



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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Special Board Meeting and Work Session

Meeting Minutes

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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205 Northwest Lane, Kalispell MT 59901

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 05:00 PM

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chair Lance Isaak, Vice Chair Jack Fallon, Mark Kornick (5:10), Anna Marie Bailey (5:50), Mary Tepas, Mary Ruby, Frank Miller, Jon Endresen, Joe Brenneman (5:05), Bette Albright, Diane Morton Stout

Members Absent: None

Officials Present: Rich Lawrence, IT Director

Others Present: Peterson Teacher Stephanie Buzzell, DIL reporter Hilary Matheson

(2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Isaak called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(3) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Isaak asked if any member of the audience wished to comment on a matter not on the agenda, further stating that the Board could not take action on any matter brought up in public comment because the public had not previously been notified of the matter. No Public Comment was offered.

(4) NEW BUSINESS

(Discussion)

Chair Isaak introduced the next item on the agenda, New Business.

(4.a) ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT REDISTRICTING

Transportation Director Annie Jensen presented 3 preliminary plans to the Board for elementary enrollment rezoning. Each of these plans is primarily driven by the numbers. Jensen tried to utilize major roads as boundary lines as often as possible while taking into consideration many other factors.

Each plan lists the school capacity, current attending, current in the school boundary (more attending from out of boundary), over/under, and goal capacity as well as a breakdown of students by grade and classroom.

Jensen is working hard to try to keep students as close to their neighborhood schools as possible while still keeping the enrollment numbers at optimum levels for each elementary.

Trustee Miller stated that the biggest problem he sees is having some of these kids cross some of these big streets.

Superintendent Flatau stated that "unfortunately that is the reality and we can certainly consider keeping those courtesy bus routes for those kids".

The district is looking at setting up a community forum on 3 different nights which would hopefully allow most families to attend on one of those dates. This will allow Annie Jensen to present in a similar fashion and answer questions. Flatau stated that the district will present all three options in large format with the names of streets listed, allow for questions and clarifications and then offer a green dot, a yellow dot, and a red dot for people to place on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. There was discussion on High School Boundaries and how this will all effect the elementary schools tied to those

schools.

Peterson teacher Steph Buzzell offered some comments. Buzzell stated that these three options lack a socio economic balance for Peterson and hopes that the Board will not just look at numbers..."we lose our identity as a Brave or a Wolfpack. Class sizes are really really full and if there is any possible way to make our class sizes small again...please consider those things as a Board. I know none of them are going to be perfect but just wanted to give you those thoughts". Buzzell added that only Peterson is effected in these ways because each of the plans requires the population of Peterson to be split for high school. The Board then had a discussion about bus routes and turna rounds etc. It was suggested that Jensen might want to consider FHS and GHS population in her next overlay and how many kids from our elementary (SD5 kids) go to each school.

(4.b) KPS COMMITMENT: MISSION, BELIEFS AND GOALS

Flatau went over the document, as presented, listing the activities that the buildings will be doing for each Goal area This document will be created for each school. Building management of budgets and Budget Manager software is something that all buildings are being trained on, Gwyn Andersen will review that at the next work session.

(4.c) TOPICS FOR REMAINING WORK STUDY SESSIONS

Last years Work study scheduled that were discussed and reviewed last year, as presented, and the list so far this year. Looking to add one item on November work session and fill out the rest of the school year. Met today with Kelly Higgins and Michele looking at a new IB initiative, looking at Poverty Levels (ex 35% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch you would want to have 35% of those kids involved in IB).

Ideas from Board:

- Rich Lawrence on Tech report and Data risks
- Discussing Levy we may be requesting? Maybe tag onto November as we need a plan in place in January
- PK discussion
- Updates on Disciplinary Policies (monthly Systems of Support meetings update)
- Science review at High School, Math at High School, handwriting and digital literacy.
- Good idea to leave some open and add things as it goes along.

(4.d) DEBRIEF FROM LAST WEEK'S CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

Question and Answer Document as presented.

Rich Lawrence is present to answer any questions in a data security standpoint.

Rich stated that 85-105,000 port scans on the outerwall of our portscans, normally. The internet is made up of protocols and every protocol has a port, they are constantly looking for those that are open. There were a million hits at one time last week.

"We have been working on security for almost 3 years and we were fortunate enough through E-rate to have a very sophisticated firewall. We do penetration testing all the time and a year and a half ago we brought in outside people and got some good feedback and then they tested us again recently and we got really good feedback, also tested our outerfacing ports and got a very good report." Lawrence stated that the piece that needs work is on the inside...phishing emails, passwords breaches, wrong people getting access to data. "We will start formulating best practices and training for those that want it." Lawrence stated that he and his team work very hard every day but unfortunately "we have to be right 100% of the time and they only have to be right once."

The discussion turned to how to make up the days missed, not knowing what winter will bring.

Flatau stated that "We have 180 school days but the standard is not days, but hours of instruction time that must be met. Primary has one standard and then 4th thru 12th...4th and 5th is always a challenge due to recess that those kids still have.

1. Statute 29-806 #2 allows one day for the Board to decide not to make up.

2 can look at adding time to certain days. It would be difficult to add minutes to regular days, but it would be easy to add to days that students aren't going to school.

A) The day we would not make up from Statute 29-806, Staff have already worked that day (Monday Sept. 18) and kids don't have to make it up. If we go a full day on Oct. 25th instead of 1/2 day, this would add 2.5 instructional time to not have to make up a second day. Challenge is we still have a work day that has to be made up but in preliminary discussion with Union, we would add 2 hours to 3 different days of the year. 1st being oct. 25th to fulfill building plans for Professional Development from 3:30-5:30, etc, then buildings would decide as a staff what other 2 days they add 2 hours to a work day.

B) Friday Dec. 22nd would be a school and work day. Would need to be relayed to parents.

Each day would be addressed in a slightly different way. If there is a general feeling from the Board that will be the recommendation of the Superintendent to the Board for approval at the October 10th meeting.

(5) CONSENT AGENDA

(Action)

Chair Isaak asked the Board to consider a motion regarding the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trustee Tepas seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

(5.a) FINANCIAL REPORTS/BILLS AND PAYROLL

(Consent Agenda)

(5.b) PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

(Consent Agenda)

(5.c) BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION LIST

(5.d) TUITION

(6) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Isaak called for a motion regarding the adjournment of the meeting.

Trustee Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Kornick seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

Chair of the Board

Date

Clerk of the Board

Date

Secretary of the Board

Date

(7) ACCOMMODATIONS

(Information)