

Clark County School District 161  
School Board Meeting  
September 10, 2018

MINUTES

Call to Order 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Orvin Jorgensen Jeanette Korrell  
Laurie Small Brett Murdock – arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Attendance Kathy Wagoner, Teacher  
Susie Shifflett, Staff  
Jill Grover, Teacher  
Katy Johnson, Teacher  
Michelle Ames, Staff  
Rusty Stewart, Teacher  
Jolene Johnson, Teacher  
Lana Schwartz, Staff  
Hilary Wheeler, Teacher  
Kodi Egan  
Will Ricks  
Marshall Bitter  
Andra Bitter  
MaCoy Ward, County Commissioner  
Judith Maldonado, Staff  
Brock Egan  
Brian Egan  
Penny Stanford, Patron  
Hal Pougy, Bryson's Bus Dealer  
Paula Gordon, Superintendent  
Gayle Woods, Business Manager  
Sherry Locascio, Board Clerk

Action Items:

a. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under the first action items, change the lettering to alphabetical and move the patron input to be conducted with the action item c: Action for Out of District Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to add four additional purchases over \$1,000 to the agenda. These include Fan Club, the pizza fund raiser, Pearson, and Lowe's. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Action Item for Out of District Transportation – Patron Input: Mr. Jorgensen, Chairman, read a statement regarding proper etiquette during the patron input section. Afterwards, each individual wishing to address the board regarding out of district transportation were allowed to address the chairman and board. Mr. Jorgensen also read from the Clark County School District policies regarding transportation, the West Jefferson School District policies regarding transportation and Idaho State Code regarding transporting students from one district to another.**

**Mrs. Wagoner spoke on behalf of the district staff regarding allowing West Jefferson School District buses to enter Clark County to pick up students. The loss of students to West Jefferson is currently costing the district approximately \$20,000 per year. This is a huge loss for a small district. Those from the staff of Clark County were opposed to allowing West Jefferson buses to cross into Clark County to pick up students.**

**Each staff member in attendance was allowed to voice his/her concern regarding the issue. All felt that the families involved had made the choice to transfer their students to another district and should be expected to transport their own children because of that choice.**

**Those who live in Clark County who would like the West Jefferson bus to cross into this district to pick up their children voiced their concern that this had been done for years. Two parents voiced their concern about their children who had been bullied in the district and were happier in a different school. While those in attendance could understand the parents' concerns, they still felt that the choice should not be a reason to allow buses to enter the county from another district.**

**Mr. Brian Egan who had written a letter to the school board earlier apologized and stated it was done while angry and should not have been written. He said he would support the board's decision and hoped there would be no hard feelings or problems between community members over this issue.**

**Penny Stanford voiced concern that if students/families continue to leave Dubois and Clark County, the school district will close which will in turn cause the community to disappear. The community must be protected.**

**After each group had the opportunity to speak, the board members voiced their concerns and opinions. Mrs. Small stated she was voted to the school district to protect it and its students. She could not support the idea of allowing other district's buses to come into our county to take our students to another district.**

**Ms. Korrell agreed with Mrs. Small.**

**Mr. Murdock voiced concerns for both sides.**

**Mr. Jorgensen noted this was a difficult situation for all involved. The different options were presented such as ignoring the bus issue completely, stop allowing the buses to pick up the families grandfathered in last year, or to allow those who were currently being serviced to continue but no new families to be added.**

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to stop allowing buses from other districts to enter Clark County to transport students to another district. This is in compliance with West Jefferson District policies, Clark County district policies, and Idaho State Code. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Payment of Bills: Bills were presented and paid.

e. Annual Review Code of Ethics for School Board Trustees: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

f. Discussion/Possible Action – Key for UPS: A motion was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Mrs. Small to give a key to UPS which will allow the driver to deliver packages directly to the school regardless of time. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items/Discussions-Continuous Improvement Plan/Date for Elections: These items were tabled.

Delegations/Committee/Patron Input

The board reviewed the department reports. No word has been received yet regarding the approval of the Gear Up grant.

Mrs. Grover informed the board that the athletic department is selling Fan Gear again this year. A leadership training will be held September 17, 2018, at the community center for the student body officers and the high school class presidents. Mackay, Leadore and Lima schools will also be in attendance for this training. On September 18, 2018, a leadership training will be held for the junior high/senior high students.

Ms. Wheeler, Special Education teacher, made a presentation to the board regarding the special education program. She noted that new arrangements have been made for testing which will help the students and the district. The para-professionals in the special education department will be trained in various areas to help the students. By offering additional training, the para-professionals are able to provide more services than simply being with the students. Employees in the special education department will meet monthly to ensure progress in the training and program.

The superintendent shared the post-it papers from the teacher in service held on September 10, 2018. Staff were asked to write areas of success on one poster and areas needing improvement on the other.

New Business

i. Purchases over \$1,000: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve payment to ISBA in the amount of \$3,700. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to approve payment to Boise State University in the amount of \$3,600. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to pay \$4,135.48 to KORE Refrigeration for repairs to the lunchroom freezer. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to pay \$2,975 to Brad's Repair for work on the buses. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve payment up to \$2,000 for the pizza fundraiser being done by the cheerleaders. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve payment up to \$2,000 to Fan Cloth for the athletic department fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to pay Pearson \$3,328 for computer programming. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to pay \$1,316.07 to Lowe's. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to pay \$17,467 for replacing four furnaces in the high school. Motion passed unanimously.

In conjunction with this bill, members of the board requested that in the future a request be made for quotes from different service companies to ensure the district is utilizing its money well.

ii. Approval of Bus Route/Medicine Lodge and Spencer: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve the bus routes to Spencer and Medicine Lodge as presented. Randy Grover is covering the Spencer route which begins at 6:30 a.m. Connie Barg is covering the longer route to Medicine Lodge and begins at 5:45 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Hire Personnel: A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to approve Michelle Ames as the high school cheer coach. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to approve Jinitzi Furniss as a substitute for the elementary school. Motion passed unanimously.

iv. Bids on Bus/Purchase: Bids for the new bus were opened from Bryson's Bus Dealer for a Bluebird and from Rush Equipment for an International bus. The bids were for both a 72 passenger bus and a 54 passenger bus.

The bid from Bryson's Bus Dealer was for a 2020 72-passenger bus for \$94,900. A similar 54-passenger bus was for \$91,900. If desired, a larger engine is available for approximately \$1,600.

The bid from Rush for a 2020 72-passenger bus was \$88,960 and a similar 54-passenger bus was \$86,230.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the district would be better served by purchasing a 72-passenger bus.

A motion was made by Ms. Korrell and seconded by Mrs. Small to table the purchase of the bus until the board can compare the specifications on each bus

v. Gym Policy: A motion was made by Ms. Korrell and seconded by Mr. Murdock to approve the following gym policy: curfew will be 10:00 p.m.; whoever opens the door is responsible to supervise and will be liable for any damages to the building; should problems occur or damage occur, the person holding the key will be required to turn it in to the district immediately; people requesting keys must be 21 years of age or older, have a background check done prior to issuance of a key, must be approved by the board and live in the district. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board Recommendations for Next Meeting**

The bus purchase will be revisited at the next board meeting as well as the Review of the Code of Ethics for Board Members.

Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

A motion was made by Mrs. Small and seconded by Ms. Korrell to adjourn.

Adjourn 8:40 p.m.

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Board Chairman Date

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Board Clerk Date