

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 58
Regular School Board Meeting
October 17, 2012

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 58, Bingham County, Idaho met for an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on October 17, 2012 at the Aberdeen School District Office, 318 W. Washington, Aberdeen, Idaho. A motion was made by Trustee Foster and seconded by Trustee Woods that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 58 meet in executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345, Idaho Code, in order to discuss Section 67-2345: (Subsection Personnel); and that following the executive session the Board will reconvene in public session for the purpose of conducting further business. A roll call vote was held with the following results: Elaine Blik – yes, Ken Woods – yes, Marc Foster – yes and Ritchey Toevs – yes. The motion carried.

Topic and Purpose of Meeting: Personnel

Executive session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

No Motions were made upon returning to open session.

Board of Trustees reconvened into regular session at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Toevs opened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Other Board Members present were Marc Foster, Ken Woods, and Elaine Blik. (Elaine Blik was excused to leave at 8:00 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Woods.

AUDIT REPORT: Auditor Morgan Hatt went over the 2011-2012 Annual Audit supplying the Board with a five year comparison spreadsheet showing Revenues, Expenditures, Fund Balances, and Cost spent per Student.

DELEGATION AND PATRON INPUT

--Braden Driscoll talked about the four day work week encouraging the Board to really go through the decision process to make sure the right decision was made. He said he is leaning toward remaining on the five day week.

--Teresa Torres said she was representing the Hispanic parents regarding the four day work week being discussed. She said Hispanic parents really care and the majority was against the four day school week because they felt it was hard for kids to retain information with a three day break every week and would suffer consequences. She personally likes the five day school week over the four day.

--Daniel Torres came to support his wife and to learn more about what is happening.

--Gloy Wride said that the Middle and High School students had a better possibility for success on the four day school week than Elementary Students. She said the younger students had shorter attention spans so teaching needs to be constant and repetitive especially if they have little support at home. She said if a child does not read by the end of 3rd grade it is very hard to catch up and they usually get farther behind as they progress to higher grades. She said that all subjects require good reading skills. She said money should not be the most important factor in deciding whether to change to a four day school week.

--Erin Johnson came to invite all to a Middle School Fund raiser partnering with the Aberdeen Maverick Store to sponsor a "Zombie Fun Run" scheduled for October 27, 2012. Part of the proceeds will go to the Middle School and the rest to charity. She wanted to publicly thank the Maverick Store for sponsoring this fun run event.

--Annette Campau came to represent Elementary Teachers who were concerned about changing to the four day school week, stating that consistency is needed for elementary students more than that needed for secondary school students. She referenced the letter that Elementary teachers had sent to the Board prior to the board meeting.

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--Mychelle Vollmer referenced her written letter submitted to the Board. She thanked the Board for their time and appreciates the job they do for the community. She stated she was against the four day school week giving the example of a previously tried every other day all-day kindergarten the school district had previously tried which had disastrous results with a 32 percent reduction in student proficiency. She wondered why the Board is considering changing their mind about going to a four day school week after the decision was made to stay on a five day last year.

--Tami Andersen expressed concern about the hourly wage paid to bus drivers. She said drivers are happy about receiving benefits but asked the Board to consider raising the hourly rate to offset lost pay this year due to the 20 hour per week work requirement to qualify for PERSI.

--Nacole Kindall expressed her concerns about the kids in the resource room who are having a hard time getting up to speed in reading on the five day school week and would be worse if the district went to a four day school week. She said these kids need daily reading time so a five day week is needed.

--Breann Duffin told the Board research has proven rural communities have done well on a four day school week with no detriment shown to students and the four day week cannot be compared to the every other day all-day kindergarten. She said the four day week would attract better teachers if they had the option between a four day work week versus a five day work week. The right tools, resources, and community support will make the four day week work.

--Marina Taylor stated that a four day work week may not attract better teachers.

--Chairman Toevs told the patrons that no decision has been made and further discussion will continue on the issue of the four day work week. He thanked everyone for attending and for voicing their concerns.

SUPERINTENDENT and ADMINISTATOR REPORTS

Mrs. Ward went over her report and told the Board that about October 29th, 2012 SDE will be finalizing pay-for-performance eligibility. She told the Board that she would like Mr. Pincock to participate in an accreditation team review. She reminded the Board that a date for the annual building walk through needed to be scheduled for a future Board Meeting.

Ms. Colton told the Board that she has been observing teachers implementing the Teach Like a Champion techniques.

Mrs. Mennear was not present so had no additions to her written report.

Mr. Pincock told the Board he also has observed several teachers using "Teach Like a Champion" techniques. He also said that Mr. Park had just finished a program review and passed the review with excellent results. He answered several Board questions on how the on-line World History course was going. Mr. Pincock told the Board that the on-line course was a new concept but would present a how goes it next Board Meeting because the program was still to new and he wanted to give it longer period of time to evaluate the program more constructively.

Mr. Vaughn added to his report that he just received an e-mail stating that the State of Idaho waiver for the federal "No Child Left Behind" had finally passed. He also added that Cristal Twitchell had just been hired as a new special education aide to replace an aide who did not come back after the potato harvest break.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two items (9-A Policy 218 for Review and 9-E Annual Trustee Building Walk Through) were added to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Foster. The motion was seconded by Trustee Woods and carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent items were presented:

Approval of September 19th Regular Meeting minutes

Approval of claims for September, 2012

September 2012 Financial Report

County Tax Report

Building Budget Reports

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A motion was made by Trustee Foster and seconded by Trustee Woods to approve Consent Items A-E as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

--A motion was made by Trustee Woods to approve School Board Policy 1002 (Parent Involvement in Education Process). The motion was seconded by Trustee Foster and passed unanimously.

--A motion was made by Trustee Woods to approve School Board Policy No. 609 (Middle School/Junior High School Credit). The motion was seconded by Trustee Foster and passed unanimously.

--A motion was made by Trustee Foster to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Woods and passed unanimously.

--Superintendent Ward discussed some aspects of implementing the four day school week such as teacher prep time, work day start and stop times for teachers and students, and contact time with students.

--The annual Trustee Building Walk Through was set for November 20,, 2012 with the times to be set later.

TRUSTEE INPUT

Trustee Woods said that he met with the Aberdeen Safe Route committee at City Hall which has the purpose of trying to get kids to walk more, ride bikes, and to make safer intersections. He said they will have a group meeting in the spring for further discussion.

Trustee Foster thank all for coming to the Board meeting and for giving their input. He thanked community members, teachers, staff, and administrators for all the good work in education the students on less money. He told the audience that the Board is into change for improvement and not just to change. The thanked the other Board members for their service performed.

Trustee Toevs said all the input received from the patrons was fantastic and we need to invest in our students and the Board would do all they could to find new funds to offset budget losses and make changes for improvement. He thanked the administration.

Trustee Foster made the motion to adjourn, Trustee Woods made the second, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk: _____, Approved by Board of Trustees:_____.

Chairperson: _____