

Basin School District 72
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Regular School Board Meeting
HS Media Room or [Zoom](#)
Passcode: v8k4HV
October 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - At 5:08 Chairman Ken Gordon called the regular board meeting to order. Superintendent Hunicke and sub - Clerk Recorder Lynsey Bell were in attendance.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Establish Quorum** - Chairman Ken Gordon, Vice Chair Brandee Kline, Trustee Tristan Chesire (virtual), Trustee Mary Ellen McMurtrie
4. ***Consent Agenda** - Board Chair Ken Gordon moved to amend the agenda under number 15 to include if need be at the end. Mary Ellen McMurtrie seconded. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Agenda stands approved as amended.
5. ***Approve [August 26, 2022 Special Meeting](#), [September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting](#), and [September 30, 2022 Special Meeting](#)** - minutes stand approved as presented.
6. **Coronavirus policy updates** - No updates on covid. The flu has started up and we are seeing some kids out sick. Australia has had a hard flu season. Boise County and several other counties are currently in the yellow for Covid. No policy updates.
7. **Public comments. Written comments only. Please send written or email comments to PO Box 227, Idaho City, ID 83631 or email kgordon@basinschools.net. This process will help inform the board in a more efficient manner.** -
 - a. Jody Neville suggested we have a policy to exclude sex, nudity, rape, violence, etc in books/literature. Board Chair Ken Gordon addressed the comments. Discussion from board: Curriculum committee - new rule saying we need a curriculum committee, which we are working on. We will keep the public notified of when this is addressed.
8. **Financial Reports**
 - a. **[Business Manager Report](#)** - Business Manager Kendra Lanham was present virtually. There is a lot of reporting this time of year to complete, which is what the report entails. No further discussion.
 - b. **[Monthly Financial Reports](#)** - Board chair Ken Gordon pointed out that 68.3% of our projected budget is funded by the state. The rest of the budget is from federal, grants, medicaid, levy, fundraising, etc. Superintendent, Brian Hunicke reported that staff work hard to come up with supplemental funding. There are also local donors for extra curricular activities.
9. **Supervisors' Reports**
 - a. **[Maintenance](#)** - Maintenance Supervisor Bob Kassebaum was in attendance. Maintenance is getting ready for winter and waiting on the playground equipment. Will have to put in 18 funnel tubes, and several smaller steps. Vehicles will need serviced this next week, supplies are ordered. Supplies and parts are ready for the snow blower. Dry sprinkler system is looking good.
 - b. **[Transportation](#)** - Transportation Director Russ Taylor was in (virtual) attendance. We have a bus with a banner advertising for a bus driver.
 - c. **[Food Service - Inspection Report](#)** - Food Service Representative Holly Lunquist was (virtually) present. We had a perfect inspection. Jerry (inspection) commented that we are one of the cleanest schools. There is still food that is out of stock, or deliver forgets food, so we do have to modify the menu.
 - d. **[Community Wellness](#)** - Dawn Gillis was not present. Discussion about getting together with churches and senior center to see if the flu clinic can be a joint effort.
10. **Administrators' Reports**

- a. **Special Education** - we are moving over our computer system for our special education software (Ed Plan) and it has been tedious and time consuming. We have an SLP (Michelle Ott) in person once a month, as well as online virtual services. When the SLP is in person she gives support and advice to teachers and paras. For virtual it is a team effort to help support behind the scenes. It is roughly 2-3 hours a week of special education training, meetings, Ed Plans, etc for the Special Education and Administrative team. We have a high need that takes a lot of staff. Many students qualify for high service.

- b. **Building Principals**

Elementary - Principal Jamie Pilkerton was present. Smart Reading Program - the teachers using this program are seeing it being effective and say it is good. Reading coach comes in. There is shared time during inservice days. Seeing positive results with students. Program based on the science of reading. Jamie Pilkerton clarified graphs on her report. Tier 1 = students are performing at grade level and the student is meeting benchmarks of grade level. Tier 2 = Right below Tier 1 and needs additional support/interventions. Tier 3 = significant gaps. May be on or need IEP or high support.

MS/HS - Principal Cindy Horner was present. Assistant Principal ReBekha Lulu was not present. Superintendent, Brian Hunicke reported that BSU stated that there may be someone that wants to come up at semester. They will know more in November.

11. Old/New Business

- a. **Idaho Center for Outdoor Education** - ICOE day was held for both MS/HS and Elem on separate days. 8th graders helped move firewood for a service project. For Elem, Tammie Ogden had a historic theme with Caldwell Schools on another day. The Caldwell school came up and did a joint project. Our students were the tour guides and had a written script. Tamara Ansotegui and Tammie Ogden did a ton of work to prepare. Jamie Pilkerton is considering writing a grant for the ICOE (i.e. a yurt), however, the grant is due very soon. The grant is focused on out of school time and sustainable projects.
- b. **Forest Funds** -No new information at this time.
- c. **Strategic Plan** - The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee did meet. The committee appointed a new chair, Brian Hunicke. The focus at the last meeting was on how to get staff collaboration time. Suggestion: late start on Wednesdays. This would be about 30 minutes later for students, but would allow staff 40 - 50 minutes of staff meeting time. Right now, due to staff wearing so many different hats, it is hard for staff to find common meeting times. The district's strategic plan was updated. The committee recommended to the board to make the suggested changes. Board suggested we share this with the teachers and will add this to the agenda for the next board meeting, where the board can approve and are acknowledging the changes that need to be made (data).
- d. **English Reading Resources** - Trustee Mary Ellen McMurtrie talked with 2 different districts. West Ada has a committee that approves books. A teacher will submit a book with targets and goals to the committee for approval. This is only done for whole classroom sets. Not small group or individual books. If a book went through the approval process in the past, the approval would still be active. Need to acknowledge the integrity of the teacher. Also students do not have to read a book if it is not an assigned reading. There is a difference between book approval processes for a whole class reading versus when a parent objects to a book for their own child. If a parent objects to a book, then that student does not have to read it, a different book can be assigned to that individual student. Brian Hunicke said we need to form a committee with at least 2 parents and 2 staff. We will continue to revisit this as we form the committee.
- e. ***Second Reading Policy 403.5** - Chairman Ken Gordon directed the reading to policy 403.5. Board further discussed and agreed that no further changes needed to be made at this time.

