

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58

Special Meeting
September 11, 2017

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 58, Bingham County, Idaho met in a special session beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Aberdeen School District Office, 318 W. Washington, Aberdeen, Idaho.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Board Chairman Herb Bohrer. Also present were Todd Lowder, Mike Shackelford and Elaine Blik. A quorum was established. Jane Ward – Superintendent, Travis Pincock – High School Principal, Jeff Duffin – Head Football Coach, Joe Ingersoll – Head Basketball Coach/Teacher Representative and Alair Palmer – Head Cheerleading Coach also were in attendance.

PURPOSE OF MEETING AS ADVERTISED AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED

The meeting was advertised to discuss Policy 572- Eligibility & Participation in Interscholastic High School Activities.

POLICY 572- ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A discussion was held between Travis Pincock, Joe Ingersoll and Jeff Duffin about the current policy for eligibility and participation in interscholastic high school activities. Mr. Ingersoll introduced a proposal that the high school coaches and teachers agreed with. Included was a probationary period for academically ineligible student athletes to be included in policy 572. The policy would give students additional opportunities to remain eligible to participate in high school sports and extra-curricular activities. The students will also be held accountable for maintaining their eligibility.

TRUSTEE INPUT

Trustee Lowder agrees with the policy that was presented. He understands that the kid's academics are very important and the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities is also important. The students need to be responsible to maintain their eligibility.

Trustee Blik appreciates how the coaches and teachers have been paying attention to the students and care for their well-being. The coaches and teachers work together to help students keep their academic eligibility to participate in sports. The communication between everyone is important so there aren't any surprises with eligibility.

Trustee Shackelford added that if everyone agrees to the amendment to the policy, he is happy with the new proposal.

Trustee Bohrer commented that the state policy is very lenient and is basically just a plan to have in place. He wants our policy to expect more out of the students participating in extra-curricular activities. He appreciates the coaches and the teachers in their willingness to work with students to keep them eligible. He added that any requirements of students and teachers will need to be in policy.

Superintendent Ward added that she will check with Keri Dahlberg if coaches can see student athlete's grades in ISEE to be able to monitor their academic eligibility.

A motion was made by Trustee Shackelford and seconded by Trustee Blik to approve in principle the proposal adding Probationary Periods for Academically Ineligible Student Athletes to be incorporated into Policy 572 for approval at the September 20th regular board meeting. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Shackelford and seconded by Trustee Blik to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the special session adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

_____, Approved by the Board of Trustees on _____

Superintendent

_____, Chairman