

BUTTE COUNTY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #111

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2017

Butte County High School Library

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Sharese Maynard called the regular session to order. Trustee Jaymon Knight, Trustee Zac Bowhay, Trustee Barbara Andersen, Trustee Karen Pyron and Superintendent Joel Wilson were present. Chairman Maynard invited all to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Pyron moved to accept the agenda with the addition of 10.3 to the Action Items. Seconded by Trustee Bowhay. Motion approved. Trustee Pyron moved to accept the consent agenda with a correction in the September minutes of 4170 being moved to a second reading. Seconded by Trustee Bowhay. Motion approved.

It was noted that two security cameras have been purchased for the inside of the travel bus. Trustee Andersen and Trustee Pyron will be attending the Idaho School Board Association Conference on November 7 – 10, 2017. Gail Thorngren has been hired half-time as a counselor in the elementary.

The audit report was presented by Scott Bond. His findings report that there has not been an actuary's opinion on retirees' benefits. It has been suggested that the District hire an actuary to audit the retirees' benefits to determine the District's liability. This cost is estimated to be between \$3,000 - \$4,000. The District has opted not to contract these services.

It has been recommended that the District have three months of funds in reserve. The District currently has five to six months of funds in reserve. The District is spending these down to come closer to three months in reserve. Actions to spend down these reserves include:

- Additional \$40,000 to teacher salaries and benefits.
- Additional staffing above State FTE (full-time equivalency) levels.
- \$115,000 in new buses.
- \$8,000 to resolve the Office of Civil Rights complaint of our website not be accessible to people with disabilities.

Principal Robert Chambers congratulated the High School and Middle School Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball teams for their outstanding seasons. The middle school went on a Soil Conservation field trip, gaining information from the BLM and the Forest Service. A middle school wrestling program will be starting. For more information, please contact Eric Williams at the high school. The Safe and Drug Free committee held their first meeting of the year on October 9, 2017.

Superintendent Joel Wilson reported that there are four teachers, Roman Pacheco, Cheyan Coburn, Malina Kelly and Mindy Gamett on alternate routes to certification (ABCTE). Chad Angell is enrolled in college (NWNNU) to become certified in administration. Gail Thorngren is renewing a professional certificate. Howe and Arco Elementary teachers are taking on-line RTI classes.

Idaho Superintendents' legislative priorities are as following: Funding for special population programs, funding for health care, fully fund career ladder, increase funding for classified employees, promote educational opportunities for students but not fund private schools (vouchers), streamline reporting burdens.

District Strategic Planning Committee consisting of Julie Waymire from Howe Elementary, Kate Kid from Arco Elementary, Katie Hawley from Butte High School, Chad Angell from Butte Middle School, along with Principal Robert Chambers and Superintendent Joel Wilson will meet on October 24, 2017, to look at continuous improvement plans. Safety and Facilities Committee will meet at 4:30 in the Superintendent's office on October 25, 2017. Public Relations Committee will at 4:30 in The Superintendent's office on October 30, 2017.

A huge thank you to Diane Cummins and Jodi Wasylow for hours and hours of work to get the ISEE report updated and uploaded to the State Department.

Business Manager, Jodi Wasylow reported that AmeriGas will take over the propane delivery to the district from Valleywide Cooperative. As our Valleywide tanks get low they will be switched over to AmeriGas tanks.

The rent will increase for the District owned house in Howe. The Rental Agreement will be updated. Trustee Pyron volunteered to be the District's Liasion to oversee policy drafts along with the help of Trustee Bowhay. The District will adopt ISBA's model for job descriptions for all district employees.

Policy Review was conducted by Chairman Maynard. Policy 4170 was forwarded to Robert Chambers for compliance. Policy 8245 will state that the school nutrition program will not accept charging more than four meals or ten dollars. It will accept charitable donations to cover student's negative balances.

Trustee Andersen moved to approve the hiring of Gail Thorngren. Seconded by Trustee Pyron. Motion approved. Trustee Knight moved to approve policy 4170 and 8245 with noted changes. Seconded by Trustee Bowhay. Motion approved. Chairman Maynard moved to approve the alternate route to certification for Mindy Gamett and Melina Kelly. Seconded by Trustee Pyron. Motion approved.

Chairman Maynard moved to go into Executive Session authorized by Idaho Code 74-206 (1)b...(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;. Trustee Knight – yes; Trustee Pyron – yes; Trustee Andersen – yes; Trustee Bowhay – yes. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Bowhay moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Maynard. Motion approved.

Trustee Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Maynard. Motion approved.

Board Chairman, Sharese Maynard

Board Clerk, Tauna Brewer