

**School Board Meeting**  
**Executive Session - 4:00 P.M. – Regular Session - 5:30 P.M.**  
**May 23, 2006**

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- VI. Pledge of Allegiance**
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**VIII. Recognitions**

**A. Professional-Technical Students Place in State and National Competition**

Students from the Professional-Technical Education programs again placed first, second, or third in various categories at their state competitions in Boise. Several went on to the National competition in Orlando, Florida just a couple of weeks ago.

The students represent BPA (Business Professionals of America); SkillsUSA [electronics, auto, construction, etc.]; and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). Other programs in the PTE programs of SD25 include: National FFA (Farming related careers); TSA (Technical Students Association—computer, technology education); FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America).

**B. From Pocatello High School with Teacher Rhonda Naftz**

Website Development Team (2nd place): Eric Armijo, Jared Barthlome, Tyler Naftz, and Justin Sands. This team was given the task to redesign the current BPA website. They needed to reorganize the information and make it user friendly. This team just won “third place” at National BPA in Orlando, Florida in May.

Global Marketing Team (1st place): Nick Burnham, Ashley McDougall, Jessica Steele, Ashley Vaughn. This team worked to revitalize a failing division of a corporation. They built a business plan that would not only pull the division up out of the hole, but increase sales and profits.

Basic Office Systems: Emily Woodhouse (1st place). This is a skills test, Emily created letters, memos, tables, and took a knowledge test on how an office is managed.

Presentation Management (Individual): Tyler Naftz (3rd place). This student was given the task of researching Seattle, Washington DC, and Nashville as a potential site for a future conference. The location needed to accommodate 1000 attendees, have transportation, entertainment, and enough rooms. Tyler placed in the top 10 at National BPA in Orlando.

**C. “Skills USA” State Winners with Teacher Roy Angle**

Automotive Technology (1st place): Ray R. Ricks.

Automotive Technology (2nd place): Mike Silva

Ray and Mike competed against the top 75 automotive students in the state. The contest consisted of 11 actual hands-on stations where the students had to demonstrate their skills in areas such as: installing the ignition in an engine, timing and starting, reassembling disc and drum brakes, wheel alignment of a car, using precision measuring tools, as well as a written test and a job resume. Ray was not only in first place in the High School division with 947.48 points but was nearly 2 points ahead of the college students!

**D. HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Who Qualified at State with Teacher Terri Willson, R.N.**

HOSA is a student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

These students are in the Nursing Assistant Program hosted by Pocatello High School.

Community Awareness Team (3rd Place): Annalisa M. Daulton (PHS senior); Sara E. Simnitt (HHS senior); Ashley M. Hammond (PHS junior). To win this award the students had to provide 15 hours of education to the community. The students did a presentation at Lewis & Clark Elementary and Wilcox Elementary on Smoking Prevention.

Pathophysiology Individual: Michael D. Holyoak, (HHS senior) 1st Place. To win this award, Michael was required to take a knowledge test in Pathophysiology. Pathophysiology is the study of the disturbance of normal mechanical, physical, and biochemical functions that a disease causes, or that which causes the disease.

**E. From Highland High School with Teacher Doug Bosen**

Legal Office: Matt Plooster (1st place) Problem and short answer test about legal office issues. Matt placed 1st at state but didn't make finalist at nationals. He was 16th place out of about 70.

Payroll Accounting: Nate Miller (2nd place). Problem and short answer test about payroll accounting. There were about 70 students taking this test.

Economic Research Paper Team (2nd place): Megan Covey, Tara Harrild. This team did a 5 page research paper on Identity Theft. They placed 2nd at state.

They did GREAT at nationals even though not all were winners. Just to be in the top ten at National competition is an honor and significant achievement for each of these students. Again, this demonstrates the great programs, staff and students we have in SD25.

**F. Century High School Senior, Aman Prasad, Is Idaho Presidential Scholar**

Aman Prasad, a senior at Century High School, has just added another honor to his growing list of achievements. Mr. Prasad has been named one of three Presidential Scholars for Idaho by the United States Department of Education.

Aman was recently awarded top prize in the Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition. In doing so, he collected a \$50,000 scholarship. In this competition, students are asked to study epidemics in community health problems. Prasad asked, "Does mood improve after exercise?"

About 700 students enrolled the YES competition; 60 went to the finals in Washington. Prasad says regardless of where you are from, you can accomplish great things. "I think I've learned you can think big, dream big, and really do anything."

Dr. Pat Charlton, Principal at Century High School, said this about Aman, "All of us at Century High School are very proud of Aman and his accomplishments. He is an outstanding role model for his peers, showing that a hard-working student from Pocatello or Chubbuck, Idaho can compete with the brightest students in America."

The US Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by Executive Order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars. Each year some 2,600 candidates are identified through SAT, ACT, and academic achievement. Application to the program is by invitation only; students do not apply individually nor do their schools nominate them. All scholars will be honored for their achievements during the program's national recognition events held in June in Washington, D.C.

