

WEISER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 431
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING/MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012
925 PIONEER ROAD, WEISER, IDAHO

***** MINUTES *****

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Margie Chipman, Cary Gibbs, Mark Pritchard and Bob Johnson. Also present were Superintendent Reed and Clerk, Kyla Dickerson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Kerry Nyce

Cary Gibbs, Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

The reading of the minutes of the prior meeting was dispensed with due to the same being distributed to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Financial reports show that 58% of the year has been expended with 60.4% of the budget expensed. Superintendent Reed stated general fund supply budgets have been frozen since November and with these measures in place, the expenses will come in within budget. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda made by Chipman, seconded by Pritchard. Motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

Wade Wilson, Principal at Pioneer School addressed the Trustees with news about what is happening at their school. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held last week with excellent attendance. Reading Camp will begin on February 14th. This is a 28-29 day after school reading intervention program. Mr. Wilson stated there will be approximately 80-90 students attending the camp this year.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Trustees for allowing him and three of his staff (**Nancy Campbell, Melissa Reed and Patty Hartnett**) attend the recent National SFA Conference. He stated the conference had many interesting sessions with break out sessions for networking and sharing ideas & strategies. The quarterly SFA assessments will be given at Pioneer School in the next couple weeks. Also the IELA testing will be given to approximately 70 limited English students at Pioneer.

Mr. Wilson stated Pioneer School was able to attend a video teleconference at the IEN lab at Pioneer School which enable the students to share in a book read by former First Lady, Barbara Bush.

Julie Chandler, third grade teacher at Pioneer School, was praised for her recent work in putting together the Family Bingo for Books Night at Pioneer. Over 800 books were given out to all grade levels, with 182 families signing in for attendance.

Mr. Wilson thanked **Wil Overgaard**, Special Services and Academic Achievement Director, for his work in receiving reallocated Title I funding. This reallocation resulted in Pioneer School being awarded an additional \$7,500 to be used for purchasing reading materials for remediation, as well as library books and SFA materials. This funding was a reallocation of federal money that had not been distributed through the State Department of Education.

Dave Kerby, Principal of Park School, added his thank you to the Trustees for allowing him and three Park School staff (**Jane Nelson, Kathy Cahill and Christine Hendrickson**) to attend the National SFA Conference. He, too, felt the conference was an excellent resource for staff to attend.

Nicol Mink and her fifth grade class attended the teleconference with First Lady Barbara Bush as well.

Mr. Kerby asked everyone to mark their calendars for the upcoming Cabin Fever Night which will be held on March 9th at the Weiser High School. Mr. Kerby stated a fun time is pretty much guaranteed to anyone who attends.

Park School has started a ten-week reading contest. Individual goals for students have been assigned. **Cathy Armstrong** has been working hard in the Library to help students achieve these goals.

Dave Davies, Principal at Weiser High School, shared recent accomplishments of the winter sports teams at the high school. The WHS Girls Basketball team (coached by **Nick Reed** and **Dave Shirts**) will be entering into State Championship games on Thursday. Weiser was the 2012 Girls Basketball District Champion.

The WHS Boys Basketball team (coached by **Neil Stutzman**, **LeRoy Loomis** and **Bowe vonBrethorst**) will be entering into district playoffs this week. Weiser is the #1 seed going into the District games.

The WHS Wrestling team (coached by **Drew Dickerson**, **Jay Rux** and **Adolfo Cardenas**) won every dual match this year! The team recently won the SRV Championship and will be wrestling at the District Championship in Payette on Saturday, February 18th.

Mr. Davies stated **Stuart Nesbitt** announced that seven students will be receiving their State FFA Degrees this April at the State FFA Conference in Twin Falls.

The Weiser High Band under the direction of **Michael Hall** recently held their Winter Band Concert. The concert highlighted many fine and talented WHS musicians. The Band Dinner Fiesta (fundraiser) was held on Saturday. The dinner and silent auction raised funds for the upcoming band trip that has been planned.

Mr. Davies praised the accomplishments of the WHS Speech and Debate Team under the direction of Coach **Jeffrey Stoppenhagen**.

Mr. Davies stated at the recent Parent Teacher Conferences, parents were asked to fill out a survey by the CEE (Center for Educational Effectiveness). This is a follow-up to the same survey given to parents, students and staff last year. Mr. Davies was excited to get longitudinal data to see trends and results for the school district.

Michelle Chavez, instructor at Weiser High School, received recent notification that she has been selected by the Western States Workshop for Educators to attend an all-expense paid trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Michelle teaches the Holocaust classes at the high school, not only for Weiser High students, but students in Emmett through the IEN network. Mrs. Chavez has also been working on completing the Holocaust Camp permanent exhibit at the Intermountain Museum.

Lastly, Mr. Davies announced Weiser High School has a 2012 National Merit Scholarship finalist. Mr. Davies said he met with student, **Bill Pritchard** and his parents, **Tom** and **Susan Pritchard** to convey the honor and congratulations! The National Merit award means Bill is ranked academically within the top 1% of all high school students in the nation.

Wil Overgaard, Academic Achievement and Special Services Director, addressed the Trustees regarding the recent Title I reallocation of funds. Mr. Overgaard stated these were monies not distributed by the State Department of Education and were available to schools meeting certain qualifications with merited needs. The award given to Weiser School District was \$25,000. Park School and Pioneer School both received \$7,500 for use in reading labs, libraries and SFA materials. The additional \$10,000 will be used to fund the three week summer remediation program held at Pioneer School for providing extra early intervention for these students.

