

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Amended
December 20, 2012

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 58, Bingham County, Idaho met for a special board work session at 2:00 p.m. with a regular session to follow after at 3:00 p.m. on December 20, 2011 at the Aberdeen School District Office, 318 W. Washington, Aberdeen, Idaho.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Vice-Chairman Marc Foster opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Present were Marc Foster, Elaine Blik, Ken Woods, and Andrea Myler. Chairman Ritchey Toevs arrived at 2:30 p.m.

DELEGATION AND PATRON INPUT – BOARD WORK SESSION

Staff members Cody Park representing the AEA, Wayne Millett, Craig Wampler, Wayne Adams, Erin Johnson, Diana Sargent, Tim Satterfield, Becky Pulliam, Janet Hubbs, and Layne Arnoldson expressed their concerns about common preparation. Cody Park told the Board that a vote of 36 teachers was taken who were not in favor of the common preparation proposal. He requested a meeting with the Board and AEA representatives after the first of the year to work out a plan. Craig Wampler used a potato analogy about why the four day work calendar was a bad idea and why the district should keep the five day schedule. Wayne Millett stated if the common preparation period was approved, it would cause watered down classes and “I won’t be here to watch”. Monte Ledford told the scheduling of the board meeting was a problem because it interrupted the staff annual Christmas Dinner Party which had been scheduled at the same time. Wayne Adams expressed his concerns about coaching with common preparation including freshman athletes left without supervision for 45 minutes, gym time, and copier problems. Erin Johnson said she has the same concerns in the Middle School about common preparation as those expressed by the others. Diana Sargent feels honored to be teaching for a five star school, that education is great in Aberdeen, and does not want to backtrack. She said enthusiasm is lost with no preparation in the middle of the day. Tim Satterfield thanked the Board and Mrs. Ward for listening to their concerns and thinks the five day calendar is better in this area. Becky Pulliam used a fruitcake in a basket analogy to express her concerns about not having preparation times spread throughout the day instead of having one common preparation period at the end of the day. Janet Hubbs main concern was time to do IEP meetings with Spanish parents. Layne Arnoldson wants teachers to be involved with the planning. Mrs. Ward suggested a representative from each building could meet and Cody Park said the AEA will decide who from each building would attend. Trustee Foster said that intelligent people and those who care can make adjustments and a better education can be made.

At 2:45 p.m. the work session concluded and a break period was declared. The Board reconvened in open session at 2:57 p.m. for the regular board meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELEGATION AND PATRON INPUT

No additional delegation and patron input.

SUPERINTENDENT and ADMINISTATOR REPORTS

Superintendent Ward discussed her written report and talked about the Sandy Hook School District tragedy. She thanked the Board for all the work and time they put in to meet the needs of the district.

Mr. Pincock highlighted the completed ACT testing pointing out the Gear-Up Grant had paid for the testing and computers awarded to students.

Ms. Mennear highlighted three items on her report: 1. Band and Choir concert tonight and invited all to attend. 2. The Middle School raised \$2300 given to the food bank. 3. A migrant summer school grant she wrote had been awarded for \$5,000.

Ms. Colton discussed item #7 on her written report pointing out that 52 third through fifth grade students have met the requirements of the star program for good citizenship, grades, and etc.

Mr. Vaughn stated administration could come up with ideas for IEP meetings to make the four day schedule work. He told the Board that special education secretary, Linda Gneiting would be retiring January 31, 2013 and the application process had begun for beginning review in January.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After a brief discussion and the addition of business item 8-D (Calendar Discussion), a motion was made by Trustee Foster and seconded by Trustee Woods to approve the agenda as written and amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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BUSINESS MANAGER’S REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012 MINUTES

Business Manager reviewed motions made and approved from November 20th Board Meeting: Approved Policy 218 – Code of Ethics and 4-Day 2013-2014 School Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent items were presented:

Approval of November 20th Regular Meeting Minutes
Approval of claims for November, 2012
Building Budget Reports
County Tax Report for December 2012
Financial Report for November, 2012

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Supplemental Levy Discussion

Determination was made that no additional meeting would be required prior to the regular January 16, 2013 Board Meeting

Approve Policy 679.50

A motion was made by Trustee Blik and seconded by Trustee Woods to approve school policy 679.50 (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Policy & Attachments). The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Job Description for Speech-Language Pathologist “SLP”

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Foster and seconded by Trustee Myler to approve the job description for Speech-Language Pathologist “SLP”. The motion passed unanimously.

Calendar Discussion

A proposal was made by Trustee Myler that the start date of August 15, 2013 was too early and should be moved to August 19, 2013 pushing the school end date from May 31, 2014 to June 3, 2014. Trustee Myler also asked the question whether each Board Member could be assigned to specific duties such as a different trustee assigned to each school and if that was possible, she would like to be assigned to the High School.

TRUSTEE INPUT

Trustee Myler asked for Board patience in her learning her duties as a new Board Member. She said hopes the Board takes to heart what the teachers have to say. She said she did not jump into the four day school week but has researched it for two years. She said the school will benefit from the four day week and those against it will love it later. She wished all a merry Christmas and thanked all for what they do for the district.

Trustee Woods appreciates all staff for their hard work and that we have excellent teachers and administrators. He feels it a privilege to work with parents and board members. He said we all need to be more observant about who is around the school and listen more to what is going on with the students.

Trustee Blik appreciates how the staff feels open with talking to the Board and is optimistic about finding an option that will work for the district as long as we all have an open mind and work together to find solutions. She wished all a merry Christmas.

Trustee Foster appreciates all and wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. He apologized to Mr. Ledford for the oversight in scheduling the Board meeting at the same time as the High School Christmas party. He is glad to be on the school board and appreciates the Board and staff.

Trustee Toevs mentioned Sand Hook which has affected concern for student’s safety and hopes we never have to experience such a tragedy and we all need to watch out for those students who may have problems. He is thankful for all who contributed to meeting the five star rating. He said the district has implemented changes and they have proved beneficial. He said targets change and so changes are needed to meet these changing targets. He thanked all Administrators for their dedication in implementing the changes.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Foster and seconded by Trustee Blik that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 58 recess from open meeting into executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345, Idaho Code, in order to discuss Section 67-2345: Subsection (1)(b) (Discuss Student “A”) and, that following the executive session the Board will reconvene in public session for the purpose of conducting regular meeting business. A roll call vote was held with the following results: Elaine Blik – yes, Ritchey Toevs – yes, Ken Woods – yes, Marc Foster – yes and Andrea Myler – yes. The motion carried.

No motions were made subsequent to returning to open session from executive session and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk: _____ Approved by Board of Trustees: _____

Chairperson: _____