that the SBOE and SDE are looking at waivers for certain requirements and they will notify the public when decisions have been made. Our goal is to educate our kids to the best of our ability and to get through the next eight weeks or more.

Superintendent Gilbert reported that meals would continue to be served in a manner similar to the summer program – grab and go meals. The Grab & Go meals information has been sent out and our community has proudly come together to help the kids.

The board continued discussing the COVID19 and the scenarios, obstacles, expectations, resolving issues, etc., caused by the epidemic. Chairman Abrego stated that some of his coworkers in the treasure valley were somewhat envious of our district being a 1-to-1 district (one device for each student to continue their education from home). Trustee Binion stated that we owe Will Goodman a debt of gratitude for bringing our district to 1-to1.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS (ACTION)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment application for the 2020-2021 school year. The parents will provide transportation to and from school.

1. Chanda Arnold for her 12th grader, BMS

Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the Out-of-District Open Enrollment Application as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Binion. Motion passed.

- B. APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSAL (ACTION)** – Technology – James Gilbert/Matt Adams. Superintendent Gilbert and Mr. Adams reviewed and presented the bid proposals for the e-Rate bids. Mr. Adams reviewed the bid cost to the district, and the rubric to determine what company best served the district. He added that the Procurement of Wireless Access Point Licenses is from the E-rate funding to keep wireless working. This is the FCC program that you find on your phone bill called the Universal Service Charge, which is used to give telecommunication gear and discounts to school districts; the FCC pays 70% of the cost and the state pays the other 30% of the cost. Trustee Binion motioned to award the Procurement of Wireless Access Point and Licenses bid to TekHut in the amount of \$44,272 after discount (total before discount - \$147,580); to TekHut for Battery Backups in the amount of \$2,145 after discount (total before discount - \$7,150; to Ednetics for Wireless Access Points in the amount of \$3,001.56 after discount (total before discount - \$10,005.20; to TekHut for Wide Area Network in the amount of \$2,400 after discount (total before discount - \$8,000), received a second from Trustee Donahue. Motion granted.

1. Procurement, Installation, & Maintenance of Category 2 Network Switches
2. Procurement of Category 2 Wireless Access Points **and Licenses**
3. Procurement of Category 2 **UPS Battery Backup**
4. Procurement of Category 1 Wide Area Network

- C. RESOLUTION 20-06 - EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF ALL MHSD193 SCHOOLS – PROVIDE TRAINING TO STAFF AND CHROMEBOOKS TO STUDENTS FOR CONTINUED ONLINE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS DUE TO THE THREAT OF COVID19 (CORONA VIRUS) (ACTION/ROLLCALL VOTE)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert presented Resolution 20-06 that called for the emergency closure of all MHSD school buildings due to COVID19 (Corona Virus) beginning March 18, 2020, and to continue educating our students online throughout the duration of the epidemic. Trustee Binion motioned for the adoption of Resolution 20-06 – Calling for an emergency

closure of all MHSD193 schools – provide training to staff and Chromebooks to students for continued online education of students due to the threat of COVID (Corona Virus). Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Roll call followed. Chairman Abrego called for Clerk Whitman to complete a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Trustee Knox..... Aye
Trustee Monasterio Aye
Trustee Binion..... Aye
Trustee Donahue Aye
Chairman Abrego..... Aye

and no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, motion approved.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Student Matters & Labor Contract Matters

Executive Session – Section 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation of a public school student, and Section 74-206(1)(j) – to consider labor contract matters, Idaho Code.

Chairman Abrego called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the board to enter into executive session. Trustee Binion motioned to enter into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code to discuss student matters, received a second from Trustee Knox, 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 session(s) pursuant to Title 74, Chapter 2, 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public school student, and Idaho Code, 74-206(1)(j) – To consider labor contract matters.

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.

Chairman Abrego called upon Clerk Whitman to do a roll call vote. Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Knox Aye
Trustee Monasterio Aye
Trustee Binion Aye
Trustee Donahue Aye
Chairman Abrego..... Aye

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the Chairman declared said resolution adopted and the board recessed into executive session at 8:23 p.m.

ACTION ITEM(S):

A. Hearing for Possible Expulsion – Student A

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, Clerk Whitman, and Vice-Principal Ward, (Names on File).

Following a full and complete discussion of student matters, the Board reconvened into open session at 9:55 p.m. A motion by Trustee Binion to deny attendance to (Name on File) to Mountain Home School District for violation of the District’s Zero Tolerance Policy and for actions deemed detrimental to the health and safety of students and staff, received a second by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried.

The board reconvened back into executive session at 9:55 p.m.

NON-ACTION ITEM(S):**A. Labor Contract Matters**

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, and Clerk Whitman.

Following a full and complete discussion of labor contract matters, the Board reconvened into open session at 10:00 p.m. No motion needed.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Abrego called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Binion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Gunderson, Samuel G., Principal, Mountain Home High School
 Cotton, Mark A., Assistant Principal, Mountain Home High School
 Ward, Jessie A., Assistant Principal, Mountain Home High School
 Tesar, Stehvn J., Principal, Bennett Mountain School
 Cochran, Daniel L., Principal, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Schamber, Monte Nicholas, Assistant Principal, Mountain Home Junior High School
 Smith, Lonni M., Principal, Tom Hacker Middle School
 Schipani, Robyn M., Assistant Principal, Tom Hacker Middle School
 Kuntz, Ryan M., Principal, East Elementary School
 Straw, Anita S., Principal, North Elementary School
 Crusier, Nichole C., Principal, West Elementary School
 McCluskey, Phillip D., Principal, Stephensen Elementary School

Clark, John F., Activities Director, Mountain Home School District

APPOINTMENTS

Austin, Timothy; Head JV/Asst Varsity Tennis Coach, MHHS
 Bekker, Wai Ting; Cook 2, MHJH
 Brown, Connie; Cook 2, MHJH
 Hepworth, Kellee; Special Education Paraeducator, Stephensen Elementary
 Hernandez, Alejandra; Part-Time Migrant Paraeducator, MHJH
 Hodges, Penny; Cook 2, HMS
 Juarez Barroso, Yoselin; EL Paraeducator, East/North Elementary Schools
 Sandberg, McKenzie; Counselor, MHHS
 Sjostrom, Andi; Paraeducator, Stephensen Elementary
 Sutcliff, Samuel; B Custodian, MHHS

RESIGNATIONS

Neveu, Rebecca; Paraeducator, Stephensen Elementary; effective: February 18, 2020
 Wheeler, Jake; Head JV/Asst Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, MHHS; effective: March 9, 2020

RETIREMENTS

Knudsen, Lynn; Automotive Teacher, MHHS; effective: May 22, 2020
 Sexauer, Kathy; Psychologist, ~~MHSD~~ MHHS; effective: April 30, 2020

Chairman Abrego

Clerk Whitman