**G. Natalie Barfuss is Simplot Innovative Teacher of the Year**

Natalie Barfuss, who teaches seventh grade literature at Franklin Middle School, was selected as the 2006 Simplot Innovative Teacher of the Year. Ms. Barfuss was nominated by several of her students and parents. Her nomination forms all stated she was one of the best teachers and that she made literature and school fun. She has taught at Franklin for 15 years. During this time she has taught Special Education, math, history and is currently teaching seventh grade literature along with student leadership. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from Idaho State University.

Natalie was named Region 5 Middle Level Educator of the Year by the National Middle School Association in March of 2005. For this honor she was nominated by her peers.

Her colleagues say, "Natalie is a hard-working teacher known for her leadership. We are very proud of her here at Franklin." Ms. Barfuss has been recognized for her teaching skills locally as well as in the state. She is another example of the outstanding faculty we have in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

**H. Sharon Lee Sanders Selected as Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year**

Sharon Sanders, a first grade teacher at Syringa Elementary School, recently was selected as Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year."

Sharon graduated from Brigham Young University in 1974. She taught second grade for 6 ½ years in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She then spent time raising her children until 1992 when she started substituting for SD25. She began teaching full time first grade at Syringa in 1999.

Mr. Gary Black, manager of the Chubbuck Wal-Mart and Shilo Roubidoux, Personnel Director, made a surprise presentation to Ms. Sanders at an all school assembly, on Friday, May 12. Wal-Mart presented the school with a \$1000 grant in her name. She received a \$100 gift card to buy supplies for her classroom, a "Teacher of the Year" polo shirt and a personalized certificate. The award is given as part of Wal-Mart's annual Teacher of the Year program. "The teachers

in our area are superb,” said Gary Black, Wal-Mart manager. “The selection process was not an easy one, but we are happy to announce our recipient and share this great news with our community.”

Sharon’s nomination will now go to the state Wal-Mart competition where she could win \$10,000 for the school, and if she wins state, could win \$25,000 in the national Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year competition in Bentonville, Arkansas. She enjoys working with younger students because they learn so much so quickly. It takes a special type of person to teach in the primary grades and Sharon is another shining example of the dedicated staff in SD25.

#### **I. Evelyn Robinson Selected for 2006 Alpha Delta Kappa Recognition**

Evelyn Robinson, principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School, was selected by Alpha Delta Kappa as the recipient of the 2006 ADK Regional Excellence in Education Award by the Northwest Excellence in Education Award Committee. She will be recognized at the regional conference in Fairbanks, Alaska during the regional ADK meeting in late July. She recently received the Idaho award which placed her in contention for the regional award. The Northwest Region includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. She is now eligible for the International ADK Excellence in Education Award. Her application materials have now been forwarded to the International Excellence in Education Award Committee for their adjudication of the International award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the International Convention.

In addition to the many other awards Ms. Robinson has won, her school was also one of 25 finalists for the Seventh Annual National School Change Awards program co-sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators, Pearson Education (SASI) and the Fordham University Graduate School of Education. This award is the only of its type in the nation. This year the competition was especially difficult because over 100 schools applied for the recognition. While Lewis and Clark did not win the top honor, just becoming a finalist is an honor in itself. The school has made tremendous improvements in academics and her and the faculty should be very proud for this distinction.

All of the finalists will be announced and recognized at the national awards ceremony in July at Fordham University’s Lincoln Center Campus in New York City. In recent years a number of winning schools have been finalists and the Director of the program wrote that she should submit a nomination again for the 2007 awards.

Again, the patrons of SD25 should be proud of the outstanding faculty and leadership we have in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

**J. Dorothy Schugt - Syringa Elementary Volunteer**

Dorothy Schugt has worked in the third grade classrooms for 9 years at Syringa Elementary for two mornings every week. She participates through the School District Senior Citizens program. Mrs. Schugt has been instrumental in raising IRI scores for dozens of students. She is particularly good at working with the students on fluency.

Mrs. Schugt and her husband managed a motel for many years. They spent much of their time at their cabin in Island Park, which they sold last year to a teacher in the district. She writes beautiful poetry and is involved in a literary club. Education is very important to Dorothy Schugt.

Sadly for the third graders at Syringa, this will be the last year Mrs. Schugt will be with them. She is planning to take her life in another direction after this school year. Dorothy plans to enroll in classes at ISU, learning some things she has always wanted to learn about. They will greatly miss her! The first reaction of the third grade teachers to this news was, "What are we going to do?" She has been a great asset to their building. Dorothy Schugt has become a great friend to those who have gotten to know her so well. School District #25 is pleased to be able to honor her tonight. We thank you for all your work with the children at Syringa Elementary.

**IX. Public Input on Budget**

Beginning with the February 21, 2006 Board Meeting and continuing through June 20, 2006, patrons are invited to give their input on the 2006-2007 School District Budget. The public hearing to adopt the budget is presently set for June 20, 2006.

**X. Personnel Hearing**

**XI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**A. Human Resources**

**X Action required**

**New Administrators:**

Three (3) Principals  
One (1) Coordinator

**Resignations:**

Six (6) Teacher Resignations.

