

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Melba School District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 by Chairman Ed Smith.

Flag salute was held.

II. ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Megan Volkers, Mary Huff, Travis Christensen and Jason Knopp, Superintendent Andy Grover, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Administrative Assistant Jackie Engle, Principals Sherry Ann Adams and Todd Shumway, Campaign experts Ken Burgess and Mrs. Luna, Employee Jen Capps and student council representatives Hector Rodriguez and Natalie Bangerter.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 2/4/2014
- C. Approval of Bills of 3/11/2014 and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. **Trustee Knopp reported on legislative issues.** The legislature is still discussing the education budget and a voucher bill. The new teacher evaluation, with parent and student input, is being discussed. He added that ISBA standards have been aligned with the National SBA. They are encouraging districts to adopt these standards and use them as a reference. These standards will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- B. **ISBA Day on the Hill was successful.** Representative Batt sent a letter thanking the Melba team for their attendance and input on educational issues.
- C. **The District submitted a grant application to Monsanto for \$25,000 for a greenhouse.** Mr. Shumway expressed optimism because of the support from the team writing the application and community members supporting the concept.
- D. **Mr. Ken Burgess talked with the Board about Mr. Grover's campaign for State Superintendent of Schools.** Mr. Burgess met with the teachers to explain the rules and campaign regulations regarding political activities here at school. He provided information to protect employees, the district and the candidate. He cautioned the district on common violations such as sending emails of support from the school, using school equipment, and conducting any campaign activities during school hours.
- E. **Superintendent Grover presented the proposed "Pathways" program for the Junior/Senior High School.** This program prepares students for their career choices by providing certification or an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. It also provides direction for parents in helping their student achieve their career goals. It will be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year.
- F. **The Wireless installation is completed.** Over 280 devices are logging on each day. A policy to determine guidelines for wireless use is being developed.
- G. **Mr. Grover and Chairman Smith will travel to Worley to accept a grant from the Coeur d'Alene tribe for \$2500** to be used to purchase iPads for ELL students.
- H. **IASA Summer Leadership Conference will be August 4-6, 2014 in Boise.** Robert J. Marzano will be speaking. His program has been the focus of teacher inservice here in Melba.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Boise Matadors Football Team requested use of the football field for one game.** They will pay \$450 and the school can operate concessions at that game.

Motion to approve by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

- B. The Board approved a facility use request from the Friends Church** to practice volleyball in the old gym.

Motion by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

- C. The Board approved extended trip requests for HOSA, FFA and FCCLA to attend state conventions.**

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

- D. The Board discussed the open enrollment report.** Three students are on probation, based on absences. A recommendation will be made at the end of the year regarding their enrollment. A motion to accept the open enrollment report as presented, including the probation status to be reviewed at the end of the year, was passed

Motion by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

- E. The proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year was reviewed.** A discussion on the start date and kindergarten requirements was held. A revised calendar will be presented at the April meeting.

VI. REPORTS

- A. A motion to approve standing reports was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Idaho Code 67-2340 through 67-2346, a motion was made to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiations, property and/or personnel at 7:10 p.m. Specific issues discussed related to personnel.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

The Board recessed from Executive Session at 8:20.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.