

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING  
POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25  
Education Service Center Board Room  
Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT PRESENT:**

Janie Gebhardt, Chair  
Jackie Cranor, Vice Chair  
Paul Vitale, Clerk

Jim Facer, Assistant Treasurer  
Dave Mattson, Member  
Mary Vagner, Superintendent

**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

A Regular Session of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 25 was held in Pocatello, Idaho on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, as provided in Section 33-510, Idaho Code. Chair Gebhardt called the Regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Chair Gebhardt introduced the members of Boy Scout Troup 116. She said the Boy Scouts were attending the meeting to earn their Communication and Citizenship badges. Trevor Harding said he was a Boy Scout and was working on getting his Communications badge in order to become an Eagle Scout. He said the Communication badge was meant to help them learn how to speak and interact in public. Jordan Michaelson said he was working on the Citizenship badge which was meant to help them learn how to help in their communities.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Braxton Holbrook led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW, REVISE, AND APPROVE AGENDA – Self Explanatory – Action**

Chair Gebhardt reviewed the agenda and the addendum. A motion was made by Mr. Vitale and seconded by Mr. Facer to approve the agenda and the addendum as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND PERSONNEL ACTION – Self Explanatory – Action**

- a. **Special Meeting/Work Session** – January 14, 2014
- b. **Special Meeting/Executive Session/Hearing** – January 15, 2014
- c. **Special Meeting/Executive Session/Personnel** – January 17, 2014
- d. **Special Meeting/Executive Session/Personnel** – January 20, 2014
- e. **Special Meeting/Executive Session/Personnel** – January 21, 2014
- f. **Regular Board Meeting** – January 21, 2014
- g. **Special Meeting/ Executive Session/Personnel** – January 29, 2014
- h. **Special Meeting/Executive Session/Hearing** – January 29, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Cranor and seconded by Mr. Mattson to approve the minutes as corrected. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RECOGNITIONS/VISITORS/CORRESPONDENCE – Information**

**a. Visitors and Correspondence**

**b. Recognitions** – Information – Ms. Allen

Ms. Vagner invited Elijah Armstrong, his father Clayton Armstrong and Principal Cotant to the podium. She said Elijah's coach was Ms. Whitmore. She said Elijah was an outstanding student and athlete. She said the administration invited him for recognition before they learned he was second in the Nation after the Simplot Games the weekend before. She said he was only 10 seconds behind the person who took 1<sup>st</sup>. She said Elijah could likely participate in the Summer Olympics in the future. She said in order to excel at this level it took a dedicated family to provide support and accommodate for travel to and from competitions and a dedicated school to support the student athlete's academics around a traveling schedule. She said Elijah was a legend statewide in Cross Country. She said he was the Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. She said he was recognized for excellence in athletics and academics. She said he came from a highly motivated family. She said the District's administration was very proud of him and the opportunities that were out there for him. She said the next National qualifier was the New Balance Outdoor Championship in New York in March. She said he was a junior in high school. Principal Cotant said the school was very proud to have the Armstrong family in the District. He said they were a family of outstanding athletes and Elijah was a

terrific young man and a good example. He said he worked hard in the classroom and in his preparation for competitions. He congratulated him on his great run in the Simplot Games. He said the student that took first was a senior and Elijah had a great shot at being number one next year.

Ms. Vagner invited Courtney Lemon and Emma Thackray to the podium. She said they were being recognized as candidates in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. She said candidates were selected for superior academic, artistic and leadership qualities and extra-curricular activities. She said the students carried out the District's Vision that all students can attain high levels of learning and become contributing citizens. She said candidates had to perform well on the college entrance exam and had to complete an essay, a self-assessment and provide transcripts and recommendations. She said one male and one female would be chosen from each state in May. She invited Courtney and Emma's parents and Principal Brockett to join them at the podium. She thanked them for trusting the District with the education of their children. She said all of the schools put energy into the relationships with the students and their exceptional performance was due in part to the dedication of their families. Principal Brockett said it was a pleasure to have the students in their school. She said high school was the culmination of their K-12 educational careers. She said both of the students were fabulous and contributed to the school and their classrooms which made learning better for everyone. She said congratulated the students for their accomplishments. Ms. Vagner said the awards would be announced in May and the administration was hopeful the student selected would be from the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

