

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT #422
January 13, 2010**

Present:

Karen Thurston, Vice-Chair **Vic Koshuta, Superintendent**
Mikael Bedell, Member **Pal Sartori, Secondary Principal**
Jason Speer, Member **Anne Stilwill, Elementary Principal**
 Bev Davenport, Counselor
 JoAnne Suggs, Clerk

Excused:

Ann Young, Chairman
Linda Cimbalik, Member

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Thurston at 7:02 p.m. pursuant to 33-510, 67-2340, 67-2342 and 67-2343 of Idaho Code. Roll Call was taken.

Dr. Bedell motioned to approve the minutes of the December 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Speer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted bills for payment and approval:

December 2009 Bills	\$23,608.80
Immediate Checks	\$ 185.43

Mr. Speer motioned to approve the payment of bills as submitted, Dr. Bedell made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Speer motioned to add an Executive Session to the agenda regarding a student matter pursuant to 67-2343 and 67-2345(b) of Idaho Code. The Executive Session was not included on the original agenda because it was not needed at the time. Dr. Bedell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bedell motioned to go into executive session. Mr. Speer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Speer/Yes; Thurston/Yes; Bedell/ Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Vice-Chairman announced the Board was in executive session authorized under IC 67-2345(b) to discuss a student matter at 7:06 p.m.

Upon return to regular session at 7:09 p.m., Mr. Speer motioned to allow Student A to pursue the Alternate Route to Graduation as presented. Dr. Bedell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Scheduled Delegations

Ms. Wassmuth, the 6th grade teacher was unable to attend to give her report.

The Elementary Principal reported on the following:

- The District received notification from the CDC that we can hold a swine flu vaccination clinic for all kids. The clinic is scheduled for January 27th. The school will be sending information home for students when more details are established.
- There has been discussion regarding the 1st and 2nd grade looping. Ms. Stilwill supports the teachers in staying with their current grade level and not looping next year. Both teachers want to stay with the grade they are teaching this year. There has been no discussion with the 5th and 6th grades as the teachers are enjoying it and there has been no feedback from parents barring one parent expressing that they weren't happy with it.

The Secondary Principal reported on the following:

- The IHSAA passed a ruling last year to allow playing two basketball games in one day to help with travel costs and the budget. Boy's basketball had five games last week and played two games in one day for the first time. The games went well and fatigue was not an issue with playing two games.
- The High School semester ends this week and grades will be sent out next week.

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The Counselor's written report was previously sent out to the Board. Questions were entertained.

The Business Manager reported that the calendar year was wrapped up this week with W-2's and 1099's being sent out.

The Superintendent introduced Christian Zimmerman. He has been working with the District to get the Chinese student here for the Chinese program. Due to budget constraints, we were unable to fully establish the program this year. Mr. Zimmerman is looking into alternative routes to get the teacher here.

The Superintendent gave an update on the following and reviewed his report previously sent out for review:

- A "Thank you" letter was read from the American Legion Auxillary board for participating in identifying students for KIDS PROJECT. Mr. Koshuta responded to the letter and thanked them for their dedication to kids.
- The Memo from Tom Luna was read regarding the Governor's State of the State/Budget Address and his requests for education hold-backs and public schools funding reduction. Legislation still needs to meet and nothing has been passed yet.
- Enrollment is down to 290. The District received the requested waiver for the flu. We are slightly down from the anticipated budgeted units. With funding based on the best 28 weeks, hopefully our average daily attendance will do better.
- The items from the annual building safety inspection done by The Division of Building Safety have been addressed and the response to the Division was reviewed.

Old Business

A second reading of Policy 5320 was done. The policy received approval from the ISBA attorney. No action was taken. A third and final reading will take place in February. The policy will be adopted at that time if approved. A second reading of Policy 5700 was done. No action was taken. A third and final reading will take place in February. The policy will be adopted at that time if approved.

New Business

The District received a grant for a bus purchase. The bus bid notice and bid specifications were reviewed. The call for bids will be done in March or April with an expected delivery date of the bus being mid-July. With the grant and bus depreciation monies available, the bus will be paid for outright.

Three scenarios of 2010-2011 school year calendars were presented. The scenarios are based on 170, 180 and 190 day contracts. At this point, they are just scenarios and approval will not be requested until further clarifications of State cutbacks and funding are revealed.

A first reading of Policy 5430 was done. Comments and edits were suggested. No motions or decisions were made.

Public Comment

Concerns regarding the bottle-neck situation in the street at after-school pick up; street conditions on the streets around the school; and phone coverage were expressed and discussed. Solutions will be evaluated and pursued as feasible.

Other Business

None

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Thurston adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Chairman – Ann Young

Clerk – JoAnne Suggs