

**Basin School District 72
(208) 392-4183**

**Regular School Board Meeting
High School Cafeteria or [Zoom](#)
January 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** 5:12 Chairman Ken Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. Superintendent Hunicke (virtual) and Clerk Pro Tem ReBekha Lulu were present.
2. **Moment of silence for former teacher Christy Rousset**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Establish Quorum** - Chairman Ken Gordon, Trustee Teresa Pledge, Trustee Mary Ellen McMurtrie, Trustee Brandi Kline, Trustee Tristan Chesire were all in attendance.
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. [December minutes](#)
6. ***Swear in new board members (Brandee Kline and Tristan Chesire)**
7. ***Elect officers and clerk -**
 - a. Trustee Pledge nominated Chairman Gordon to continue as chairman. Trustee Kline seconded. All voted aye. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Gordon nominated Trustee Kline as Vice Chair. Trustee Pledge seconded. All voted aye. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Vice Chair Kline made a motion to continue the shared duties of board clerk between ReBekha Lulu and Kendra Lanham. Trustee Pledge seconded. All voted aye. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Chairman Gordon moved that Trustee Pledge continue as board treasurer. Vice Chair Kline seconded. All voted aye. Passed unanimously.
8. **Brief explanation of board guidelines** - Chairman Gordon described the purpose and guidelines of the school board including Title 33 of Idaho Statutes and the adoption of Robert Rules of Order as a legally adopted method to run these school board meetings. He also detailed the training that school board members undergo.
9. ***Coronavirus policy updates** - Trustee Chesire moved to adopt the probable-case flow chart as a guideline. Trustee Pledge seconded. Discussion followed about the use of the flowchart as a guideline and not an all-encompassing policy. All voted aye.
 - a. [Determining a probable case- flow chart](#) Superintendent Hunicke noted that rates are increasing within the district. Discussion of the viral load, testing times, and quarantine recommendations followed.
 - b. [Guidance for Contract Tracing- flow chart](#)
 - c. [Isolation and Quarantine FAQ](#) - Chairman Gordon clarified that in the last legislative session, the law was changed so that the school board must act in consultation with Central District Health rather than visa versa.
 - d. [Analysis of sick days](#)
10. **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.** No public comments were received in advance.
11. [Business & Financial reports](#) - Business Manager Kendra Lanham was in attendance virtually and discussed the ESSER funding reporting process.
12. **Supervisors' Reports**

- a. [Maintenance](#) - Maintenance Supervisor [Bob Kassebaum](#) was in attendance virtually. He summarized the various struggles caused by the snow and cold and equipment breakdowns.
- b. [Transportation](#) - Transportation Director Russ Taylor was in attendance virtually. Chairman Gordon asked that he update on the DERA funds as they are distributed. Vice Chair Kline asked if the district would need to pay for a new bus up front and Mr. Taylor clarified that payment is due at the time of delivery. He also stated that delivery before the end of the school year (June 2023) would start the depreciation process right away.
- c. [Food service](#) - Food Service Supervisor Cindy Watson was in attendance virtually. There were no questions.
- d. [Community wellness](#) - Community Wellness Director Dawn Gillis was not in attendance.

13. Administrators' Reports

- a. [Special Education](#) - Designee Mindi Grant was in attendance virtually.
- b. **Building Principals**
 - [Elementary](#) - Principal [Jamie Pilkerton](#) was in attendance. She clarified that since writing the report many events have been cancelled and some will potentially be rescheduled. The elementary school received the final report and received word that it passed the STEM Action Center Board. The next step is the Idaho State Board of Education for final approval.
 - [MS/HS](#) - Principal Sean Porter was in attendance. He clarified that the number of students with low grades is comparable to the first semester of last year and that a building goal is to have a higher percentage of students with passing grades. He also noted that discipline rates are lower, and he also highlighted the work of Mrs. Bell. Mr. Porter clarified for the public that he ordered the 2017 Magruder's American Government sample textbook.

14. Old/New Business

- a. **Idaho Center for Outdoor Education** - Trails may be used for a cross country ski team after they come up with a groomer.
- b. **Forest Funds** - Chairman Gordon discussed the possibility of forest funds extending one more year.
- c. **Strategic Plan** - Chairman Gordon discussed that the tentative advisory meeting has been set for this Friday at 3:30 but will need to follow up regarding illness. May hold a pre-meeting to solidify agenda before full meeting takes place.
- d. ***[Trustee Zone Map](#)** (*received the maps 12:49, 1/18/2022*) - Vice Chair Kline shared that the %Difference refers to the difference between zones and that while these zones are compliant under the 10% difference, the recent changes have made zones more unbalanced. Superintendent Hunicke clarified that the Idaho State Board made the changes and has approved it. Trustee Pledge made a motion to accept the revised boundaries. Trustee Chesire seconded. Discussion followed. Trustee McMurtrie asked if someone could call to find out their zones. Vice Chair Kline clarified that once it goes to the county and they update their database people will be able to contact the county. Chairman Gordon acknowledged for the record that as Vice Chair Kline stated, it would be better if Zone 2 were more balanced. Chairman Gordon, Trustee Chesire, Trustee Pledge, and Trustee McMurtrie voted aye. Vice Chair Kline voted nay. Motion passed.
- e. ***[2022-23 District Calendar](#)** - Superintendent Hunicke shared that there are multiple versions of the calendar shared with many comments from people about the length of the school year, the starting or ending dates, and the possibility of a four day week. Chairman Gordon moved that the board continue the discussion and defer it to the next meeting at which time they will