Ms. Vagner invited the Highland High School BPA Team to the podium. She said Matt Noble was unable to attend the meeting that evening. She said the BPA competition took place in January. She said Highland High School had 36 students qualify in 16 events. She said three of those students qualified in multiple events and each of them deserved recognition. She said Trent Savage and Todd Corrington were present. Ms. Vagner said the group of students demonstrated interpersonal skills and an awareness of career opportunities. Todd Corrington said BPA taught him a lot about the business world and taking web design classes with Trent Savage taught him a lot. He said BPA enabled him to use those skills. He said BPA taught students to get used to the business setting and learn how to interact in a professional environment. Trent Savage encouraged the scouts in attendance to participate in BPA in the future. He said working with his BPA team members taught him to work with individuals in a marketplace setting.

**c. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda**

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**Board Operating Principles #22 & 23:**

22) The Board will follow the chain of command referring others to present their issues, problems, or proposals to the person who can properly and expeditiously address the issues; 23) Board members will refrain from communications which create conditions of bias should a problem or complaint become the subject matter of a hearing before the Board.

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda at the time of the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**a. Student Representative Reports (3 minutes each)**

1) **Century High School – Duncan Thompson/Madison Morton**

Mr. Thompson said it had been a busy month at Century High School. He said students celebrated Valentine's Day. He said there had been a lot of sick students over the last month. He said finals were coming up. He said the school held its Electives Fair. He said registration for the next school year was coming up. He said both the girls and boys basketball teams were heading to Districts. He said bowling had started. He said the state wrestling tournament was next week. He said St. Baldrick's was coming up. He said it was a fundraiser where participants shaved their heads in order to help raise money and awareness for cancer. He said the school's drama department would perform Shrek the musical from March 13 – 17.

2) **Highland High School – Emma Brinton/Hans Liu**

Mr. Liu said Highland High School had 12 National qualifiers for speech and debate. He said the number of students qualifying was a record for the state. He said the speech and debate Coach was Angela Stephens. He said it was thanks to Ms. Stephens' guidance and dedication that so many students qualified.

He said she was selected as the Speech/Debate Coach of the Year. He said the school's wrestling team was the academic state champions. He said the school's drama department was putting on two drama productions, Steel Magnolias and The Boys Next Door. He said both were really good productions. He said the girls basketball team won districts and were heading to state and the boys basketball team was heading to districts.

3) **Pocatello High School** – *Caitlin Lackey/Ethan Hatch*

Mr. Hatch said counselors and staff were encouraging students to attend state. He said the girls basketball team took 2<sup>nd</sup> at districts and were headed to state. He said the boys basketball team was heading to districts that day against Century High School. He said the wrestling tournament was that Friday. He said Amber Austin took 1<sup>st</sup> place in an art competition for her flag design that would be flown in New York City to represent the state. He said finals were taking place that week. He said Elijah Armstrong was recognized earlier in the evening for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Simplot Games in the 250 meter dash. He said the school's drama department was presenting Fiddler On The Roof.

4) **New Horizon Center** – *Amarae Platt/Michael Turner*

The New Horizon Center student representative was excused.

