MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 371J, PAYETTE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, IDAHO, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE PAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM.

Chairman Gary LaMue called the meeting to order in the Payette High School choir room at 7:00 P.M. with Board members Jessica Lowry, Mona Points and Adam Rynearson present.

Chairman LaMue led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review

Chairman LaMue reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any changes or additions. Mona Points requested that Personnel Actions be moved from the consent agenda to Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

- A. Approve minutes for August 12, 2013 Annual Meeting
- B. Approve September 2013 bills

Motion carried unanimously.

2013 Board Tour and Special Meeting

Clerk Barbara Choate informed the Trustees that a special meeting would be necessary as the Differentiated Pay Plans are due to the State Department of Education prior to our regularly scheduled October meeting. Clerk Choate recommended having the Board tour the schools on the same date. The special meeting will be held Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. at the Payette School District Office. A tour of the schools will follow the business meeting.

Introduction of New Teachers

Building administrators introduced their new teachers. The Payette School District welcomed eleven new teachers.

Trustee Zone 1 Vacancy Clerk Choate informed the Trustees that an application for the vacant Zone 1 Trustee position had been withdrawn leaving no other applications from qualified electors in Zone 1. Idaho Code 33-504 allows the Trustees to appoint an At-Large qualified elector from within the district boundaries to fulfill the unexpired term if a candidate from Zone 1 is not appointed within 90 days of the vacancy. To date, two at-large candidates have submitted letters of interest. Anyone interested in submitting a letter may do so to the district office. Letters of interest will be reviewed and a selection made at the October 14, 2013 Trustee meeting.

PPS and WS Differentiated Learning Models Payette Primary School Principal Kipp McKenzie and Westside Elementary School Principal MaryBeth Bennett provided an overview of the differentiated learning models that are in place at the elementary schools. Differentiated instruction methods are utilized in which teachers adapt lessons and activities in order to meet the individual needs of students. Differentiated instruction allows all students to receive the same concept or skill instruction through varying avenues, depending on their academic abilities and skill sets. Programs are in place for all levels of learning; various opportunities to assist struggling children and providing challenges for

Payette School District Page 2 September 9, 2013 advanced children.

MMS Study Skills Curriculum Overview McCain Middle School Principal Rick Hale presented a study skills program that has been adopted by McCain Middle School. "Inquire" is a complete learning guide and is closely aligned to the new Common Core standards. The curriculum covers 21<sup>st</sup> century skills as well as traditional study skills. Each student will receive a comprehensive student handbook. Each teacher has been provided with a teachers' guide which includes chapter-by-chapter lesson plans. The curriculum includes learning skills, literacy skills and life skills. The curriculum was introduced to middle school parents at the parent orientation meetings.

Payette High School Principal Mark Heleker commented that the "Inquire" study skills curriculum is also being considered for implementation in the Freshman class at the high school through a study skills course to be taught by Mrs. Christian.

Trustee Jessica Lowry recognized Mr. Hale for his willingness to listen to parents and implement solutions.

Elisa Massoth requested an opportunity to address the Trustees through the use of a comment card. Chairman La Mue recognized Ms. Massoth who commented that the MMS orientation was excellent. Ms. Massoth reiterated Ms. Lowry's comments regarding implementation of communication channels. The published school lunch menu includes school activities on the back, PPS and PHS have Facebook pages, and Family Link is current. "Communication has been great."

## Overnight Field Trip Requests

Principal Mark Heleker requested Board approval for the following overnight field trips:

- 1. All in-state 2013-2014 Idaho High School Activities Association sanctioned district/state competitions that require overnight travel.
- 2. All in-state 2013-2014 district/state club competitions that require overnight travel.
- 3. PHS Science Club to Yellowstone National Park, April 25-30, 2014. Estimated cost is \$200 per student which will be raised through fund raising opportunities or paid by the student. No district funds will be expended for any field trips.

Motion was made by Adam Rynearson and seconded by Mona Points to approve the overnight field trip requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## Authorization to Seek Cooling Tower Bids

Superintendent King requested approval for the Payette School District Facilities Director Alvin Hall to seek bids to replace the Payette High School cooling tower. The cooling tower is 25 years old and is at the end of its usefulness. The blower wheels are coming apart and it is leaking. Repair is not recommended as the life of the cooling unit is estimated at 20 years. Estimated cost of replacement is \$75,000. Motion was made by Adam Rynearson and seconded by Jessica Lowry to authorize Mr. Hall to request bids for the PHS cooling tower.

## **Executive Session**

Barbara Choate read: "Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of School District 371J Payette, Idaho, as provided in Section 67-2345 (1) (b) and (d) of the Idaho Code, the Board will now go into executive session at 7:59 P.M. for the purpose of a student

Payette School District Page 3 September 9, 2013	employee review and a coach evaluation. Motion is therefore made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry that Payette School Board go into executive session."  Voting yes: Gary La Mue, Jessica Lowry, Mona Points and Adam Rynearson.  Voting no: No one
	The Board was declared out of executive session at 9:40P.M.
Grant an Early Graduation Request	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to allow student "A" to graduate early, December 2013 if all graduation requirements have been met. Motion carried unanimously.
Deny Re-Enrollment	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to deny student "B" re-enrollment pending proven progress on prior expulsion expectations. Motion carried unanimously.
Hire Coaches	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to hire Anna Van Weerdhuizen, McCain Middle School tennis coach. Motion carried unanimously.
	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to hire Tracy Bratcher, McCain Middle School football coach. Adam Rynearson recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.
	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to hire Tara O'Connor, Payette High School JV volleyball coach. Motion carried unanimously.
	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Jessica Lowry to hire no other coaches at this time. Motion carried unanimously.
Prohibit an Individual's Presence on School District Property and School Activities	Motion was made by Mona Points and seconded by Adam Rynearson to prohibit Individual "X" from being present on Payette School District property and/or at any school activities. Direct administration is to prepare a letter to Individual "X" notifying of this fact and advising that any violation of this prohibition will be treated as trespass and reported to local authorities. Motion carried unanimously.
	The meeting adjourned at 9:44 P.M.
	Barbara Choak & Mr
	Attest Approved