

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
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, Travis Christensen, Susan Jaca, 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 Mindy Lincoln, Michelle Riley and Brayden Christensen, Officer Talbot and Officer Lowber from the Canyon County Sheriff's Department, Patrons Bryan McCormack, Jason Phillips, Chanall Astle, Marissa Young, Lori Collins, Faith and James Robson and Chad Gunstream.

Student Council Representatives Michelle Riley and Brayden Christensen reported on their successful food drive for the Senior Center food bank and efforts toward a fundraiser for Beckham Bice and Christmas week activities.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 11/14/2017
- C. Approval of Bills of 12/12/2017 and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Safety Concerns:

Several patrons expressed concern over the recent safety issue in the elementary school. Superintendent Grover discussed the timeline of events beginning with the report at 3:45 on Saturday, the investigation by the Canyon County Sheriff's Department, inspection and clearance of the elementary building, and the suspect being taken into custody. On Monday at 11:15 a meeting was held with Canyon County Officers and a communication was prepared to send home to parents. A news release was issued and a joint press conference was held with the Canyon County Sheriff at 3:15. Dr. Grover assured the patrons that safety of the students and staff was a priority.

Patron Lori Collins expressed confidence in the school, but was concerned about the length of time it took to notify parents of the event. She asked that the district be more prompt in providing information and options to families. Chanall Astle thanked the district for their efforts in this difficult situation. Trustee Knopp added that the district must work with the Sheriff's Department in giving out information. Dr. Grover added that if he felt there was a threat to children he would cancel school and agreed to make sure information was provided as soon as possible to parents.

In response to a question about the student Dr. Grover reminded everyone that the case is sealed because the student is a juvenile. An expulsion hearing will be held and the Board will make a decision concerning this issue.

James Robson asked about the district's preparation for safety issues. Superintendent Grover responded that there are policies and practices in place. Staff members are trained and a Safety Committee made up of teachers and community members reviews all plans. The new elementary building is a much safer

school and police presence is important. Trustee Volkens added that by law the district must practice a fire drill monthly and a lockdown annually.

Dr. Grover thanked the patrons for their input and expressed appreciation for their concerns and desire to make Melba a safer place.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Idaho Code 74-201 through 74-208, a motion was made to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Motion carried.

The Board recessed from Executive Session at 5:37.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Motion carried.

A motion to expel Student A for violating district policy was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Recused himself from voting.
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Knopp – Yes
Trustee Volkens – Yes
Trustee Smith - Yes
Motion carried.

C. Superintendent Grover reported that student numbers are stable at 830.

D. The calendar for Christmas Break was reviewed. Superintendent Grover invited Board members to the staff celebration and the elementary and high school music programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. A motion to approve the second reading of Section 7000 Financial Policies was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. No action was taken on the contractor payment.

B. The architect payment of \$7,500 was complete, minus 2%. A motion to approve was passed.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

C. Two bids were received on the sidewalk project. A motion to approve the bid from Extreme Concrete was passed.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Vote was unanimous.

- D. A motion to approve an Alternative Authorization for Vocational Ag Teacher Nate Helm was passed.** This allows him to award the Ag Welding Certification.

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

- E. A motion to approve a facility request for the Judo Tournament was passed.**

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

- F. A motion to approve the recommendations for fall coaches as presented was passed.**

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

- G. No personnel report was received.**

VII. STANDING REPORTS

- A. The board reviewed the Superintendent and Principal reports.**

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Motion carried.