Ms. Cranor said it was great to hear about high school students collaborating on activities. Mr. Thompson said the students collaborated on activities but still kept the friendly rivalry going. Mr. Liu said the combined activities were great for the community. Mr. Hatch said it was good for the schools to support each other.

b. **Media Report** – Ms. Allen

Ms. Vagner said there were various articles on the positive occurrences with teachers and students. She said Ms. Allen was working with Idaho State Journal reporters on completing articles regarding the ICS and SBAC and weekly articles on students. She said one reporter visited classrooms to see the implementation of ICS first hand and saw students working on real life math problems. She said she appreciated Joanne Huber for opening her classroom and Sue Pettit for helping reporters to see what good things were going on in the school. She said the Education Foundation was currently working on two campaigns; Shoes For Love and the Give a Dollar Campaign. She said funds raised would go towards supporting the implementation of ICS in the classroom. She said the Education Foundation reviewed 69 Festival Technology Grant requests. She said it was a blind review and a rubric was used to review the criteria. She said the committee would apply dollar amounts to the requests and would grant as many as possible. She said the Festival of Trees raised approximately \$90,000 that would be distributed in grants.

c. **Report on Standing Committees for 2013-2014**

Ms. Cranor said the Curriculum Committee was going paperless. Mr. Vitale reiterated Ms. Vagner's comments about the demonstration of the Idaho Core Standards at Alameda Middle School. Mr. Mattson said he attended the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and was heartwarming to see all of the various agencies collaborate with each other to help further their projects. Ms. Gebhardt said it was good to see where the needs were and which agencies were available to fulfill those needs. She said Judge Murray continued to report that discipline numbers were consistently lower.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL SAFETY** – Information – Mr. Wegner, Dr. Mortensen, Mr. Devine, Mr. Hobbs

a. **ICS/SBAC Update** – Mr. Wegner

Mr. Wegner said the Board received a detailed report at the Work Session the week before. He said K-12 teachers would meet for professional development May 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> to develop units in ELA and math. Ms. Cranor asked if teachers got credit. Mr. Wegner said teachers were paid a stipend out of the differential pay funds.

b. **Approval of SIP Plans/Assurance Pages** – Mr. Wegner

Mr. Wegner said included in the packet were the assurance pages for the School Improvement Plans that were due on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the schools that missed the achievement target and were required to submit AMO Continuous Improvement SMART goals were Indian Hills, Tyhee, Washington and Wilcox Elementary Schools, Franklin Middle School and Century, Highland and Pocatello High Schools. He said the schools required to submit Continuous Improvement Plans were Ellis, Greenacres, Lewis & Clark and Tendoy Elementary Schools and Hawthorne and Irving Middle Schools. He said New Horizon High School was required to submit a Rapid Improvement Plan and Kinport was required to submit a Turnaround Schools

Plan. He said the administration reviewed and approved the plans and the Board would be asked to approve the assurance pages and direct submission to the state under New Business.

**c. Graduation Rates – Mr. Wegner**

Mr. Wegner said included in the addendum was the current Graduation Rates history. He reviewed the rates for each of the high schools. He said the graduation rates included students who pursued a GED. He said as of next year the state would no longer recognize students who pursued a GED as a completing student. He said out of 159 appeals 18 were for GEDs.

**d. Release of Emergency Levy Funds – Mr. Wegner**

Mr. Wegner said included in the addendum was a revised SBAC Test Proctor budget. He said the administration was requesting the release of Emergency Levy Funds to use for the purchase of WiFi equipment and installation K-8 and test proctors for SBAC testing in the amount of \$97,788. He said the administration would come back in the spring with a recommendation for the use of the remaining funds. He said the Board would be asked to approve the request under New Business.

**e. Alternate Route to Graduation Request – Mr. Wegner**

Mr. Wegner said included in the packet was a memorandum detailing the number of students and the various reasons for completing the alternate route to graduation. He said there were two requests for an alternate route in math and three in language at Pocatello High School. He said the appropriate forms were on file in the Curriculum Department. He said the Board would be asked to approve the requests under Old Business.

