

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT #422
April 14, 2010**

Present:

**Ann Young, Chairman
Karen Thurston, Vice-Chair
Mikael Bedell, Member
Linda Cimbalik, Member
Jason Speer, Member**

**Vic Koshuta, Superintendent
Pal Sartori, Secondary Principal
Anne Stilwill, Elementary Principal
Bev Davenport, Counselor
JoAnne Suggs, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Young at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to 33-510, 67-2340, 67-2342 and 67-2343 of Idaho Code. Roll Call was taken.

Executive Session

Ms. Cimbalik motioned to go into executive session authorized under IC 67-2345(c). Ms. Thurston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Speer/Yes; Thurston/Yes; Young/ Yes; Cimbalik/Yes; Bedell/ Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman announced the Board was in executive session authorized under IC 67-2345(c) to discuss negotiations at 6:01 p.m.

Upon return to regular session at 6:57 p.m., there were no motions made.

Ms. Cimbalik motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2010 regular meeting and April 1, 2010. Mr. Speer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted bills for payment and approval:

March 2010 Bills	\$ 44,028.08
Immediate Checks	\$ 25,690.30

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

Scheduled Delegations

The Elementary Principal reported on the following:

- The 28 laptops arrived and Mr. Hinze is preparing those ready for the laptop cart to be used in classrooms. A grant for \$50,000 for technology is in the works. They are in the process of getting quotes for the equipment.
- All the curriculum maps are done horizontally (by grade). Work is continuing on getting them aligned vertically (with the grades above and below).
- The Awards Assembly took place last week. The teachers did it a little differently and it went well.
- Grandparents Day and the Book Fair were great successes.
- Math night was also a huge success. Thanks went out to Linda Jarvis, the junior high students that helped out and the PTO.
- On April 9th, there will be a Power of I presentation follow-up done with the staff.
- The PTO carnival is coming up this Friday, the 23rd.
- MARS Rover Challenge will take place on April 24th.
- May 13th, there will be a Rainforest Assembly. Several live animals from the Rainforest will be brought in for the students to see.
- Students will be helping with road-clean-up coming up at the beginning of May.

The Secondary Principal reported on the following:

- The upcoming Power of I presentation follow-up will include the secondary school staff as well.
- There were seven FCCLA students that qualified for Nationals. Six will be going.

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- The final revised version of the 2010-2011 school calendar was reviewed. Approval will be requested later in the meeting during Old Business.
- Advisory will be continued next year as it has proved to be successful. GPAs are up and it has been going well.
- There were a few legislative revisions to graduation requirements for upcoming years. Recommendations were made based on offering one or two different diplomas upon graduation.

The Counselor's written report was previously sent out to the Board. Ms. Davenport added that the County Courthouse received Federal funding to offer a "Parenting of Teens" class. Those should start mid-May. They will be led by a local lady from McCall that is currently conducting similar classes. ISAT testing will be coming up in May. Finally, word was just received today that Lori Otter will be coming to an assembly for the Idaho Meth Project on May 3rd. The assembly will be for all junior and senior high students. Questions were entertained.

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

- Thanks were given to the aides that helped on Grandparents Day. Also, a big thanks to the kitchen staff who served over 400 lunches. It was all a great success. Thanks were given to the Title I team and PTO for the coordination of Math Night. Participation far exceeded expectations.
- Legislative updates were reviewed.
- Enrollment has increased again by a few students in March.
- While attending the IHSSA meetings, it was decided to decrease the number of athletic contests in various sports to help with budgets. Sports that brought in large revenues for Districts were not affected.
- Cascade School District will be partnering with Meridian School District and surrounding Districts for a Math Initiative Grant. If awarded, it could mean from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for the districts collectively.

Old Business

A third reading of Policy 5430 was done. Revisions will be done and approval will be requested at the May meeting.

Approval was requested for the 2010-2011 school calendar with the revision date of 4-11-10. Ms. Thurston motioned to approve the calendar as written. Dr. Bedell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. A second reading of the Academic Honesty policy was done. No motions or actions took place.

New Business

The bus bids were opened and reviewed. Mr. Koshuta will review and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Betsy Hinze and Brianna Gunderson were announced as the Valedictorian and Salutatorians respectively.

Details of the senior trip were reviewed. No action needed due to the nature of the trip.

Jason Speer was selected as the board member to hand out diplomas at this year's graduation ceremony.

The District's budget hearing date was set for June 16, 2010 at the regular board meeting. The Board Clerk will notify the County Clerk of the date by the April 30th deadline.

A first reading of policy 5330 regarding the archiving of emails took place. No action taken.

Ms. Thurston motioned to accept the resignation of teacher Sara Klure upon completion of the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Upon the first reading of policy 2395 regarding IDLA, Ms. Thurston motioned to increase the IDLA fee charged by the District to \$75 to reflect the charge from IDLA. Mr. Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No further readings will be necessary.

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The Superintendent recommended holding a special meeting to address opting into or out of the statewide declared financial emergency. Ms. Cimbalik motioned to approve a special meeting date of April 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to address public input of Section 33-522 of Idaho Code and award the bus bid. Mr. Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

There being no further business, Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Chairman – Ann Young

Clerk – JoAnne Suggs