

Mountain Home School District No. 193

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2020
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- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the remote regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:29 p.m.

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

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Temporarily Suspended due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

B. **GOOD NEWS** – Temporarily Suspended due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

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.

- 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 Monasterio moved to approve the agenda as published, with a second from Trustee Binion. Agenda approved.

- III. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Board of Trustees. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Binion moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion carried.

A. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2020, AND THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – GRADUATION WORKSHOP OF MAY 5, 2020.**

B. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

C. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

D. **PERSONNEL**

- 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 Regular Board Meeting – Public Input Request Form](#). All forms must be received by the Clerk of the Board no later than 12 noon the day of the board meeting either electronically or by mail. 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. MHHS NERDFEST! & E-SPORTS OVERVIEW** – Joe Anderson. Mr. Anderson presented the NerDFest! and the E-Sports overview. He explained the history of NerDFest! and how it was established in 2005-2006 by a group of students with common interests that wanted a safe place to do as they called it nerdish pursuits and asked Mr. Anderson to be the teacher mentor. Mr. Anderson informed everyone that many of the members have gone on to college, joined the armed forces, and went into business.

Mr. Anderson explained that back in 2015, a student approached him and asked if they could set up an E-Sports team. We became one of the first E-Sports high school teams in Idaho and even took third place in the first ever Idaho State High School E-Sports championship. He continued to explain that the “nerdlings” learn teamwork, cooperation, strategy, and sportsmanship; the “nerdlings” even have the potential for scholarships.

Mr. Anderson reported that MHHS E-Sports teamed up with Boise State University to participate and get national exposure. Tiger Claws took part in the last state games at the BSU Gamepants Arena. BSU has helped them compete against other high schools across the nation; even ESPN televises and tracks E-Sports. He added that Jack in the Box agreed to sponsor the Tiger Claws, team name, by providing shirts and paying for some of the tournament costs.

Mr. Anderson concluded by telling everyone that that this club is needed by many students and they have found a place to fit in. Many of the kids keep in touch and make lifelong friendships and relationships. Mr. Anderson also informed the board that BSU set up a state championship match and Tiger Claws, the underdogs, won the state championship! He thanked the board for NerDFest!

Trustee Binion stated that his son really enjoyed NerDFest. He added that this program leaves a lasting impression these kids and he really appreciated having this club for those types of students and giving a place that is theirs. The board agreed and added that it was a great job done.

- B. STATE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT** – James Gilbert/Bill Magnusson. Superintendent Gilbert and Mr. Magnusson, Maintenance Director, reviewed the safety inspection. The findings were good, but there will always be something that inspectors find. Maintenance has addressed and fix most of the write ups at this time. Superintendent Gilbert said that considering the ages of the buildings, they have held up pretty well and that is kudos to the custodial and maintenance staff that have babied those things all along. Mr. Magnusson reported on two serious write up with one being the kiln at MHJH that has since been removed from the school, and the other involving some chemicals that the teacher will have to address. Superintendent Gilbert asked about kiln. Mr. Magnusson replied that the sensor beam broke, so it heated up and burnt the fibric on the inside and went to the wires. Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that the kiln would need to be replaced. Trustee Donahue said that a constant that is written up is maintaining the walking surfaces, what was that in reference to? Mr. Magnusson replied that during the winter we have frost heaves so when whether gets nice, the cement on sidewalk lift causing a tripping hazard. Trustee Donahue added that it just seems that the inspectors want to find something to write up in every building, but other than that, the buildings are good. Trustee Binion also asked about the sidewalks and asked if the cement could be grinded off to make it even. Mr. Magnusson replied that it was possible, and he could look into the cost to do that. Trustee Monasterio asked about the metal contacts with live covers. Mr. Magnusson explained that there were several outlets that had broken covers, but maintenance was never informed about it; they are in the process of fixing them. Chairman Abrego asked if it was because no one was letting maintenance know. Mr. Magnusson responded that he would like for staff to be more observant and report the little things that need to be fixed, but generally with the routine walkthroughs of the buildings, custodians and maintenance usually catch and fix what needs to be fixed. Chairman Abrego mentioned that he compared the report to last year’s report and none of the write ups were on this year’s report, so good job. The board thanked him.
- C. MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFB Liaison. Mr. Niksich reported that the Educator of the Quarter didn’t happen due to COVID19, but it would start again in the fall. He also reported that there were some issues about students not logging into their online class, but that has since been handled.

Mr. Niksich informed the board that the base had they Military Senior Chord Ceremony via base parade and following social distancing. He mentioned that the airmen are still volunteering as much as possible and were able to help replace the senior banners that blew down during the storm.

Mr. Nicksich stated that he was concerned about military families moving out of and in to MHAFB and registering for school and asked for assistance from the school district to help these families register for school. The board thanked him.

- D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert presented, reported, and reviewed the recent survey sent to parents asking them their preference on the three options for the start of school. He reviewed the outcome with the board; 66.3% people wanted back in school, 26% wanted blended learning, and 7.7% wanted online school. No decisions have been made, but we are looking at Learning Management Systems (LMS) that meet our districts needs for both remote and inbuilding instruction. There is still much research to be done. Discussion began about the “what if” scenarios should another outbreak occur; discussed the possibility of changing the school calendar; discussed options of not completely shutting down the entire district; discussed progression of education and opportunity for blended instruction; discussed establishing procedures for cleaning, social distancing, etc.; discussed the unrealistic requirement of social distancing within a school building; discussed the benefit of establishing an online school for those students who don’t want to physically attend school and for those students who decided to attend, the benefits of using the online school to coincide with inbuilding blended instruction, AP courses, college courses, and recruiting additional students who would otherwise attend a different online school, etc. Superintendent Gilbert gave kudos to the fantastic staff and their ability to quickly transition from inbuilding instruction to remote instruction and their proactiveness during this crisis and thanked them for their hard work.

