

**School Board Meeting**  
**Executive Session - 4:00 P.M. – Regular Session - 5:30 P.M.**

**December 20, 2005**

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**A. Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Announces 2005-06 AP Scholars**

Forty students from Century, Highland and Pocatello high schools have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credits, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Students who earned the **AP Scholar Award** are:

Bric Balmforth, CHS; Chloe Benson, CHS; Konrad Bunde, CHS; Dustin Byington, CHS; Regan Charlton, CHS; Megan Gietzen, CHS; Kimberly Nielson, CHS; Elizabeth O'Brien, CHS; Lance Petersen, CHS; Amber VanVooren, CHS; Elizabeth Wahl, CHS; Travis Chantar, PHS; Wade Lanning, PHS; Richard Holt, HHS; Hailey Orr, HHS; Melissa Roberts, HHS; Evan Roper, HHS; Erin Thomas, HHS; Laramie Weimer, HHS; and Nolan Wittrock, HHS.

Students who earned the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** are:

Patricia Bonman, HHS; Robert Carlsen, HHS; Pedro Laraia, HHS; Traci Ransbottom, HHS; Joseph Delehanty, CHS; Daniel Follett, CHS; Rudo Mudiwa, CHS; Sunshine Nestor, CHS; James Rincon, CHS; and Lara Wabrek, CHS.

Students earning the **AP Scholar with Distinction** are:

Matthew Rude, PHS; Kelsey Hill, HHS; James Lockhart, HHS; Jacquelyn Forhan, CHS; Patrick Gygli, CHS; Boris Hanin, CHS; Emma McInturff, CHS; Aman Prasad, CHS; Eugene Sato, CHS; and Sage Smith, CHS.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both, based on successful performance on the AP Exams.

**B. Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Has National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists**

Pocatello/Chubbuck School District has also had students recognized for academic, school and community achievements through the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students who earned this distinction are:

- **Century High School:**  
Joseph Delehanty, Aman Prasad, and Amber Reed are semifinalists  
Hannah Spinner, commended
- **Pocatello High School:**  
Christie Solomon, semifinalist
- **Highland High School:**  
Laura Miller, semifinalist  
Allen Chen, commended

These students now all advance to the semifinalist category during this year's National Merit Scholarship Program's initial phase of competition.

Approximately 16,000 scholastically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33.9 million, that will be offered in the spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist level of competition.

**C. Isabell Boomer - Volunteer at Lewis & Clark Elementary School**

Isabell Boomer, a retiree from Farmers Insurance, has been volunteering at Lewis & Clark for three years. She began in the regular Kindergarten classroom, then moved to Title I Extended Day Kindergarten. Isabell works with the children on an individual basis on reading skills such as phonics, letter recognition, sight words, etc.

Lewis & Clark teacher Paula Benningfield commented, "During the three years I have had the pleasure of working with Isabell, she has come to my classroom twice weekly in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Not only has she used materials we have ready for her, but she has made little books, sentence strips and other materials at home to use with the children." Ms. Boomer attends Lewis & Clark's Family Dinner & A Book Night each month, comes to workshops for parents, and even attends the Kindergarten programs to watch the children perform. She brings the children surprises for various occasions.

Isabell is also a CASA volunteer and active in her church choir and other activities at her church. She has a keen insight into the needs of others and a ready wit. Isabell celebrated her 80th birthday last year. Lewis & Clark Elementary is delighted to have her as a volunteer and considers her a wonderful asset. Thank you to Isabell Boomer for her dedication and service to students in School District #25.

**D. Joyce Sims - Volunteer at Tendoy Elementary School**

Joyce Sims volunteers at Tendoy Elementary an average of 30 hours a month. This is her third year of volunteering at Tendoy. Joyce helps the third graders with their reading skills.

Joyce is a retired teacher. Her experience makes her an invaluable asset to Tendoy's students and their progress. Joyce always has a smile on her face. She is very caring and genuine and is dedicated and conscientious in her efforts. She takes the time to evaluate each student's reading proficiency. She then selects tutoring material to fit each student's needs. Joyce keeps a record of her daily efforts, so that student progress can be monitored by herself and classroom teachers. She works hard to help each student increase his or her reading ability and confidence.

Joyce is having a wonderful influence on the students at Tendoy Elementary. They are very appreciative of her and are so happy to have her in their school. It is because of her extraordinary efforts and service that Tendoy nominated her for volunteer recognition. Thank you for your dedication to children in the Pocatello - Chubbuck School District.

**IX. Delegations - please limit your comments to 5 minutes**

The Board and Administration will take comments under advisement.

**X. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**A. Human Resources X Action required**

**New Teacher:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Ashley Thurman	.75 FTE Title One Ellis Elementary	12-06-05

**For Your Information:**

We are submitting a request for the following:

Mary Michelle Morris - Consultant Specialist  
Katie Cooper - Additional Leave Requested

**B. Business X Action required**

**1. School Board Minutes X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2005 Regular Session and Executive Session.

**2. Board Bills X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve payment of bills and invoices as of December 9, 2005 in the amount of \$1,291,704.70.

**3. Supplementary Financial Information X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the supplementary financial information for the period of November 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005.

**4. Title VII Indian Education Grant X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve notifying the Sho-Ban Tribe of the District's intent to allow them to make direct grant application for the

Title VII Indian Education Grant for the 2006-07 school year in an effort to facilitate and coordinate the Indian Education and Johnson O'Malley programs with Native American students.

**5. Changes to Charter School Policy X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the recommended changes to Charter School Policy #6118, to bring it in line with legislation that was approved during the 2005 legislative session, and also eliminates the procedure by merging it with policy.

**6. Early Graduation Requests X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the following Early Graduation Requests from Century High School. They are: Danielle Nielson, Michelle Aleman, Laura Bischoff, and Tara Guidinger.

**XI. Communications and Clerk's Report:**

**December 22, 2005**

Winter Break - 2 Hour Early Release Grades K-12 (A.M. Kindergarten Only; No P.M. Kindergarten)

**December 23-30, 2005**

Winter Break - No School

**January 2, 2006**

New Years Holiday - No School

**January 12, 2006**

End 1<sup>st</sup> Semester; Conferences/Collaboration - 2 Hour Early Release Grades K-8 (P.M. Kindergarten Attends During A.M.; No A.M. Kindergarten)

**January 13, 2006**

Record Day - No School

**January 16, 2006**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

**January 17, 2006:**

Regular School Board Meeting: Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. – Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.

**XII. Old Business**

**Information:**

**Kathy Leishman, Pocatello Education Association President:**

Kathy Leishman will give an update to the School Board on the initiative.

**XIII. New Business**

**Action:**

**Food Items and Supplies Bid**

**X Action required**

On December 5, 2005, the administration opened bids for Food Items and Supplies. Bids were received from ten 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 \$548,977.60.

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**XVI. Adjournment**