**f. Instructional Technology Update – Mr. Wegner**

Mr. Wegner said the elementary schools received a variety of technology training. He said Type to Learn was a major focus in several of the elementary schools. He said the training was led by Mr. Merica and Ms. Spall. He said helping teachers tailor Type to Learn allowed them to optimize the learning experience for individual students. He said other training included PLATO, Fastt Math and Think Through Math. He said several other elementary schools learned how to search, find and store information. He said the Odyssey Program was up and running again. He said as training expanded more teachers were taking advantage. He said Ms. Spall also assisted 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with online research for World War II and how to cite resources properly. He said Mr. Merica, Ms. Spall and Mr. Jolley attended a Technology Conference in Boise. He said it was a good networking opportunity and was good to learn that this District was on par with the quality and variety of professional development it offered to staff.

**g. Any Other Curriculum/PLCs/TIA/Beliefs Update – Mr. Wegner**

Mr. Wegner had no further Curriculum updates at the time of the meeting.

**h. Head Start Program Update – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said included in the packet was information regarding the release of sequestered funds from the department of Health and Human Services. She said the current Head Start budget showed an increase of \$1 billion over the previous year. She said it amounted to a restoration of the 5.27% from sequestered funds and included a cost of living adjustment. She said Sherry Young would discuss how the restoration of funds would be applied to this year's budget. She said that discussion would take place during Policy Council the following Thursday. Ms. Cranor asked if Head Start employees were not able to take advantage of the COLA increase. Dr. Mortensen said not as a salary increase, but the Policy Council would discuss other ways the increase could be taken advantage of.

**i. 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Update – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said the After School Program held a Family Night in January with a focus on math and was very successful. She said parents and students participated in a variety of math activities. She said the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program was gearing up for service learning which was the Sister City in Africa project. She said students paired up between two schools would learn about five different subjects including power, transportation, water, music and dance. She said students would research information on the Sister City in Africa relative to those five areas and would present their findings at the 5k race in the spring. She said the administration expected to hear back about the District's After School Grant application next month.

**j. Idaho Food Bank Back Pack Program Report – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said included in the packet was the current Idaho Food Bank Back Pack Program report. Mr. Mattson asked how students qualified for back packs. Dr. Mortensen said school staff learned of student needs through requests. Ms. Cranor asked if the program was just not meeting the needs of Hawthorne Middle School. Ms. Vagner said the administration would continue to ask.

**k. Title I – Part A Funds – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said included in the packet was information from the State Department of Education regarding the District's request for reallocated unclaimed Title I, Part A funds which were approved in the amount of

\$19,000. She said the grant request was to bring in a national presenter. She said the administration intended to bring in Eric Jensen who was the author of Teaching With Poverty In Mind. She said teachers District-wide consistently used the books in their teaching. She said Mr. Jensen was very busy and had no time available for the coming school year so the administration would get him calendared as soon as possible.

**l. Transition of ERR from Greenacres to Gate City and Transition of DLP from Wilcox to Edahow for 2014-15 – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said the Special Services Department was in the process of outlining the details of the transition of ERR from Greenacres to Gate City and would begin outlining the details of the transition of the DLP program from Wilcox to Edahow for the 2014-15 school year in the coming weeks. She said the timeline included the activities necessary to transition the programs. She said the teachers and administrators held an initial meeting to review what would need to be transferred. She said Principal Dye would attend all IEP meetings. She said Gate City teachers would observe IEPs for inclusionary measures at Greenacres this spring. She said the schools were planning a field trip and open house for transition of the programs in May. She said it would include a parent-teacher open house. She said a timeline was being drafted for the DLP transition. Ms. Gebhardt said it seemed like a big change for Gate City. Dr. Mortensen said Gate City used to have a DLP classroom about three years ago. She said both Gate City and Edahow were excited to have the programs come to their schools.

**m. University of Idaho Administrative Intern Request – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen said included in the packet was a request from the University of Idaho to place an administrative intern at Syringa Elementary and Alameda Middle School for the spring trimester, 2014. She said Becky Bullock was an interventionist at Syringa. She said the Board would be asked to approve the request under the Consent Agenda.

**n. Any Other Elementary Education/PLCs/TIA/Beliefs Update – Dr. Mortensen**

Dr. Mortensen had no further Elementary Education updates at the time of the meeting.

