

SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005, 6:30 P.M.,
DISTRICT OFFICE

Action was taken to convene to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(b) to conduct two formal Expulsion Hearings for two Blaine County School District students, and for the discussion of personnel.

I. Closed Executive Session

The Board of Trustees conducted a formal Expulsion Hearing for a Blaine County School District student.

Thereafter, action was taken to return to Regular Open Session.

II. Return to Open Session

Action was taken to expel a Blaine County School District student for one calendar year.

Thereafter, action was taken to return to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(b) for the discussion of personnel and to conduct a formal Expulsion Hearing for a Blaine County School District student.

III. Return To Closed Executive Session

The Board of Trustees discussed personnel matters.

Thereafter, the Board conducted a formal Expulsion Hearing for a Blaine County School District student.

Action was then taken to return to Regular Open Session.

IV. Return To Regular Open Session

Action was taken to expel a Blaine County School District student for one calendar year with conditions and provisions to re-enroll at the beginning of the 2006-07 school year.

V. Call To Order And Welcome

Chairman Alexandra Sundali called the Regular December meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blaine County School District No. 61 to order at 6:50 p.m. and welcomed

everyone in attendance. Present were Vice Chairman Kim Nilsen and Board Members Howard Royal, Julie Dahlgren and Mari Beth Matthews. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools, Jim Lewis; Assistant Superintendent, Mary Gervase; School District Treasurer, Mike Chatterton; and Board Clerk, Cathy Zaccardi.

Chairman Sundali stated that a quorum was present.

VI. Pledge Of Allegiance

VII. Accolades

a. Marcia Rausch, Hailey Elementary School Third Grade Teacher

Dr. Lewis stated that the Hailey Elementary School Third Grade Team, comprised of Tricia St. George, Vicki Smith, Becca Pierce., and Cindy Aschliman, wanted Marcia Rausch to receive an accolade for demonstrating her exceptional leadership skills. One area of leadership is their annual Third Grade Veterans' Day program. Marcia spends countless hours producing and leading this program, and the students learn important truths about our country and the men and women who fight for the freedoms we hold dear.

Dr. Lewis then stated that the Third Grade Team concluded their letter by stating, "Most of us have family members who have sacrificed for our great country. It is only right that we honor Marcia, who helps us honor our Veterans."

Dr. Lewis congratulated Marcia Rausch on a job very well done.

b. Wood River Middle School Math Department

Dr. Lewis stated that the Silver Creek Alternative School staff wanted to thank the Wood River Middle School Math Department, comprised of Matt Nelson, Bridget Kapala, Brian Sturges, Jenica Alexander, Joyce Lewis, Dan Gralenski, Susie Byng, Mark Bucknall, and Rudy Boesch, for the huge amount of food that the staff and their students donated to the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive which was organized by the Silver Creek Alternative School.

Dr. Lewis concluded that their efforts benefited community members and ensured that they had a plentiful Thanksgiving.

c. Darlene Dyer, Wood River High School English Teacher

Dr. Lewis stated that he was pleased to announce that the Idaho Humanities Council approved the TIG (Teacher Incentive Grant) submitted by Darlene Dyer. She has been

awarded \$676.00 for the purpose of carrying out the project entitled, “Native American Unit”. The Idaho Humanities Council was especially pleased with Darlene’s follow-up from a positive experience at the Summer Teacher Institute.

Dr. Lewis concluded by stating that this is another fine example of the caliber of teachers in the Blaine County School District, and Darlene deserves commendation for her efforts.

d. Jeannie Bradshaw And Wood River High School Cheerleaders

Dr. Lewis stated that he received a copy of a very complimentary letter to Jeannie Bradshaw and the Wood River High School Cheerleaders from Father Brian Baker and Members of the St. Thomas Outreach Program and Playhouse Committee. They wanted to thank Jeannie and the Cheerleaders for the time, resources, and talent they volunteered to make the production of *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* one of the most successful in the history of St. Thomas Playhouse.

Dr. Lewis then stated that Father Baker stated that a production as professional as this one requires countless hours of planning, rehearsal, and hard work as well as a solid support system and thanked Ms. Bradshaw for providing an important contribution that made these performances possible.

Dr. Lewis congratulated Ms. Bradshaw and the Cheerleaders for their efforts.

e. Lane Kirkland, Carey School Football Coach, And Lee Cook, Carey School Assistant Football Coach

Dr. Lewis stated that John Peck, Carey School Principal, asked that Lane Kirkland and Lee Cook receive recognition for their efforts. Lane and Lee had an outstanding season again this year with an 8 and 2 record. They won the conference but lost a tough game to North Gem 48-44 in the state play-off. Lane was subsequently voted the Conference Coach of the Year by his peers.