Mr. Overgaard spoke about the SDE's application for a waiver of the NCLB AYP requirements. If approved the waiver would establish a 5 star rating system for schools based on (1) Academic Achievement (ISAT proficiency) (2) Growth using two years of ISAT data for each student (3) Growth towards proficiency – are students making growth towards proficiency within 3 years and (4) College and Career Readiness activities (High Schools only).

Jason Hunter, Principal at Weiser Middle School introduced teacher, **Deena Hall** who spoke to the Trustees about the recent Souper Bowl held at WMS. The Souper Bowl began in the early 90's and Deena has continued to raise funds, collect food items and inspire students through this endeavor every year since. This year, Mrs. Hall stated the homeroom class of **Sue Jones** collected the most food items with 700. Over \$200 was raised to give to food bank charities, plus in total, WMS donated 3300 items of food! Mr. Hunter praised the organizational skills of Mrs. Hall for this very worthwhile cause for Weiser Middle School.

USE OF FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY FOR VOTING AT DISTRICT OFFICE

Chairman, Cary Gibbs read a request from Washington County Clerk's office to use the District Office facilities for the upcoming March 13th Supplemental Levy election. Motion to allow the use of the District Office facilities for the election made by Chipman, seconded by Prichard. Motion carried.

RESPONSE TO DIVISION OF BUILDING OF SAFETY REPORT

Superintendent Reed distributed a copy of the report prepared by Omar Carnig, Maintenance Director, listing every item sited for correction in the recent building safety inspection. A Plan of Action to correct deficiencies was developed by the District. A letter has been drafted for submission to the Division of Building Safety. Motion to submit letter with correction plan made by Pritchard, seconded by Chipman. Motion carried.

REHIRE BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Superintendent Reed stated that he and Wil Overgaard have met with each of the building administrators. Goals have been reviewed, including self-assessments and personal evaluations. Superintendent Reed stated that he would heartily recommend rehiring the administrators for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion to rehire (with many pats on the backs) the administrators made by Johnson, seconded by Pritchard. Motion carried. Chairman Gibbs added his praise for the fine work the Weiser School District administrators do. He also added many pats on the back.

APPROVE BUS BIDS PENDING 2012-2013 BUDGET

Brian Mintz, Bus Transportation Director, spoke to the Trustees about the recent bus bid opening held on February 8, 2012. Western Mountain Bus presented the lowest bid at \$75,945.00. Mr. Mintz requested the Board consider the added cost of a Security Camera installation for the bus. The bid also included extra add-ins of cargo bays and insta-chains. A copy of the report was given to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Motion by Pritchard to conditionally accept the bus bid 2012-2013 budget permitting, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

NEGOTIATIONS: APPOINT TWO BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The next order of business was to select two Trustees to represent the Board during the upcoming Negotiations. Motion to select Cary Gibbs and Mark Pritchard as Trustee Representatives made by Chipman, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Trustees examined a list of current account payable and final bills paid in January. Motion to pay the bills made by Pritchard, seconded by Chipman. Motion carried.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Superintendent Reed introduced a group of Boys Scouts representing Troop 335 of Weiser. Leader **Mardean Chandler** introduced her Scouts: **Kelvin Price, Russell Chandler, Garrett Rasmussen, and Eli Toomalatai**. Also attending with this group were: **Dave Price, Gwen Toomalatai and Isaac Toomalatai**. Superintendent Reed introduced the Board of Trustees, asked for any questions and thanked the group for attending the meeting.

Jason Hunter spoke to the Trustees about the recently hired Gear Up Coordinator, **Stacia Gerulf**. Stacia has been working at WMS and has been distributing information brochures at the recent Parent Teacher Conference. Stacia is currently attending a National Gear Up Conference in New York this week. Further information about the program will be presented at a later meeting.

Superintendent Reed stated the March 13th Supplemental Election is coming up soon. He stated he has been conducting informational meetings at each of the building sites and will have a community open house on Thursday, March 8th at the Vendome.

March 6th the Republican Caucus will be held at Weiser High School. Mr. Reed stated the district has allowed many groups to use their facilities for such events providing use agreements have been met.

A thank you note was read by **Ali Capurro** and family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 67-2345b: PERSONNEL EVALUATION

Cary Gibbs, Chairman, announced the next order of business would be to adjourn into Executive Session. Superintendent Reed introduced everyone present and described the rules governing executive sessions.

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Chipman, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Weiser School District No. 431 recess from a regular board meeting into executive session in the manner and for the purpose authorized by Section I.C. 67-2345b-Personnel Evaluation.

The Chairman then called for individual vote which was as follows:

Margie Chipman	Yes
Cary Gibbs	Yes
Mark Pritchard	Yes
Bob Johnson	Yes

Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be no less than two-thirds of the membership in favor thereof, Chairman Gibbs declared said resolution adopted. The Chairman declared the Board to be recessed in Executive Session at 8:22 PM. Those in attendance in the Executive Session were the Trustees, Superintendent Jim Reed, Wil Overgaard, the Building Principal and the District Clerk. The Chairman declared the Board recessed out of Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Motion made by Pritchard to place District Employee A on Probation for the period of time recommended by the Building Principal, motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, motion to adjourn made by Chipman, seconded by Pritchard. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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