**o. ISU Dual Enrollment Credit Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet was the ISU Dual Enrollment Credit Report with data as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. He said the report was self explanatory.

**p. Final Accreditation Report for Century High School – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet was a final copy of the Report of the External Review for Century High School from AdvancED Accreditation Commission. He said Ms. Brockett reported the results of the review at the February Work Session and the final report was being provided as information for the Board.

**q. ISU Administrative Intern Request – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet was a request from the Idaho State University to place an administrative intern at Highland High School for the spring trimester, 2014. He said the Board would be asked to approve the request under the Consent Agenda.

**r. Early Graduation Requests – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet was a memorandum listing the number of early graduation requests by school and the reasons students were requesting early graduation. He said the Board would be asked to approve the early graduation requests under Old Business.

**s. 2014 Spring Athletic Schedules Inclusive of Travel – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet were the 2014 Spring Athletic Schedules for three of the high schools and the middle schools. Ms. Gebhardt asked what the open dates listed on the schedules were. Mr. Devine said the open dates provided flexibility for adverse weather. Ms. Cranor asked if Highland High School had a golf schedule. Mr. Devine said the schedule should have been included and he would check with the school. He said the Board would be asked to approve the 2013-2014 Spring Athletic Schedules inclusive of travel under New Business.

**t. Out of District/Overnight Field Trip Requests – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet were several Out of District/Overnight Field Trip requests including one request that was preliminarily approved at the February Work Session. He said another request was included in the addendum because the math team qualified for Math Counts. He said the Board would be asked to approve the requests under Old Business.

**u. Camp Request – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said included in the packet was a camp request from Alameda Middle School for a volleyball camp planned for April. He said the Board would be asked to approve the request under Old Business.

**v. Any Other Secondary Education/PLCs/TIA/Beliefs Update – Mr. Devine**

Mr. Devine said a School Choice report would be provided next month. He said New Horizon High School had its first ever student produced play and the drama department built all of the props that were used in the production. He said the play was about super heroes. He said Irving Middle School students chose a different Virtue and read about it every morning. He said that week was the secondary compare and contrast final write. He said schools were already seeing growth. He said most students were glad to see the assignment come to a close. He said he would provide a report on the outcome next month. He said the book Core Six was the basis for the writing assignments. He said the book was very well received by teachers. He said secondary schools would focus on vocabulary next year. He said the Highland High School wrestling team was announced as the 5A wrestling state academic champions.

## **BUSINESS OPERATIONS (BUDGET, MAINTENANCE, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SERVICE) –**

Information – Mr. Reed

### **a. Idaho General Fund Updates**

Mr. Reed said included in the packet was the current Idaho General Fund Revenue Report with revenue information as of January. He said for the first time that year the revenue was down by \$26 million. He said it was on the heels of a budget adjustment that was just completed by the state which was not a good sign. He said overall the state was 1.4% short of its projected budget for the entire year. He said 50% of every dollar lost was a direct hit to the public education budget.

### **b. Free and Reduced Lunch Report**

Mr. Reed said included in the packet was a current Free and Reduced Lunch Report. He said the percent of students that qualified for free or reduced meals was about 52.1% which was slightly higher than in the past.

### **c. Food Service Loss Control Report**

Mr. Reed said included in the packet was a Loss Control Report from the Food Service Department with information as of February 7, 2014. He said the numbers fluctuated quite a bit week to week. He said overall the high school balances had remained constant while the middle and elementary schools had seen increases. He said the administration continued to monitor negative balances and worked with parents and school administrators to keep balances low. He said a lot of the negative balances were resolved closer to the end of the school year but the Food Service Department worked on lowering the balances throughout the year. Ms. Cranor asked who was responsible at the school level. Mr. Reed said the school food service workers sent reminders to parents but there were a variety of staff members at each school that worked with the parents.

### **d. Proposed Building and Subdivisions (New Construction)**

Mr. Reed had no report on proposed building and subdivisions (new construction) at the time of the meeting.

