

School Board Meeting
Executive Session - 4:00 P.M. ---- Regular Session - 5:30 P.M.
March 22, 2005

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- VI. Pledge of Allegiance**
- VII. Approval of Agenda**
- VIII. Recognitions**
- IX. Delegations**
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Walt Parker, from the Pocatello VFW Post 735, will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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- VIII. Recognitions**

- A. Two Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Teachers Nab State Veterans Honors**

Evelyn (Dea Dea) Harwood and Angie Brown have been recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as Idaho VFW Teachers of the Year at the VFW state conference in Boise this past February. Ms. Harwood is a teacher at Highland High School and Ms. Brown is a teacher at Indian Hills Elementary. Both were recognized for their outstanding efforts in teaching citizenship, patriotism, and their efforts to educate students about our Nation's veterans and the price they paid for the freedom we all enjoy living in this great country.

These two outstanding teachers were recognized by Post 735, District 7, as the nominees for Teacher of the Year. Each was honored at luncheons locally, given certificates of recognition, and placed in the state competition. At the annual VFW conference dinner in Boise, the selection of Ms. Harwood and Ms. Brown were announced. They were given plaques and commendations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of veterans.

Ms. Harwood has worked continuously throughout her career to educate students about the sacrifices made by those who have gone to fight for our country. Also, Ms. Harwood has been recognized by Idaho State University as an Affiliate Faculty Member. Ms. Brown, likewise, has worked with students to ensure their understanding of what it means to be called to duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. At Indian Hills, she organized a letter writing campaign and Christmas cards to our troops this past year.

Again, this demonstrates the outstanding staff we have in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

B. Franklin’s Natalie Barfuss - Region 5 Middle Level Educator of the Year

A second faculty member (Susan Scully is Outstanding Secondary VP), Natalie Barfuss, who teaches seventh grade literature, was named Region 5 Middle Level Educator of the Year by the National Middle School Association. She was nominated by her peers. Ms. Barfuss will attend a National Middle School Association conference near the end of March, where she will be recognized for her achievements.

Fellow teacher, Donna Thau, says, “Natalie is a hard-working teacher known for her leadership. We are proud of her success and wish her luck.”

Ms. Barfuss has been recognized for her efforts locally as well as in the state organization. She is another example of the outstanding faculty we have in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

C. Pocatello Robotics Team Wins Big at Northwest Regional Competition

Pocatello Robotics Team 1569, although just a rookie team with only one semester of experience, was good enough to be selected as an ally team for the quarter finals (only 24 of the 37 teams that competed). The matches were best 2 out-of 3 rounds. Out of 8 alliances, the Pocatello team was the 6th seed. That put the Pocatello alliance into the final round against the top-seeded alliance. While the robotics class is located at PHS, the students (and the team) come from all three high schools. This year only CHS and PHS students registered for this new course but there is plenty of interest from all three schools for next year.

The Pacific Northwest Regional F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition was held at the Rose Quarter Memorial Coliseum (March 10, 11, and 12) where 37 teams from California, Canada, Oregon, Alaska, Washington, Montana and Idaho (only two teams from Idaho - Hillcrest and Poky) competed. Each team's robot (around 120 lbs.) had to perform various tasks including stacking 2.5 foot tall tetrahedrons

made of PVC-like material onto 5 - 7 foot goals, arranging the tetras in "tic-tac-toe" patterns (9 goals), and getting each alliance team of robots (3 in an alliance) back behind the starting lines (blue team-vs-red team) ... all within two minutes.

The GK-12 project is designed to raise interest in science and technology through direct interaction between students, university graduate/doctoral candidates, and the community. Great emphases are placed on inquiry-based approaches in the labs, mentoring partnerships, and constant communication between programs and local professions.

While the team was at the competition, executives from Micron, Microsoft, and Idaho National Laboratories were there and sat with us. After watching the competition, they showed a great interest in our participation. They gave the team their cards and asked for the advisors to give them a call ... soon!

D. Janet Little, Junior at Highland High School, Wins DAR Essay Contest

Janet Little has been selected as the winner of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest of the Wyeth Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was presented a certificate and a book, "Anchor of Liberty," at the February 19 DAR luncheon. This is an annual contest open to students in grades 9-12 in public, private, parochial, or home schools. Little's essay, which she read at the DAR luncheon, will be sent to the state contest. The state winner will be sent to the regional competition. The regional division winner will be forwarded to the national competition. The national winner will receive \$1200 in addition to transportation and paid lodging in Washington, D.C. The second place winner will receive \$500 and the third place winner will receive \$300. Good luck to Janet as her essay progresses to regional and national competition.

E. Franklin Students Place at Regional MathCounts Competition

Franklin Middle School eighth grade students out performed 33 other teams to place third in the Regional MathCounts competition held at Idaho State University in mid-February. Members of the FMS MathCounts team include Charles Malard, Cody Marchetti, Ryan Newson, Matthew Osberg, Sharik Peck, Abraham Richards, Kevin Tsai, Jonathan Wheelock, and Alysha Labrum.