have a calendar to look at and approve and/or modify. Trustee Pledge seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- f. ***New elementary teacher** - Cassie Boyd has been serving as a non-certified paraprofessional. Trustee Pledge moved to hire Cassie Boyd for the first grade position pending her certification. Chairman Gordon Seconded. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion passed.
- g. ***Levy Notice - Chairman Gordon** moved to file the paperwork with the clerk's office of intent to run supplemental levy. Trustee Pledge seconded. All voted Aye. Motion passed.
 - i. **Levy draft budget** - Superintendent Hunicke and the board discussed the major categories and needs of the school such as a school nurse. Trustee Pledge shared that the levy rates in Garden Valley and Horseshoe Bend schools are significantly higher.

Vice Chair Kline clarified that the levy is not what causes taxes to rise every year. Once the levy is approved, it stays the same amount from year to year. Chairman Gordon discussed that the school board could also reduce the levy amount at any time if circumstances warranted.

Trustee Chesire further discussed the draft bill as a possible secure source of funding but one which could force schools to lower their budget. Principal Pilkerton further described problems with the bill's potential to end the ability to levy specific programs that the state will not fund such as preschool programming.

Chairman Gordon shared that he and Superintendent Hunicke are planning a meeting with Senator Thayne, and he extended an invitation to any board members, administrators, or community members who would like to attend.
 - ii. **Amendment - Levy 2019 document for comparison**
- h. ***Multiple sports participation - Natalie Kulick** - Natalie Kulick was present. She described the division she felt existed within the staff regarding the establishment of baseball and softball. She asked if there is a policy in place that states that we do offer multiple sports during the spring. Superintendent Hunicke clarified that there is no district or state policy. Chairman Gordon stated that the decision should be up to students and what they want and the availability of staffing. Trustee Chesire shared that his son had hoped to do both and was not able and expressed his wish that it might be possible for those students. Further discussion followed. Principal Porter shared his concerns. Kent Johnson further shared his experience as a track coach. Natalie Kulick responded with clarification that she adjusted the practice schedule midway. Sydney Porter discussed her perspective as a teacher of students playing multiple sports. Chairman Gordon moved to take the asterisk off agenda item 14h. Vice Chair Kline seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.
- i. ***Staff leave request** - Principal Pilkerton asked for flexibility on the spring break extension policy to reschedule her winter break trip that was cancelled. Some discussion followed. Trustee Pledge moved to allow up to 5 additional days. Trustee Chesire seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.
- j. **Possible health care provider for the clinic** - Superintendent Hunicke updated on new laws regarding Medicaid which have delayed the process and sent the district back to the planning phase. Chairman Gordon further updated.
- k. ***Title IX Policy 420 (3085)** - Chairman Gordon discussed needed changes and adaptations of policy including specific language and correcting a typo. Due to the critical nature of this policy it was moved by Chairman Gordon and seconded by Vice Chairman Kline to have this policy adopted as an emergency adoption. All voted aye, policy adopted.
- l. ***Change Policy number 3085F to policy number 421(3085F)** Chairman Gordon moved that the Title IX policy be adopted, that the policy number be changed, and that the language be altered as discussed. Vice Chair Kline seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

15. **Chairman's Update** - Chairman Gordon shared about upcoming opportunities for board members and administration to engage with the legislature and receive training. He further implored everyone to please fact check information and to reach out to the school board with any questions regarding education.
16. **Superintendent Update** - Superintendent Hunicke shared good news that school district health insurance could be greatly improved following the State's investigation. He also clarified that the vaccination clinic will require parent approval and that the clinic is not run by the district.
17. ***Executive Session** -To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A(1) and (b), IdahoCode At 7:44 p.m. Chairman Gordon moved to executive session. Vice Chair Kline seconded. All voted aye. Passed.
18. **Adjournment** At 9:18 Trustee Pledge made a motion to adjourn and Chairman Gordon seconded. All voted aye. Passed.

*** Indicates an action item**

ATTEST:

ReBekha Lulu, Clerk Recorder

Ken Gordon, Chairman

Kendra Lanham, Clerk