### **e. Any Other Business Operations/Operational Support Update**

Mr. Reed said next month the department would have a number of bids to present to the Board in order to get started on upcoming projects.

## **EMPLOYEE SERVICES – Information – Mr. Smart**

### **a. Campus/ISEE Upload/Technology Update**

Mr. Smart said the ISEE Upload would be completed that week. He said staff encountered some issues with the state's website earlier that day. He said Districts were required to assign ID numbers for new employees and students but the website would not allow the District to upload the data. He said the District had started adding wireless access points at Ellis Elementary.

### **b. Student Enrollment Information Update**

Mr. Smart said included in the packet was the current student enrollment data. He said overall enrollment was 100 students over the year before and over 500 more than five years ago. He said membership was holding steady. He said the administration wondering if the closure of the Heinz Plant would impact enrollment but so far it had not. He said he would continue to keep an eye on any impact.

### **c. Health Fair Update**

Mr. Smart said about 800 employees participated in the Health Fair in January and February. He said the District scheduled an additional day for blood draws only that would take place at Chubbuck Elementary that Friday. He said 60 more employees had signed up for that event.

### **d. Budget Committee and Wellness/Insurance Committee Updates**

Mr. Smart said included in the packet was an updated Projected Cost Increases Spreadsheet that included the changes to the PERSI rate increase and the SBAC Test Proctors. He said the PERSI increase had been delayed for another year. He said that was good news for the District and for the state. He said the District would receive a minimal increase to its medical insurance renewal rates. He said some of the other increases

included maintenance fees for Infinite Campus, Lightspeed and Truancy Court. Ms. Gebhardt asked if the increase for Infinite Campus was in addition to what the District had already paid. Mr. Smart said when the District first purchased Infinite Campus it was able to prepay the maintenance fees out of the School Plant Facilities Fund but maintenance fees would now have to come out of the general fund. He said Lightspeed was the District's content filter and would have a cost increase.

**e. Wellness Dashboard Report**

Mr. Smart said included in the packet was the Wellness Dashboard Report for December. He said participation numbers were still not current on this report and did not reflect the high participation rates. He said those numbers should be reflected on the spring report. He said the loss ratio was slightly higher than last month but was still at a great percentage. He said the loss ratio for dental was over the goal but was not a high cost and would have minimal if any impact to the District's renewal rates.

**f. Any Other Employee Services/Operational Support Update**

Mr. Smart had no further Employee Services updates at the time of the meeting.

**HUMAN RESOURCES – Information – Dr. Howell**

**a. Monthly Human Resources Report/Superintendent's Contract Renewal**

Dr. Howell said included in the packet was the monthly Human Resources report inclusive of the Superintendent's Contract Renewal. Dr. Howell said Mr. Denton was retiring this year and would return to Washington. He said he had done a wonderful job at Tyhee Elementary. He said there were also retiring teachers, one resignation, a request for a leave of absence and a new hire at the New Horizon Center. He said the Board would be asked to approve the Human Resources Activity under the Consent Agenda.

**b. Any Other Human Resources/Operational Support Update**

Dr. Howell said the state sent differential compensation payments to Districts that month. He said the administration would determine the exact distribution of the 60% of the differential funds to teachers. He said 40% of the funds would be spent on professional development which would mostly be paid out to teachers in the form of stipends. He said the compensation payments would be distributed in May or June after the elementary writing assignment was complete.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Information – Mrs. Vagner**

