

Basin School District 72
PO Box 227
Idaho City, ID 83631
March 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - At 7:04 p.m. Chairman Ken Gordon called the regular school board meeting to order. Superintendent John McFarlane and Clerk Cindy Hunter were present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Establish Quorum** - Present: Chairman Ken Gordon, Trustee Theresa Pledge, Trustee Brent Adamson, Trustee MaryEllen McMurtrie and Trustee Kim Chmura.
4. **Consent Agenda** - Chairman Gordon made a motion to amend the agenda by adding 7 i. Ken Mallea and move up item 7 h. Substitute pay to 7 a. and move item 7a. Idaho Center for Outdoor Education down to item 7h. Trustee McMurtire seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes - Approved as presented.
 - b. Financial reports
 1. Clerk's report – Clerk Hunter asked the board which members would like to attend the Education Law Institute on April 24th and 25th. Chairman Gordon, Trustee Pledge, Trustee Adamson, along with Superintendent McFarlane and Principal Jamie Pilkerton will attend.
5. **Supervisors' Reports**
 - a. **Maintenance** - Supervisor Jim Anderson discussed using bentonite to help stop where water is seeping in because of spring run off issues at the elementary and bus barn. The new dump truck has been very beneficial and cost effective for snow removal this year.
 - b. **Transportation** - A sealed bid was opened for bus 17. The minimum acceptable amount for a bid was set at the trade in allowance amount of \$2,500.00. Trustee Adamson made a motion to accept the only bid made for \$2,657.00 from Big Sky Busing Inc. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried. The board asked Supervisor Taylor to get an estimate for gravel and a pole barn to cover buses in the winter. He will report back to the board next month. Supervisor Taylor will be working on the new bus over the Spring Break and he hopes to have it ready for service when students return back. Supervisor Taylor reported that the bus fleet is in good order.
 - c. **Food Services** - On February 17th, 2017 Food Director Cyndi Watson attended a broker taste testing session with the Treasure Valley Co Op to try out new food and drink items for the following school year. Supervisor Watson explained that students are provided an after school snack in the tutoring program.
6. **Administrators' Reports** -

- a. **Special Education** - A discussion was held on the complicated methods to bill medicaid for special education services and that Governor Butch Otter has made a executive order to support agencies in the complicated process of reimbursement. Special Education Director informed the board that the district now has three additional special education students.
- b. **Building Principals** - Two elementary teachers received funding for special projects in their classroom. Teacher ReBekha Lulu set up a Donors Choose site for funding alternative seating in her classroom. Teacher Mike Holloway wrote a CapEd grant for a thermal sensing device that can be used in science and in the vocational program. Superintendent McFarlane is waiting to hear the outcome of the February board meeting at St. Luke's for the proposal to staff a nurse practitioner in the school district. He will update the board at the next board meeting. The administrators gave an update on the mastery based education for math saying that students, teachers and parents are adjusting to the new and improved way of teaching the curriculum. Trustee Adamson updated the board on his progress in looking into the reduction of Title 1 funds saying he is making headway and hopes to be able to discuss the issue with a Federal employee soon.

7. Old/New Business

- a. **Substitute Pay** - A discussion was held on the amount per hour that the district pays classified substitutes. The three classified supervisors will meet with Superintendent McFarlane to discuss how to handle the classified substitute pay and report back to the board.
- b. **Forest Funds** - No new updates.
- c. **Continuous Improvement** - No new updates.
- d. **Idaho Core/ISAT by Smarter Balance** - No new updates.
- e. **Strategic Plan** - The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee plans to meet on the April 14, 2017 in-service day and then report back to the board at the April board meeting.
- f. **Calendar Changes** - Trustee McMurtrie made a motion to make calendar changes for the senior class to add additional days needed due to the emergency closure days that occurred this winter. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- g. **Renewal Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist-** Trustee Pledge made a motion for the renewal of the Alternative Authorization application for Teacher Tamara Ansotegui to teach US History. Trustee McMurtrie seconded the motion and all vote aye. Motion carried.
- h. **Idaho Center for Outdoor Education** - The Idaho Center for Outdoor Education committee will meet on April 14, 2017 to discuss the April 21st, 2017 Earth Day and the Solar Eclipse activity planned for August 21st, 2017. Sophomore Phoenix Hobbs will lead the Solar Eclipse activity for her senior project. There are several user groups planned to use the facilities this summer.
- i. **Ken Mallea** - Ken Mallea was the hearing officer on March 15th, 2017 for a district personnel matter. The board was given time to read the summary from the district employee and the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision prepared by Hearing

Officer Mallea during the board meeting. Trustee Adamson made the motion to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision by the hearing officer for the district employee. Trustee Pledge seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Chairman Gordon explained that the motion to adopt means to terminate the employee immediately. Chairman Gordon explained to the board that Hearing Officer Mallea acted for the district as a judge during the hearing. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman stated that the district employee will be terminated as of the signing of the document. The document was signed by each trustee and the clerk of the board. Superintendent McFarlane will deliver the document and last pay check to the district employee.

8 . Chairman's Update - Trustee Zones 1 and Zones 2 are up for the May 16th, 2017 election. The last day to file as a write in candidate is April 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. with Boise County. Trustee Zone 3 may be available this Spring. Persons interested will need to contact Clerk Hunter after Trustee Chmura has officially resigned her position. The board will have the April board meeting scheduled for April 18th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. due to a conflict with the Senior Project Night. Several of the board members will be judging the projects.

9. Superintendent Update - Superintendent McFarlane had already updated the board throughout the meeting.

10. Public Item - There were no public items.

11. Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) - Chairman Gordon moved to not have an executive session. Trustee Chmura seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment - At 8:55 p.m. Trustee Chmura 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