- f. ***Second Reading [Policy 744](#)** - Chairman Ken Gordon directed the reading to policy 744. Board further discussed and agreed that no further changes needed to be made at this time. Chair Ken Gordon moved to consider the second reading approved of policy 403.5 and 744. Trustee Mary Ellen McMurtrie seconded. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
 - g. ***[Athletic Policy](#)** - Discussion: Superintendent Brian Hunicke talked with other rural superintendents about their athletic hiring procedures. He repeated his attached findings. Board chair Ken Gordon asked attendee Jason Roeber his thoughts. Jason Roeber reported that for the last several AD's that they were the ones ultimately responsible for the coaches, the hiring and firing recommendations. If a principal had a concern with a coach they would talk with the AD. The assistant coaches or volunteer coaches would report to either head coach or AD depending on the AD preference. Ken Gordon asked Trustee Brandee Kline her thoughts. Brandee asked what is the process if we are not going to re-offer a coaching position. Jason said in the past that mostly went through the AD. Superintendent or principal can also express concerns and work as a team with AD. Brian stated that part of the problem is that we have a Master Agreement and then a coaching contract. The Master Agreement supersedes the coaching contract. For non-certified they do not have the Master Agreement. There are different sets of rules. In a small district, there are double roles to consider. Principal Jamie Pilkerton reported that in the past, there were many times that the AD and admin worked together on deciding if someone would coach or not. Supervisors (kitchen, transportation) are typically not the ones that hire or fire. It is often up to the board. This is similar to an AD role. They are more of a supervisor. It could make it easier on AD to have a policy or chain of command for hiring and firing. Board Chair Ken Gordon suggested that we put this on the agenda for the next meeting. We can research this further and get coach feedback before the next meeting.
 - h. **School Week Committee Update** - Superintendent Brian Hunicke reported that the first committee meeting was held at which a 4 day week or hybrid was discussed. Several ideas were discussed. Assistant Principal ReBekha Lulu is going to get staff and parent feedback. This decision will require 6 months of prep time due to cafeteria services needing to pre-order food for next year. Need to decide by roughly January.
 - i. ***[Delayed Start](#)** - Trustee Mary McMurtrie motioned to adopt the proposed late start. Trustee Brandee Kline seconded. Discussion: there is already staff burnout partially due to not having meeting time to be on the same time. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
 - j. ***[Student Travel Policy 575](#)** - Board discussed. Need to add "other" into the policy to allow other people to transport with the written parent permission. Next meeting board will do an emergency approval for the policy to pass it in 1 reading along with the permission slip.
 - i. **[Permission Slip](#)** - Board discussed. AD Al Hansen stated that coaches will still need to have a sign out sheet on the bus for tracking purposes. .
 - k. ***[Title IX Consortium with Horseshoe Bend and Garden Valley](#)**. Garden Valley & Horseshoe Bend was approached by Title 9 and asked if they wanted to do a consortium with Idaho City. We did vote to join the consortium however, now Garden Valley does not want to adopt policy due to the transgender language of the MOU. Title 9 said that we have to re-vote to join again. Trustee Mary Ellen McMurtrie motioned to join the consortium. Trustee Brandee Kline seconded. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 - l. ***[SRO Contract](#)** - Need to take out the insurance section.
- 12. Chairman Update -**
- Chair Ken Gordon wanted to set a meet and greet date with the board and Admin with Senator elect Geoffrey Schroeder before January. Admin can find some dates in November or December and give those dates to Ken Gordon who will reach out to Senator Schroeder to set a meeting.
 - We are trying a new administrative model. We need a list of duties and responsibilities for each admin role: Superintendent, Principals, Vice-principals, Assistant Principals, and AD. Ken asked Admin to get together to create/update the document.
- 13. [Superintendent Update](#)** - Reviewed the update.
- 14. *Executive Session -To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A(1) and (b), IdahoCode.** Chair Ken Gordon motioned to move into executive session. Mary Ellen McMurtrie seconded. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- 15. *Post-Executive Action Items** - Trustee Brandee Kline motioned to approve the alternative authorization for teacher Cindy Horner. Board Ken Gordon seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 16. Adjournment** -At 8:07 Trustee Brandee Kline motioned to adjourn. Trustee Tristin Chesire seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

*** Indicates an action item**

ATTEST:

Lynsey Bell, Clerk Recorder

Ken Gordon, Chairman