**a. Legislative Update**

Ms. Vagner said included in the packet was a copy of the current Capitol Notes. She said legislators seemed interested in whether or not they should continue Schoolnet or allocate the funds to Districts and let them make their own decisions. She said the Chairs from the House and Senate Education Committees met with JFAC and were supportive of allocating funds to technology. She said the legislative groups could not come to consensus on pay increases for teachers. She said the total amount that JFAC would approve for the education budget was \$2.9 billion. She said JFAC did not let the \$25 million loss in January affect the appropriation. She said the legislature anticipated that revenue would remain steady. She said the public school budget would be set on March 3, 2104. She said the budget included leadership premiums which would address hard to fill positions, mentoring and Masters Degrees. She said School Boards would be responsible for determining who would be eligible for the leadership awards. She said the minimum dollar amount per award was \$850. She said the legislature was still debating whether or not it would give a 1% pay increase to the new teacher base salary. She said there was some discussion about requiring Districts to upload data to a new website which would be another unfunded mandate to post information that Districts were already required by law to make available to the public. She said the legislature was considering requiring Districts to be audited every two years and required District's to post employee benefit information on the website which was already done. She said there was a bill called The Parents Bill of Rights which the Attorney General could rule unconstitutional. She said there was a bill that would address dual enrollment. She said there was a bill to add another step to the classified grievance process. She said there was another bill that allowed legislators to choose a teacher in their area to receive a \$500 bonus. Ms. Gebhardt said the bill was not equitable because only 44 School Districts could be included. Ms. Vagner said there was a bill regarding religious freedom which the Attorney General may deem unconstitutional. She said there was a recurrence of the Voucher Bill that would provide a 50% tax break for agencies donating to non public schools. She said another bill would increase the factor for classified staff. She said there was a bill that would designate the color of school busses but would not require any school busses to be repainted. She said another bill defined the security of student data which was no different from what School Districts were already doing. She said another bill corrected the number of hours for alternative schools to 900 hours which

Districts were hopeful would pass. She said another bill changed the number of payments School Districts would receive per year. She said the state would likely pay School Districts four times per year rather than five. She said there was another bill regarding class size. She said Districts hoped the Use It or Lose It bill would be carried forward one more year. She said included in the addendum was the state Use It or Lose It data from 2009 which told the story of what Districts were doing to balance. She said the Districts highlighted in yellow and red were the Districts that were highest on the allowable understaffing limits and those that were over the allowable amount. She said the percentage of staff not hired had only increased since that time. Ms. Cranor asked if Superintendents would testify on behalf of Districts that chose to use their own systems like Mileposts in place of Schoolnet. Ms. Vagner said she was currently communicating with the local legislative delegation who would in turn communicate the District's view. She said the legislature had heavily debated whether it would continue with Schoolnet. Ms. Gebhardt said just last week there was another instance of Schoolnet not working. Ms. Vagner said it was down for four days during the testing window which would have a negative impact on testing. Ms. Gebhardt said the legislature was considering using Schoolnet funds to pay for the IEN contract if necessary.

**b. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Law Institute**

Ms. Vagner said included in the packet was information relative to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Law Institute on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Boise. She said Ms. White and Mr. Julian were the lead presenters during the event. She said the presentations would address the various situations that School Boards and Districts had to deal with. She said the District would pay the registration for any School Board member that was interested in attending. She asked any interested Board member to let Ms. Johnson know in the next couple of weeks so that reservations could be made. Ms. Gebhardt and Ms. Cranor said they were interested. Ms. Vagner suggested that Mr. Mattson attend.

**c. Calendar**

Ms. Vagner said included in the packet was the calendar of the Board's Meeting Schedule inclusive of various Committees from February 17, 2014 through April 4, 2014. She said the Board would meet at the District Office on Monday to travel to ISBA Day on the Hill. She said she would purchase legislative booklets for the Board. She said the Board would meet with its legislative delegation for dinner.

**d. Any Other Superintendent's Update**

Ms. Vagner said a number of staff members and students participated in the Simplot Games. She said Mr. Mattson attended. She said there were over 1,950 participants from across the nation including a delegation from Canada and Mexico. She said the track and field student athletes were elite and likely included future Olympians. She said the community deserved kudos for participating in the event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Self Explanatory**

**a. Public Comment Pertinent to Agenda Action items**

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**Board Operating Principles #22 & 23:**

**22)** The Board will follow the chain of command referring others to present their issues, problems, or proposals to the person who can properly and expeditiously address the issues; **23)** Board members will refrain from communications which create conditions of bias should a problem or complaint become the subject matter of a hearing before the Board.

