Basin School District 72
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Idaho City, ID 83631
November 15, 2016
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 was present. Clerk Cindy Hunter was not in attendance. Elementary Principal, Jamie Pilkerton, acted as secretary and recorded the minutes.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Establish Quorum** - Present: Chairman Ken Gordon, Trustee Theresa Pledge, Trustee Brent Adamson, Trustee Kim Chmura and Trustee MaryEllen McMurtrie.
4. **Consent Agenda -** Approved as presented.
    a. Minutes - Approved as presented.
    b. Financial reports
        1. Clerk's report – Clerk Hunter was not in attendance. Superintendent McFarlane stated that we received our November SDE payment and it was what was expected.
5. **Supervisors' Reports**
    a. **Maintenance -** Supervisor Jim Anderson discussed that they are investigating the cause of the clogged storm drain in the passageway between the portables and the high school building. Possible solutions were discussed to alleviate the problem. Discussion occurred on replacing the toilets with lower volume toilets to help conserve water usage.

    b. **Transportation -** Supervisor Russ Taylor was not in attendance. Trustee Chumra asked about all transportation staff being trained for winter driving. Trustee Pledge asked whether the buses carried additional chains beyond the insta-chains that are already installed.

    c. **Food Services -** Chairman Gordon asked about the status of the Provision 2 Breakfast program. Supervisor Cyndi Watson reported that in January, we will no longer be on the program, and we will begin our baseline year in the fall. Chairman Gordon asked about the extra cost of feeding the children that are not on the Free and Reduced program. Watson commented that she is not sure since she is not tracking which students are eating breakfast and instead is only tracking overall counts. Students that qualify for the Free and Reduced program will still receive breakfast for the free or the reduced price.

6. **Administrators' Reports**

a. **Special Education -** Director Beth Woodruff reported that the program is working well. Trustee Chumra asked about the elementary extended resource students that are currently in a classroom at the high school. Trustee McMurtrie asked whether the classroom at the elementary would be finished this year.
b. **Building Principals -** Chairman Gordon commented that the minutes should reflect that the Special Education team is doing an excellent job and that the board appreciates the hard work. Chairman Gordon asked about the status of the SRO program with new staffing. Superintendent McFarlane commented that Deputy Archer is getting to know the new role of SRO. Trustee Chumra commented that the shared folder with the mastery based information was helpful and that she also attended some related workshops at the School Board Association Conference. Discussion occurred regarding mastery based education being a paradigm shift in how we approach education. Trustee McMurtrie asked how we determine mastery and whether it is measured with a test. Superintendent McFarlane commented that it is a measured along the learning progression with either demonstration, projects, or a variety of assessments. Questions were brought up regarding the transition with letter grades and transcripts for colleges. Superintendent McFarlane commented that some of the universities are transitioning as well and that they are using ACT and SAT scores in addition to transcripts.

7. Old/New Business

a. **Idaho Center for Outdoor Education -** Trustee Chmura gave an update on the ICOE and commented that architects will be visiting on Friday, November 18th. Cole Architects will be helping give advice on the design of the observatory at no cost to the district. Amy Eiden has volunteered to develop upper elementary science curriculum.
b. **Forest Funds -** No new updates.
c. **Continuous Improvement -** Superintendent McFarlane reported that the State Board Continuous Improvement Plan requires that the district identify specific performance indicators that will be monitored and measured throughout the year. McFarlane presented the board with a list of possible performance indicators that the district will use to track overall performance. Discussion occurred on the individual indicators. The plan that will be posted on the website will reflect data from the last school year.
d. **Idaho Core/ISAT by Smarter Balance -** No new updates.
e. **Strategic Plan -** Chairman Ken Gordon reported that the District Strategic Planning Advisory Committee met on November 9, 2016 to review the ICOE Strategic Plan as well as discuss strategic district issues. The committee determined that the ICOE plan needed to be concise, easily understood by patrons and aligned to the overall district strategic plan. Chairman Gordon shared a copy of the plan and encouraged the board to review it. Chairman Gordon reported that the committee also discussed current strategic issues, one of which is the need for a multi-purpose gym/room to help alleviate the issue of having athletic practices begin at 6:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m., resulting in student safety concerns and a negative educational impact. This issue will be studied further.

8 . Chairman's Update - Chairman Gordon asked about the status of Every Student Succeeds Act. Superintendent commented that this is the law that replaced the No Child Left Behind Act. He reported that there is more flexibility within ESSA but there is much that is still to be determined on the details for districts. Chairman Gordon commented that the district does not have an important documents approval pathway plan in which groups/committees develop important documents as well as share and get input from the stakeholders prior to bringing it to the board for approval. Discussion occurred on what the pathway may include. The board determined that they would ruminate on the idea and discuss the specific details at the next board meeting. Discussion occurred regarding the ICRMP trustee position. Trustee Adamson volunteered to be a nominee. Chairman Gordon approved the nomination form. Discussion occurred regarding board evaluations and how to gather input from stakeholders on the board performance. It was discussed that the board would possibly do focus groups with the staff during an inservice day. Trustee Chumra shared highlights from the Idaho School Board Association Conference. She shared the results of the resolutions that the ISBA will be lobbying for in the next legislative session.

9. Superintendent Update - Superintendent McFarlane informed the board on three items. A student group would like to plan a student funded cultural trip to Seattle and would possibly approach the board with a proposal. A group from M2 visited the campus to look at the installation of external security camera systems as well as upgraded locking systems for the exterior doors. Discussion occurred regarding an email that Ken had sent expressing concern over the presidential election process and how the behaviors modeled may influence students and parents regarding what may be acceptable.

10. Public Item - There were no public items.

Chairman Gordon moved to amend the agenda to make executive session item 11 and adjournment item 12. Adamson seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon moved to go to executive session. Trustee Pledge seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved out of executive session at 9:26

11. Adjournment - At 9:27 p.m. Trustee Chumra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Adamson seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Cindy Hunter, Clerk Ken Gordon, Chairman