According to advisor Deanna Long, the nine-member team was quite surprised and greatly pleased with the third place finish. She noted that Jonathan Wheelock

had an especially good reason to be pleased with his individual performance. He answered numerous questions correctly. He was awarded a \$200 scholarship to Idaho State University.

F. Irving Middle School Student, John Lackey Takes Sixth Place at State MathCounts

Meanwhile, John Lackey, a seventh grade student at Irving Middle School, won sixth place at the State. John started the MathCounts program this year at Irving Middle School. After training for about 4 months, he qualified to represent Irving at the Southeast Idaho Competition, which was held February 12. John placed 4th overall out of over 100 students. Because of this high score, he qualified for the State Competition in Boise, which was held March 5. John placed 6th in the State of Idaho. Mr. Lackey was the only student from Pocatello who placed in the competition (only the top 10 are recognized). This is quite an accomplishment for John, as he is the age of a 6th grader, and the other competitors were in the 8th grade. John is anxious to compete next year. His family, advisor Shelly Smola, and Irving staff members hope he will represent Idaho in the National Competition at that time.

G. Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Students Speak to Legislators about Alcohol and Drug Awareness Issues

Over the weekend of February 4-7, twenty Pocatello students and sponsors attended the "Idaho Youth Summit" at the Airport Holiday Inn in Boise. Idaho Drug Free Youth and the Idaho Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, put on the three-day conference. Century, Highland and Pocatello High Schools were all represented. There were 170 young people at the conference and most legislative districts in the State had delegations of at least one to two students.

Our young people spent much of the weekend learning of the dangers, statistics and personal stories of people driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. They then developed maps showing the incidences of alcohol related accidents and deaths in their respective counties. One of the weekend activities included driving go-carts at an indoor track where the students got to drive while wearing vision-impairing goggles. They could actually get a feeling for how dangerous it is to drive under the influence. Yes, students performed many slow but jerky turns and there were many crashes out there on the track.

This was followed by a speech competition to determine which teams would get to speak on the Capital steps on Monday. Congratulations to Travis Swallow of Highland and to Jason Payne and Tessa Perry of Century High School for being chosen as 3 of the 4 students to speak at the State Capital. They spoke on the

need for a surtax on alcoholic beverages to help pay for increased alcohol and drug education in our state as well as other issues related to curtailing drunk driving. Pocatello had 3 out of the 4 speakers on the Capitol steps that day.

While at the Capitol, School District #25 students also got to speak to state legislators about their concerns. Our Pocatello delegation spent a great deal of time lobbying Representatives Elmer Martinez, Donna Boe, Elaine Smith and other state representatives and senators.

The conference had many sponsors, but the major donor was the Idaho Association of Independent Auto Dealers, who paid the bill for much of the conference. A big thank you goes out to the used car dealers in our state for their support of this conference. Our students came back enthused and determined to make a difference in the lives of their school's students.

IX. Delegations - please limit your comments to 5 minutes

The Board and Administration will take comments under advisement.

X. Public Input on Budget

Beginning with the February 22, 2005 Board Meeting and continuing through June 14, 2005, the District invites patrons to give their input on the Budget for the 2005-2006 School Year. The Public Hearing to adopt the budget is presently set for June 14, 2005.

XI. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Human Resources X Action required

Leave of Absence:

Name	Position/Location	Effective Date
Kalani Reed	1.0 FTE Fourth Grade Chubbuck Elementary	2005-2006
Emily Shurtliff	1.0 FTE Title One Tendoy Elementary	2005-2007

Retirement - Administrators:

Name	Position/Location	Effective Date
Gloria Noble	1.0 FTE Director of Elementary Educ. Education Center	8-15-05
Jeff Taylor	1.0 FTE Director of Secondary Educ. Education Center	8-15-05
Mark Gunning	1.0 FTE Principal Hawthorne Middle School	6-17-05

B. Business

1. School Board Minutes X Action required

The School Board is asked to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005 Regular Session and Executive Session, the February 25, 2005 Special Session, and the March 11, 2005 Special Session Board Meetings.

2. Board Bills X Action required

The School Board is asked to approve payment of bills and invoices as of March 11, 2005 in the amount of \$1,240,847.36.

3. Supplementary Financial Information X Action required

The School Board is asked to approve supplementary financial information for the period of February 1, 2005 through February 28, 2005.

4. Out of State/Overnight Activity Request X Action required

The Highland High School Cheerleaders are requesting to attend the annual summer camp on July 25-28, 2005. The School Board is asked to approve this request.

5. Hawthorne Middle School Band Trip

The Hawthorne Middle School Band has been extended an invitation to attend the “American Musical Salute” in Washington, D.C., November 10-13, 2005.

The “American Musical Salute” provides educational and performance opportunities to America’s outstanding student ensembles to tour and perform in historic locations.

There would need to be a major fund-raising effort made to raise the monies needed to make this trip. Hawthorne Middle School is asking Board approval to investigate the possibilities of looking into the fund raising and also the acceptance of this invitation.