This year the coaching staff and team had a great season and chalked up many accomplishments. Carey players received 16 of the total 36 All-Conference 1st and 2nd team awards. In addition, John Peck was very appreciative of the way the boys represented our School District, the Carey School, and the Carey community. He received many positive comments about the way the boys were respectful to others and very well behaved.

Dr. Lewis congratulated Lane and Lee for the fine job they continue to do.

VIII. Student Leadership Report

a. Carey School Student Leaders

Devin Simpson, Carey School Student Body President, and Allen Peck, Carey School Student Body Vice President, addressed the Board with their Student Leadership report. They reviewed with the Board Carey School activities, service projects, the Panther Buddy program, fundraising efforts to help kids with medical bills, “We’ve Got Your Back” backpacks which were supplied to students affected by Hurricane Katrina, Holiday Baskets, academic achievement, Homecoming 2005, the Residential Construction Academy, the football, volleyball, and basketball programs and successes, To The Max performing at the ISBA Conference, Devin Simpson, who was named the KMVT Distinguished Student of the Year, the high school choir and band, the 6th and 7th grade band, and concluded with an excerpt of their fall play, *Rest Assured*.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Consideration Of Minutes

Regular Meeting Of November 8, 2005
Special Meeting Of November 9-12, 2005
Special Meeting Of November 15, 2005
Special Meeting Of December 7, 2005

b. Acceptance Of Monthly Financial Report – Payment Of Bills

c. Approval Of Personnel Requests

Exiting Staff:

Roberto Rangel, Hemingway Elementary School Custodian
Carlita (Sam) McIver, Bus Route Driver
Terry Murphy, Database Programmer/Analyst

New Hire Staff:

Joel Pabst, Districtwide Roaming Custodian
Erica Petersen, Wood River Middle School Student Services Paraprofessional
Carlos Moya, Community Campus Custodian
Paige Carey, Wood River Middle School Student Services Paraprofessional
Diana Ellison, Wood River Middle School Student Services Paraprofessional
Jackie Meyer, Hemingway Elementary School Custodian
Amanda Reynolds, Wood River High School Certified Nursing Assistant
Jose Baeza, Hemingway Elementary School Custodian
Heather Crocker, Education Foundation Executive Director

d. Approval Of Student Teaching Contracts

John Rade Under The Direction Of Bill Petzke And Lisa Hoskins at Wood River High School

Amy Harrison Under The Direction Of Cathy Lind And LuAnn Metzger At Bellevue Elementary School

Greg Wilson Under The Direction Of Brian Daluiso At Wood River High School

Action was taken to approve Items “a” through “d” of the Consent Agenda.

X. Public Comments

Mr. Scott Chandler, from System Tech, stated that his company was disqualified over an informality for not providing certification for a Belden-Panduit Integrity MT6 Cabling System. This was required under Section 2 of the Bid request.

Mr. Chandler then stated that the reason they did not provide the certification for this is because that certification does not exist. They could have provided documentation for the Panduit product for which they are certified, but it is their experience that providing documentation other than the specific document requested can result in disqualification.

Mr. Chandler then stated that they can provide warranties for the Panduit solutions and can also provide their certifications for these products. He added that their bid was the low bid on this project, and they have the ability to provide certification for the products that will be installed on the project.

Mr. Kenny Holtz, from Quality Communications, Inc., stated that his company also bid on this project, and the bid information specified stated a twenty-five (25) year warranty. Panduit will provide the warranty and Belden is part of that.

Mr. Holtz concluded by stating that they complied with the bid documents and that the competitor, System Tech, did not.

Mr. Doug McCleary, System Tech, stated that the Integrity 6 solution was specified, but that offering the wrong documentation can be worse than not supplying the documentation at all. Because the original walk-through was cancelled due to inclement weather, they did not have enough time to put the bid documents together. He stated that they can provide the warranty within two weeks.

Mr. Chandler stated that three Panduit contractors bid, and they are all Panduit contractors.

Chairman Sundali thanked Messers. Chandler, Holtz, and McCleary for their comments.

Mr. John Peck, Carey School Principal, stated that Devin Simpson went out on the third game because he broke his leg. After he had healed, he then broke his arm during a game and would not leave until he could talk to the rest of the team at half-time. This showed an incredible amount of team spirit and bravery on his part.

