

Basin School District 72
PO Box 227
Idaho City, ID 83631
Virtual Board Meeting
April 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - At 5:04 p.m. Chairman Ken Gordon called the regular school board meeting to order. Superintendent Brian Hunicke and District Clerk Cindy Hunter were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Establish Quorum** - Present: Chairman Ken Gordon, Vice Chairman Brent Adamson, Trustee Theresa Pledge and Trustee Brandee Kline.
4. **Consent Agenda** - Chairman Ken Gordon made a motion to amend the agenda by adding under item 7. Old/New Business item i. Fill Vacant Board Position. Trustee Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried. The agenda stands approved as amended.
 - a. **Minutes** - The minutes stand approved.
 - b. **Financial reports**
 1. **Clerk's report** - Clerk Hunter reported she has been working from home due to the Coronavirus pandemic. She has been attending the Idaho State Department of Education weekly webinars. She has been filling out unemployment forms for substitute teachers due to coronavirus. She and Assistant Business Manager Kendra Lanham are working on setting up the payroll software for the next fiscal school year.
 - a. *** Set Budget Hearing Date** - The budget hearing date will be at the June 16, 2020 board meeting at 5:00 p.m.
5. **Supervisors' Reports**
 - a. **Maintenance** - Maintenance Supervisor Bob Kassebaum reported that both the maintenance and custodial crews have been working hard on repairs and painting during the coronavirus pandemic. The graduation pictures have been moved and rehung in the academic hall at the highschool which has created more room for upcoming graduation pictures.
 - b. **Transportation** - Transportation Supervisor Russ Taylor was not in attendance. Superintendent Hunicke reported that the bus drivers have been delivering breakfast, lunch, and school work to students daily.
 - c. **Food Service** - Food Supervisor Cyndi Watson reported that she and her staff have been providing breakfast and lunch for over 100 children both at the high school and on the three bus routes daily. She applied for a federal waiver to provide food for students on the weekends as well. The food items will be distributed on the Friday before the weekend.
 - d. **Community Wellness Center** - Community Wellness Director Bundy Moore was not in attendance. Superintendent Hunicke shared that she has been actively reaching out to

students and providing them with assistance with hygiene and food baskets from the United Way.

6. Administrators' Reports

- a. **Special Education** - Special Education Director, Beth Woodruff, discussed the challenges and successes of teaching special education students online. She commented that the teachers and paraprofessionals have done an outstanding job working with the parents and students during this unprecedented time. She has been attending webinars to stay on top of compliance issues in accordance with Federal guidelines.
- b. **Building Principals** - Elementary Principal Jamie Pilkerton discussed how students at the elementary are handling working from home and online. She commented that third grade and up are doing very well but there are more challenges for grades kindergarten to 2nd grade. Parents have filled out the elementary surveys and have been very positive regarding the change and challenges. The teachers and paraprofessionals are doing a great job working with the students. Middle School and High School Principal Sean Porter commented that he is experiencing the same issues and challenges of teaching online and that the teachers are being creative and flexible.

7. Old/New Business

- a. **Idaho Center for Outdoor Education** - Superintendent Hunicke reported that he and the maintenance crew will be planting 200 ponderosa seedlings that originally were designated for students for Arbor Day. The trees will be planted on the side of the football field and along the ICOE/football field parking lot on Friday April, 24th. A University of Idaho graduate student is working on designs for structures that the school district can build using materials on the property.
- b. **Forest Funds** - The Forest Funds will be funded this year and next year. The school district will be receiving \$88,949.00 by the end of this fiscal year. The funds are extremely important to help support the many needs at the school district especially given the impending state budget cuts.
- c. **Strategic Plan**- The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee canceled their meeting in April due to COVID-19 and will reschedule a meeting in the fall.
- d. **Coronavirus** - A lengthy discussion was held concerning the Coronavirus pandemic. The unknown spread of the coronavirus is causing daily challenges and making it very difficult to make decisions when the school district will reopen safely by following the guidelines and mandates of the Idaho State Board of Education.
- e. *** Policy Reading**
 - * **1st Reading Policy 610** - After deliberation trustee Pledge made a motion to accept Policy 610 as the first reading. Trustee Adamson seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.
 - * **2nd Reading Policy 522** - After deliberation trustee Adamson made a motion to accept Policy 522 as the second reading. Chairman Gordon seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- f. **Ratification of School Closure** -
 - * **Soft School Closure** - Chairman Gordon made a motion to approve the Soft

School Closure on March 30th, 2020 to May 22nd, 2020. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

- g. State Board of Education School Mandates** - Superintendent Hunicke updated the board that he was attending all the State Board of Education webinars to stay informed and in compliance of the school mandates.
 - h. Fair Labor Laws/FMLA H.R.6201** - Business Manager Hunter discussed the Fair Labor Laws regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and that she is tracking absences for employees that have been affected by it. All but one of the staff members are working from home or in isolation at the school on curriculum, student support, or maintaining facilities.
 - i. Fill Vacant Board Position** - Chairman Gordon made a motion to fill the vacant board trustee position for Zone 3 with the only applicant, MaryEllen McMurtrie. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee McMurtrie will be sworn in at the next board meeting.
- 8. Chairman's Update** - Chairman Gordon discussed the positive feedback from parents during the pandemic and expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the work that is being done for students. The board is impressed with the professionalism, creativity, and flexibility of the employees to meet the many challenges. Chairman Gordon asked that the trustees and administration fill out the Superintendent evaluation form and return it back to him and he will write up a narrative.
- 9. Superintendent Update** - Superintendent Hunicke discussed options on how to handle the Senior Graduation this spring. The administration will be working on the next fiscal year budget as soon as the Idaho State Department of Education forms are made available. The medical health insurance will have an 8.8 percent increase next year and the worker's compensation rates have gone up by 43 percent.
- 10. Public Item** - No public items.
- 11. Adjournment** - At 6:35 p.m. Trustee Adamson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Hunter, Clerk

Ken Gordon, Chairman