XII. Communications and Clerk’s Report

Monday through Friday, March 28-April 1, 2005
Spring Break - No School

Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, 2005
Grades 7-12 Registration and Conferences - ½ Day Release
Grades 7-12 Only

Thursday, April 21, 2005
End 5th Six Weeks; 2 Hour Early Release Grades K-8
A.M. Kindergarten only; No P.M. Kindergarten

Friday, April 22, 2005
Professional Development - No School

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 - Regular School Board Meeting
Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.
Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. New Business

Information:

1. HVAC Bid Package No. 4 - Irving Middle School and Education Center HVAC Revisions

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened the 2005 HVAC Package No. 4 - Irving Middle School and Education Center HVAC Revisions. Bids were received from 2 vendors. The bids received are approximately \$60,000 over the estimated budget of \$44,845 for the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program. Because of the unexpectedly high cost, it is recommended no award be given at this point in time.

2. Insurance Consultant Presentation

Mr. Bill Lindsay, the District's Insurance Consultant, will be presenting an update on insurance plan costs, trends, and report on a recent meeting with Blue Cross.

Action:

1. Early Graduation Requests X Action required

Students Sagan Lewis, Pocatello High School, Cassadee Brazelton, Highland High School, and Megan Simpson, Highland High School, are requesting permission to graduate early. The School Board is asked to approve the Early Graduation Requests of these three students upon the completion of all graduation requirements.

2. Sociology Textbook Adoption X Action required

The Sociology teachers reviewed the available textbooks and reached a decision to recommend the following textbook for adoption:

Glencoe Publisher's Sociology and You, 2003. The cost of this adoption will be approximately \$7,100.

The School Board is asked to approve the adoption of Glencoe's textbook Sociology and You, 2003.

3. Time Line for Trustee Election Zones 1 and 5 X Action required

Attached is the recommended Time Line for the Zone 1 & 5 Trustees Election to be held on May 17, 2005. The School Board is asked to accept the time line and proceed with the election.

4. Food Service Summer Program X Action required

For the last four years, the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 has sponsored and operated a Summer Food Service Program, which served approximately 2,008 meals per day and generated revenue of \$621,903.11 for this four-year period. The School Board is asked to allow Food Services to submit an application to continue the Summer Food Service Program to be operated between June 6, 2005 and August 12, 2005.

5. New Policy - Stipends X Action required

Dr. Goodliffe requested a new policy be made regarding stipends or additional salary payments. The recommended policy was given to the Board for their review. The School Board is asked to approve Policy 7126 - Stipends, of the Personnel Section of the Policy and Procedure Handbook.

6. Head Start Grant X Action required

Sherry Young, the Head Start Coordinator, will give a brief overview of the changes to the Head Start continuation grant and answer any questions the Board may have. The School Board is asked to approve Head Start submitting the grant for the 2005-2006 school year.

7. Asphalt Removal and Replacement/Asphalt Overlay at Various District Buildings X Action required

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened bids for asphalt removal and replacement/asphalt overlay at various District buildings. Bids were received from 5 vendors. The School Board is asked to award Superior Asphalt the bid for a total of \$26,981.00. This represents the lowest responsible bid for total projects, and falls within the \$32,300 estimated budget of the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program.

8. Concrete Replacement of Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, and Stairways at Various District Buildings **X Action required**

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened bids for Concrete Replacement of Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, and Stairways at various District buildings. Bids were received from 3 vendors. The School Board is asked to award Dance Designs for Projects 1, 3, 11, and 14 in the amount of \$15,178.00; Kiggins Concrete for Projects 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, and 16 in the amount of \$26,182.50; and L & A Concrete for Projects 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, and 18 in the amount of \$19,674.00, for a grand

total of \$61,034.50. This represents the lowest responsible bid for each Project. The estimated budget of the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program is \$54,471.00.

9. Custodial Supplies **X Action required**

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened bids for Custodial Supplies. Bids were received from 14 vendors. Attached is a memo listing the vendors with the lowest responsible bids that met our specifications. The School Board is asked to award the bid to the attached vendors for a total bid award of \$106,373.25.

10. Roofing Replacement/Roof Repair **X Action required**

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened bids for Roof Replacement/Roof Repair at Chubbuck Elementary School, Edahow Elementary School, and Hawthorne Middle School. Bids were received from 4 vendors. The School Board is asked to award Package B - Edahow, to Briggs Roofing Company in the amount of \$69,985; Package A - Chubbuck, to Modern Roofing & Insulation in the amount of \$183,307; and Package C - Hawthorne, to Thomas D. Robison in the amount of \$25,729, for a grand total of \$279,021. This represents the lowest responsible bid for each project and falls within the \$394,990 estimated budget of the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program.

11. Running Tracks Repair/Resurfacing/Re-striping **X Action required**

On March 10, 2005, the administration opened bids for Project No. 1 - Six Lane Track Repair and Resurfacing All Weather Track at Franklin Middle School, and Project No. 2 - Re-Stripping the Eight Lane Track at Century High School. A bid was received from only one vendor, Atlas Tracks, Inc. The School Board is asked to award Atlas Tracks, Inc. Project 1 and 2 for a grand total of \$41,286. This represents the lowest responsible bid for each project and falls within the \$42,400 estimated budget of the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program.

XIV. Reports of Committees

XV. Motions and Resolutions

XVI. Adjournment