There was no public comment pertinent to the agenda action items at the time of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Self Explanatory – Action – Ms. Vagner**

**a. Topic: Approve Human Resource Activity**

**Policy Issue:** Board approves Human Resource Activity

**Background Information:** Included in the packet was documentation of the Human Resource Activity regarding certified employees since the January 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve Human Resource Activity as presented.

**b. Topic: Authorize Payment of Claims**

**Policy Issue:** Board approves all Claims.

**Background Information:** Included in the packet were bills and invoices as of February 7, 2014 in the amount of \$1,888,063.91.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the bills and invoices as of February 7, 2014 in the amount of \$1,888,063.91.

**c. Topic: *Approve Supplemental Financial Information from January 1, 2014 through January 31, 2014***

**Policy Issue:** Board acts on Financial Information.

**Background Information:** Included in the packet was supplemental financial information for the period of January 1, 2014 through January 31, 2014.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve supplemental financial information from January 1, 2014 through January 31, 2014 as presented.

**d. Topic: *Approve Administrative Intern Requests***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves placement of interns in various District schools.

**Background Information:** Included in the packet were requests from the University of Idaho and ISU to place administrative interns at various schools for the spring trimester of the 2013-14 school year.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the administrative intern requests for the University of Idaho and ISU as presented.

**Board Direction/Action on Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Facer and seconded by Ms. Cranor to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS – Information – Action – Ms. Vagner**

**a. Topic: *Approve Alternate Routes to Graduation***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves alternate routes to graduation.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the Alternate Route to Graduation requests as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Cranor and seconded by Mr. Facer to approve the Alternate Routes to Graduation as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**b. Topic: *Approve Early Graduation Requests***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves early graduation requests.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the early graduation requests as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Mattson and seconded by Mr. Vitale to approve the early graduation requests as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**c. Topic: *Approve Out of District/Overnight Field Trip Requests***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves out of District/overnight field trip requests.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the preliminary and complete Out of District/Overnight Field Trip requests as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Vitale and seconded by Mr. Mattson to approve the Out of District/Overnight Field Trip requests as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**d. Topic: *Camp Request***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves camp requests.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the camp request as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Facer and seconded by Ms. Cranor to approve the camp request as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**NEW BUSINESS – Information – Action – Ms. Vagner**

**a. Topic: *Approve 2014 Spring Athletic Schedules Inclusive of Travel***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves athletic schedules and travel.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the 2014 Spring Athletic Schedules inclusive of travel as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Mattson and seconded by Mr. Facer to approve the 2014 spring athletic schedules inclusive of travel as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**b. Topic: *Approve SIP Plans and Direct the Submission of Assurance Pages to the SDE***

**Policy Issue:** Board approves SIP Plans and submission of assurance pages.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board approve the SIP Plans and direct the submission of the Assurance pages to the SDE as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Vitale and seconded by Ms. Cranor to approve the SIP Plans and direct submission of Assurance pages to SDE as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**c. Topic: *Authorize Release of Emergency Levy Funds***

**Policy Issue:** Board authorizes the release of Emergency Levy Funds.

**Background Information:** This item was previously discussed on the agenda.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommended Board authorize the release of the Emergency Levy Funds for the installation of Wifi K-8 and test proctors for the implementation of SBAC testing in the amount of \$97,788 as presented.

**Board Direction/Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Mattson and seconded by Mr. Vitale to authorize the release of Emergency Levy Funds for the installation of Wifi K-8 and test proctors for the implementation of SBAC testing in the amount of \$97,788 as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at the time of the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Vitale and seconded by Mr. Facer to adjourn. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. The Board adjourned its Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

**APPROVED ON:**

15 April 2014

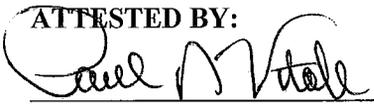
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