

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 12, 2016
Melba School District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

II. ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Mary Huff, Travis Christensen, Jason Knopp and Megan Volkers, Superintendent Andy Grover, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Administrative Assistant Jackie Engle, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principals Eric Forsgren and Sherry Ann Adams, Student Council representatives Sam Monson and Steven Zeyer and Kuna Melba News Reporter Erin Turpin.

Sam Monson and Steven Zeyer reported that Student Council held a successful “Rake up Melba” event and provided food baskets for several needy families and donated food to the Senior Center Pantry during the Thanksgiving Season. They are currently planning for a Sadie Hawkins Dance.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to amend the agenda to clarify Item E under New Business to state “Dis/Approve First Reading of Section 1000 of the new Policy Manual.

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 11/07/2016
- C. Approval of Bills of 12/13/2016 and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

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

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Superintendent Grover reported that the Elementary School project is nearing completion.** The construction firm has completed tearing things out and is now working on finishing the water line along the road by the old gym. The playground equipment should be up this week and the only project requiring ‘digging’ is the water drain for the parking lot. The teachers and students are enjoying the new school!
- B. The HVAC system for the old gym will be rebid with a few changes.** The district is hoping to save approximately 15% with this.
- C. Dr. Grover invited the board to attend the Staff Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.** This will allow bus drivers to participate before they leave on their routes.
- D. Policy Section 1000, Board of Trustees, has been updated and will be reviewed for first reading.** Each section will be presented to the board for approval.
- E. Student numbers are remaining around the 800 number.**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A motion to disapprove the low bid for the HVAC system in the old gym was passed.**

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion to approve the November Contractor Payment was passed.

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

B. A motion to approve the November Architect Payment was passed.

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

C. A motion to approve the Facility Use Request for the Melba Community Auction was passed.

Motion by Trustee Mary Huff.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Trustee Volkers abstained from voting.
Motion carried.

D. A motion to approve the Art Club trip request to attend the McCall Winter Carnival was passed.

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

E. The board reviewed Section 1000 of the Melba School District Policy Book. These policies will not go into effect until the entire update is completed. A motion to approve first reading of Policies #1000 – #1645 was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

VII. STANDING REPORTS

A. The board reviewed Principal and Financial reports for the month. Superintendent Grover reported that new cameras have been installed in the elementary school and high school cameras are also being upgraded. A new key system will be put in place for the District Office, High School and Elementary School.

Dr. Grover also discussed the upcoming legislative session. He anticipates they will fund the teacher ladder and are considering assisting districts in developing a fund for self-insuring employees because of the drastic increase in health insurance costs. He has proposed a change in maintenance funding to the legislature, encouraging a change from a line item to a block grant for specific maintenance requirements.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:30 p.m.

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