XI. Guest Presentations – Information/Action

a. Application For Study/Travel By Student Group – Becky Miller, Wood River High School Speech/Drama Teacher

Ms. Becky Miller, Wood River High School Speech/Drama teacher, addressed the Board with a request to take approximately twenty (20) of her students to Helena, Montana, 31 Jan 2006 through 04 Feb 2006 to the Rocky Mountain Theater Festival. Ms. Miller also requested the use of two vans. Ms. Miller's student to chaperone ratio is 5:1, the trip aligns with her curricular area, and Mr. Hume has given his approval for the trip.

Action was then taken to approve the Application For Study/Travel By Student Group submitted by Becky Miller, Wood River High School Speech/Drama teacher, to take her students to Helena, Montana, 31 Jan 2006 through 04 Feb 2006 to the Rocky Mountain Theater Festival.

XII. Construction Manager Report – Information/Action

a. Progress Report On Woodside Elementary School – Dave Maloney, Kreizenbeck Constructors, Inc.

Mr. Maloney presented a Project Summary Report to the Board of Trustees which included the following information:

During the month of November, exterior windows were substantially completed. The interior framing progressed throughout the building. Mechanical and Electrical contractors continue rough-in work. Drywall was started in Areas A and B, and the painter began the primer coats in the gymnasium area.

Mr. Maloney then stated that during the month of December, the interior framing will be substantially completed. Installation of drywall and taping will continue. Floor preparation and kitchen tile work will begin, and painting will begin in Area B.

XIII. Curriculum Report – Information/Action – Mary Gervase

a. Curriculum Highlights

Dr. Gervase presented her Curriculum Report to the Board which consisted of Community Service projects for elementary, middle school, and high school students, the Spring 2006 after school/evening professional development opportunities, Ballet Idaho, College Night, administrator professional development, scoring of the District Writing Performance Assessments, the Professional Development Committee, the Milepost Committee, Mentors, Wellness, the CORE Team activities, State Standards, recent research on Preschool programs, and the Silver Creek Alternative School monthly update.

XIV. Action Agenda

a. Permission To Award Bid For Structured Cabling System For Woodside Elementary School – Teresa McGoffin, Network Administrator

The Bid Opening for the purchase and installation of a structured cabling system for Woodside Elementary School was held on Thursday, 08 Dec 2005, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the District Office. Three bids were submitted as follows:

DCS Communications	\$ 56,124.00
Quality Communications, Inc.	\$ 53,083.17
System Tech	\$ 49,857.00.

The bid submitted by System Tech was rejected because it did not meet bid specifications. Thereafter, action was taken to award the bid to Quality Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$ 53,083.17.

XV. Information Agenda

a. Annual Report On Summer School – Jerry Hutchins, Director Of Technology, Testing, And Database Management

Dr. Hutchins stated that due to the absence of Blake Walsh, Student Services Director, he would report on Mr. Blake's findings. The things that were new with the 2005 Summer School session were the Reading curriculum, training day, room preparation day, snacks, a District Office liaison, Principal, and a Reading Specialist. His report included the Summer School staff, staffing and ratios, anticipated and actual participation, results of the Summer School Staff Survey, and test results.

Mr. Hutchins then reviewed with the Board his evaluation of the 2005 Summer School session. His report consisted of the impact of early vs. late summer sessions, if Summer School improves student performance, a review of four comparison groups, performance measures, IRI results, ISAT results, the IRI amount of change, and the ISAT amount of change.

Dr. Hutchins reviewed his conclusions which were that Summer School is more effective for younger grades, that more students improve if Summer School is held late in the summer, the amount of ISAT improvement is ambiguous, similar analyses were done for LEP students and Special Education students, and that the results for LEP and Special Education students were not more positive than students overall.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On Issuance Of Position To Idaho School Boards Association Letter

Chairman Sundali stated that the Board has a copy of the position letter from the Boise School District Board Chairman. She then asked the Board whether or not they would like to formally adopt the letter as written, write a letter of their own, or not adopt a formal position at all.

The Board decided that they would like to write their own position letter, and directed Chairman Sundali and Board Member Dahlgren to begin drafting a letter. At the January Board meeting, formal adoption of the letter will be on the Agenda.

c. Report On ISBA Conference

Chairman Sundali stated that the performances by To The Max, Dorinda Rendahl's kids from Bellevue, and the Future Hispanic Leaders of America were great, and that the Blaine County School District takes great pride in their talent.

Chairman Sundali then stated that the convention was interesting and political.

Board Member Julie Dahlgren stated that the groups were very diverse, and she heard comments from others in attendance about the diversity.

Dr. Lewis stated that Vice Chairman Nilsen's resolution on prohibiting smoking on school grounds passed.

There being no further business to discuss, action was taken to adjourn the meeting.

The Regular December School Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.