**Approval of Consent Agenda (continued):**

**Leave of Absence:**

Three (3) Teacher Leave of Absence requests.

The School Board is asked to accept the recommendations for the three (3) Principals, one (1) Coordinator, six (6) Teacher Resignations, and the three (3) Teacher Leave of Absence requests.

**B. Business**

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

The School Board is asked to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 Regular Session and Executive Session Board Meetings, and the May 18, 2006 Special Session and Executive Session Board Meetings.

**2. Board Bills X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve payment of bills and invoices as of May 12, 2006 in the amount of \$1,552,494.89.

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

The School Board is asked to approve the supplementary financial information for the period of April 1, 2006 through April 30, 2006.

**4. Out of State/Overnight Travel X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the Out of State/Overnight Travel request for the Highland FFA as attached.

**5. Intent to Operate - School Lunch X Action required**

Attached is a Policy Statement Reminder, which states the District's intent to operate a National School Lunch Program for the 2006-2007 school year. The School Board is asked to give permission to the District to operate the Program for the 2006-2007 school year.

**6. Science Textbook Adoption X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the adoption of the Science Textbooks as recommended by the Textbook Adoption Committee.

**7. Alternate Route to Graduation X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the Alternate Route to Graduation requirement for two high school seniors.

**8. Stipends X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve payment of stipends for the instruction of the 'Language of Math' course, the Technology Mentors, and three Principal Mentors.

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

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Retirement Reception  
3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 29, 2006

Memorial Day - No School

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Teen Parent Graduation at 7:00 p.m. - Frazier Hall at Idaho State University

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

Last Day of School for Kindergarten Only

New Horizon Graduation at 7:00 p.m. - Goranson Hall in the Fine Arts Building  
at Idaho State University

Thursday, June 1, 2006

Last Day of School - ½ Day (2-1/2 Hr. Early Release)

High School Graduation - Holt Arena

Century High School - 2:00 p.m.

Pocatello High School - 5:00 p.m.

Highland High School - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 2, 2006

Record Day - Teacher Check Out

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

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**XIII. Superintendent Selection Committee Report**

Dr. Rodney Seeley, Professor at Idaho State University and member of the Superintendent Search Committee, will review the community input with the Board.

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

The Board and Administration will take comments under advisement.

**XV. New Business**

**Presentation:**

Mr. Bart Reed will give a presentation regarding the bleachers at Irving Middle School.

**Action:**

**1. Bid Recommendations X Action required**

**a) Bleachers**

On March 11, 2006, bids were opened for Bleachers at Irving Middle School. The School Board is asked to make a motion that no award be given at this time, due to the unexpected high costs of the project.

**b) Buses X Action required**

The School Board is asked to award the bid for buses to Western Mountain Bus Sales in the amount of \$75,764 for one (1) 54-passenger wheelchair lift bus, and \$90,330 for the two (2) passenger school buses for a grand total of \$166,094. These represent the lowest responsible bids that adequately meet specifications and fall within the estimated budget amount of \$296,332 under the 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program.

**c) Computers X Action required**

The School Board is asked to award the bid for Computers to Premio Computers for computers monitors and peripherals in the amount of \$140,744.80. This represents the lowest responsible bid that meets bid specifications.

**d) Gasoline/Diesel Fuel X Action required**

The School Board is asked to award the bid for fuel to Bowen Petroleum for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for profit margins of \$.0075.

**e) Furniture & Equipment X Action required**

On April 7, 2006, the administration opened bids for Furniture and Equipment. The district received bids from ten (10) 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 \$21,572.27.

**f) Instructional Supplies** **X** **Action required**

On April 10, 2006, the administration opened bids for Instructional Supplies. The district received bids from seventeen (17) 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 \$106,733,27.

**2. New Policy - Student Wellness/Nutrition** **X** **Action required**

A federal mandate requires that schools participating in the USDA Food Service Program have a policy regarding student wellness/nutrition. The School Board is asked to approve the proposed new Policy #5511 - Student Wellness/Nutrition as recommended by the Wellness/Nutrition Committee.

**3. Governance of the Board of Trustees Policy** **X** **Action required**

Attached is a new policy outlining the general authority of the Board of Trustees and adoption of board policy. Much of the suggested content comes from the ISBA Model Policy Manual. The School Board is asked to approve the proposed new Policy #2210 - Governance of the Board of Trustees.

**4. Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Audit** **X** **Action required**

The administration received notification that Jordan and Company will not be available to perform the audit for the fiscal year 2005-2006. The School Board is asked to approve Deaton & Company as the auditors for the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25, beginning with the fiscal year 2005-2006.

**5. VEBA Trust Amendment** **X** **Action required**

In reviewing the projected medical insurance costs for next year, Blue Cross has indicated there will be a five percent (5%) reduction in premium costs. This amounts to a \$177,000 reduction in medical expense premiums. The School Board is asked to approve the VEBA Trust Second Amendment and Resolution not to utilize VEBA Trust assets for fiscal year 2006-2007.

**XVI. Reports of Committees**

**XVII. Motions and Resolutions**

**XVIII. Adjournment**