

**Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25
3115 Pole Line Road
Pocatello, ID 83201**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 25 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGARDING ALL DAY, EVERY OTHER DAY KINDERGARTEN
(Action will be Taken on All Day, Every Other Day Kindergarten)
APPROVAL OF 2010-11 HEAD START GRANT APPLICATION
(Action will be Taken on the Approval of Head Start Grant)
TO CONSIDER A STAFF RESIGNATION
(Action will be Taken on Personnel Matter)
ACCEPT A LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE ACADEMY AT ROOSEVELT
CENTER (ARC) PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
(Action will be Taken on Approval of the Purchase and Sale Document)
AND TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
*(No Action will be Taken on Negotiations)***

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

4:30 p.m.

**Board Room at the Education Service Center
Executive Session to Immediately
Follow in Superintendent's Office**

BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT PRESENT:

Marianne Donnelly, Chair
Janie Gebhardt, Vice Chair
Frank Rash, Clerk

John Sargent, Member
Jackie Cranor, Member
Mary M. Vagner, Superintendent

Call to Order

Chair Donnelly called the Special Meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. She welcomed everyone and said the purpose of the Special Meeting was to take action on All Day Every Other Day Kindergarten; Approve the 2010-11 Head Start Grant Application; Consider a Staff Resignation; accept a Letter of Intent from the Academy at Roosevelt Center (ARC) to purchase Bonneville Elementary; and to discuss negotiations in Executive Session. She read the addendum to the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Gebhardt and seconded by Ms. Cranor to approve the agenda and the addendum to the agenda as presented. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Convene Special Meeting

Chair Donnelly convened the Special Meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Public Comment

Cassie Snell – 854 Sheba, Chubbuck, 83202

Ms. Snell said there was a lot of feedback from Greenacres Elementary and had children that would go to Chubbuck Elementary. She said she did not have the expertise on the subject but wanted to voice her concerns. She said her main concern were Kindergarten teachers that were concerned with changing Kindergarten to a full day. She said she considered teachers the experts on the subject and valued their

opinion. She said parents know consistency is best for their children. She said she wanted her child to have the same level of consistency at home as at school. She said a lot of the students included in the pilot conducted by the District were special needs students and were able to come back on off days to catch up. She said other schools may not have the resources or the room to provide any catch up time for its students. She said she knew it was a tough decision for the District because the savings were significant. She said she wanted the Board to know she understood the issue but wanted the Board to consider letting Chubbuck Elementary maintain its consistency if it could demonstrate that students did not need mid-day busing. She said if the Board did decide to change to a full day schedule that children could learn to adjust and would be okay, but she wanted more than okay for her kids.

Take Action on Recommendation to Implement All Day, Every Other Day Kindergarten at all Elementary Schools with the Exception of Tyhee which will Implement a Hybrid of All Day, Every Day for all Kindergarten Children and Greenacres which will Maintain a Multi-Age K-1 with Kindergarten Remaining Half Day with No Mid-Day Transportation with an Option to Overload to a Sister School for All Day, Every Other Day Kindergarten

Ms. Cranor asked if Superintendent Vagner would address Ms. Snell's concerns. Ms. Vagner said an accounting of input received from the public hearing on March 18, 2010 had been posted to the District's website and the question regarding pedagogical impacts was addressed in the document. She said the administration had researched the issue and studies were clear that there was no evidence of negative or positive effects on grades or academics. She said there was no correlation between a long day and a student's academics suffering. She said there were schools in the District that had an all day every other day program and data showed no adverse affects to academics. She said state law mandated that Districts provide transportation to all students and the noon busing could not be eliminated. She said if routes were changed to save on cost most buses would not be able to meet the school's bell schedule. She said the number of students riding the bus at one time varied and the District was required to transport them regardless of the number of students riding the bus. She said the issue of eliminating what may be perceived as wasteful busing and combining student transportation would not logistically work. Ms. Vagner said the District would provide the same amount of time for students that were behind academically on a full day schedule as it would on a half day schedule. A motion was made by Ms. Gebhardt and seconded by Mr. Rash to implement the All Day, Every Other Day Kindergarten at all Elementary Schools with the Exception of Tyhee which would Implement a Hybrid of All Day, Every Day for all Kindergarten Children and Greenacres which would Maintain a Multi-Age K-1 with Kindergarten Remaining Half Day with No Mid-Day Transportation with an Option to Overload to a Sister School for All Day, Every Other Day Kindergarten. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Consider Approval of 2010-11 Head Start Grant Application

Ms. Vagner said the relevant information regarding the 2010-11 Head Start Grant was included in the packet and the grant was in compliance with federal law. A motion was made by Ms. Cranor and seconded by Ms. Gebhardt to approve the 2010-11 Head Start Grant Application. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Take Action on a Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Ms. Gebhardt and seconded by Mr. Sargent to accept the staff resignation. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Accept a Letter of Intent from the Academy at Roosevelt Center (ARC) Public Charter School to Purchase Bonneville School with an Understanding the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 Board of Trustees will Approve the Purchase and Sale Document

A motion was made by Mr. Rash and seconded by Ms. Gebhardt to accept the Letter of Intent from the Academy at Roosevelt Center (ARC) Public Charter School to purchase Bonneville School with an understanding the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 Board of Trustees would approve the Purchase and Sale Document. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Reed introduced Ellen Jensen, the Academy at Roosevelt Board Chair and said she would answer any questions. Ms. Donnelly thanked Ms. Jensen for the letter. Ms. Jensen said there would be an agreement to follow at a later date.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Chair Donnelly adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Convene Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Gebhardt and seconded by Ms. Cranor to convene into Executive Session. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Others Present:

- Bart Reed, Director of Business Operations
- Carl Smart, Director of Employee Services
- Ken Mallea, District Attorney for Negotiations (by Phone)
- Renae Johnson, Board Secretary

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:18 p.m.

Adjourn

Chair Donnelly adjourned the Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED ON:

By:

Chair

ATTESTED BY:

Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Secretary, Board of Trustees