



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING/TRUSTEE WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010 – 12:30 – 2:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chairman Dan Parke called the open session Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blaine County School District No. 61 to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present were Board Members, Steve Guthrie and Paul Bates, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, John Blackman, and Board Clerk, Laurie Kaufman.

II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda

Assistant Superintendent John Blackman stated that the Special meeting agenda has been amended to include agenda item:

- b. Approval of Selection Committee's Recommendation for Curriculum Director, Teaching and Learning*

Board approval is necessary before the Selection Committee's recommendation for Curriculum Director, Teaching and Learning is placed on the July 2010 payroll.

Board Member Steve Guthrie made a motion to accept the Revised Agenda. The motion was seconded by Paul Bates and passed unanimously.

Votes cast:

Dan Parke: Aye
Steve Guthrie: Aye
Paul Bates: Aye

III. Information/Action Agenda

a. Trustee Workshop – High School Flexible Schedule

During the May 11, 2010 Regular Board meeting, John Blackman, Wood River High School Principal, Amy McGraw, Wood River High School English Teacher, and parent Carole Punnett represented the Wood River High School Academic Council by presenting a recommendation to the Board regarding a possible master schedule change at Wood River High School for the 2011-2012 school year. A Flex Variable semester schedule was proposed to replace the current tri-semester schedule.

After discussion, the Board agreed that additional time and information would be needed before action is considered regarding the recommendation.

[Please click here to view the May 11, 2010 Flex Variable Schedule proposal presentation.](#)

Assistant Superintendent John Blackman conducted an informational Trustee Workshop today to further inform the Board regarding the proposed Variable Schedule for Wood River High School.

Variable Schedule Highlights:

- No gaps in learning;
- Teachers choose how many days and periods;
- Six periods in a day but more than six subjects can be taken;
- AP practice tests, DBQs, can be fit into longer periods;
- Students can schedule to accommodate winter sports, work, etc.;
- Unscheduled time has numerous good uses;
- Wide variety of classes and days;
- Semester system will align better with colleges, credit understanding, and transfer students;
- Teachers and students are stakeholders in the schedule.

[Please click here to view the Variable Schedule information packet utilized in the Trustee Workshop.](#)

Following discussion, Vice Chairman Parke asked that the proposed Variable Schedule be included in the Information/Action Agenda section of the August 10, 2010 Regular Board meeting.

b. Approval of Selection Committee's Recommendation for Curriculum Director, Teaching and Learning – John Blackman, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

Board Member Steve Guthrie made a motion to approve the Selection Committee's Recommendation for Curriculum Director, Teaching and Learning. The motion was seconded by Paul Bates and passed unanimously.

Votes cast:

- Dan Parke: Aye
- Steve Guthrie: Aye
- Paul Bates: Aye

Assistant Superintendent Blackman announced that Patricia McLean is Blaine County School District's Curriculum Director, Teaching and Learning.

There being no further business to discuss, Board Member Paul Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Guthrie and passed unanimously.

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blaine County School District No. 61 adjourned at 1:55 p.m.