Superintendent Gilbert reported on the two DOD grant opportunities that he has been working on. The first grant is an opportunity to rebuild or significantly renovate the school on MHAFB. This would require a large financial commitment from the district, which may make this difficult with the budget holdbacks and the possible loss of the levy, but the DOD determined that the school on base was unacceptable. The DOD grant would pay 80% of the renovation or replacement cost. The district would be required to match what the DOD finances. Superintendent Gilbert’s plan is if we move into a complete building replacement, we can look at that portion of the building into any bonding that we may look at to renovate the high school. Discussion continued on the opportunity and what would be included in the renovation or rebuild to include HVAC, etc. He added that the goal is to move 5th and 6th grades back onto the installation so that the school on base would become a K-6 school. Superintendent Gilbert found it ironic that the DOD reported the school on base as unacceptable when it is the school in the best condition out of all the schools in the district.

Superintendent Gilbert reported on the second DOD grant opportunity. He said it would allow us to do some projects at schools off base except MHHS. The district would have to look for a bond for the high school. Discussion began on what the projects would include such as new carpet, paint, new track, etc., which are projects built into our plant facility.

Superintendent Gilbert thanked the staff of Bennet Mountain School and Mountain Home High School for all their work putting together graduation plans. This will be a unique experience for everyone especially the seniors. He added that summer activities will start opening on June 1. A plan was written by the SIC and Great Basin Conference and follows the Governors directives.

Chairman Abrego echoed about the graduation planning and he has heard a lot of good things from many parents and he too thanked BMS and MHHS for all the work and time involved putting together the graduation plans.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM (ACTION)** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick requested the Board approve the annual request for the district to participate in the federally mandated National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. Trustee Binion moved to approve the renewal agreement of the FY 2020-21 National School Lunch and Breakfast programs as federally mandated. Motion seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion granted.
- B. INTENT TO OPERATE RENEWAL AGREEMENT (ACTION)** – Chartwells Food Service – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick requested authorization to continue the renewal with Chartwells Food Service contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Trustee Binion asked how many years were left on the current contract

and Mr. Vick replied that the new contract was just signed last year so we are going into the second year of the contract. Trustee Binion moved to continue the renewal agreement with Chartwell’s Food Service for school year 2020-2021, as presented, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion carried.

C. DETERMINE BUDGET WORKSHOP VENUE – School Board. Chairman Abrego asked if the budget workshop scheduled for May 28, 2020, could be accomplished in the boardroom or should it be accomplished via zoom. He added that he felt we would have more input via zoom due to the COVID19 social distancing and disinfecting requirements than by having a very limited amount of people who would be allowed to attend in person. Discussion continued about which meeting option would best serve the district. Trustee Binion motioned to hold the Budget Workshop on May 28, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor Contract Matters

Executive Session – 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 Donahue, the following resolution was presented:

May 19, 2020
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 Idaho Code, 74-206(1)(j) – To consider labor contract matters, 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.

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 8:28 p.m.

ACTION ITEM(S):

- 1. **None**

NON-ACTION ITEM(S):

- 1. Labor Contract Matters

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

Following a full and complete discussion of Labor Contract Matter, the Board reconvened into open session at 9:03 p.m. No motioned required.

X. ADJOURNMENT – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Abrego called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Knox to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTACHMENT**APPOINTMENTS**

None

RESIGNATIONS

Magrath, Elise; Psychologist; MHSD; effective: June 12, 2020

Simonsen, Lauren; Special Education Teacher, West Elementary; effective: May 22, 2020

Smith, Erika; 5th Grade Teacher, HMS; effective: May 22, 2020

Smith, Peter; Cook 2, MHHS; effective: April 1, 2020

RETIREMENTS

Allies, Jamie; Cook Manager, East Elementary; effective: May 22, 2020

Dawson, Samuel; Science Teacher, MHJH; effective: May 22, 2020

Day, Jacquelyn; Receptionist, West Elementary; effective: June 1, 2020

McRoberts, Kim; Administrative Assistant, MHJH; effective: August 1, 2020

TEACHER APPOINTMENTS 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**NON-CONTINUING CONTRACTS**

BERGH, BRITANI M	MOORE, LAUREN M
CARRIER, AMBER S	MORRISON, SHARON A
CATHEY, CAMILLE A	OWENS, YVONNE L
EICH, DIANA L	PLATT, MERRI R
ELLIOTT, BRENDA A	ROOPE, NATALIE M
ELLIOTT, KRISTINA M	ROSECKE, TESSA N
ENHELDER, HANNAH M	SANDEFUR, SHELBY R
GARCIA, JENNIFER J	SCHWEND, SHANIAH J
HARDWICK, BRITTANY D	SEEGMILLER, DIXIE H
JOHNSON, KELSEY A	SHOCKEY, ANGELA L
JOHNSON, LUKE D	SIGWING, REBECCA A
JONES, MELANIE E	SMITH, KATRINA J
KIBE, SAMANTHA J	SMITH, LORI J
LEWELLEN, KRISTIAN E	WEBB, MONTANA R
MCDONALD, SAMANTHA M	WHEELER, JAKE N
MILLER, JANILEE J	YOUNG, KATHERINE L
	YTUARTE, LISA M

 Chairman Abrego



 Clerk Whitman