

WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #288  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, March 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.  
Deary School Library  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair, Beverly Clark, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. Attendance: Shawna Winter, Brittany Griffin, Beverly Clark, Mandy Kirk, Marc Manni, Joshua Hardy, Stephanie Fletcher, Stacy Monk, Kendra Keen, Kym Fredrickson, Deputy Paridis
  - b. Changes to Agenda:
    - D. Avista Easement\*
    - E. Prek Open Enrollment Procedures – Discussion
    - F. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Snake River Jet Boat Field Trip - Discussion
  - c. Adopt Agenda\*: *By unanimous consent the Agenda was approved as amended.*
2. Public Comments (Limited to 12 minutes)
  - a. None
3. Approve Consent Agenda\*: *By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was approved*
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Bill Payments
  - c. Certified, Classified, and Supplemental Personnel Actions
    - Assistant Track Coach - 24-25 - Cassidy Henderson
    - Head Volleyball Coach 25-26 - Cassidy Henderson
  - d. Items to be Disposed - None
4. Presentations:
  - a. *None*
5. Information Items
  - a. Budget Reports
  - b. Enrollment Report
  - c. Department / Principals' Reports
    - **Athletic Director:**
      - MS Basketball is in full swing. Their first game is March 11<sup>th</sup> vs Troy here in Deary, followed by Potlatch on the 13<sup>th</sup> also @ home.
      - HS Track and Field has TWENTY THREE (23) athletes signed up for track. This is the most we have had in years, exciting to see the program growing. Their first meet isn't until AFTER spring break. (April 5<sup>th</sup> @ Kamiah)
      - HS Boys Basketball team banquet is Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM.
    - **SPED Director -**
      - *NONE*
    - **IT Director -**
      - *NONE*
    - **Transp/Maint. Director -**
      - Maintenance. Dept.
        - I am starting to get contracts on board for planned summer projects.
        - Custodial staff reports are all good.
      - Transportation
        - We have a little slow time after the winter sports season before spring season kicks up. All drivers are well and excited for spring.

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- **Business Manager -**

- The Idaho Association of Business Officials was last week. As usual, it was very valuable to attend. Wednesday was geared toward new business managers. I attended classes that ranged from emergency levies, how to handle a budget shortfall and community communication, HR best practices, budget prep tools and HB521. Regarding HB 521 - School Modernization Funds, I learned that if the state can't make the payment, they will withhold what they need from our foundation payment. This was very useful information to have to plan a safeguard in case that happens.

Thursday included sessions featuring all the sections from the State Department of Education School Finance department. The best class was hosted by Nicki Scheppers, the Chief of Staff from West ADA. She discussed the best ways to communicate with a district's constituents and shared their research they have gathered to determine how their patrons interact. Facebook is by far the most popular social media platform. I asked what her knowledge was on a district having multiple pages vs just one and sharing everything on one. She highly recommended having only one page as multiple pages fail for a variety of reasons; such as a fractured audience, stale information, lost passwords with staff moves, etc. She recommended one page that everyone shares and interacts on will provide the best interaction with patrons.

There was also valuable discussion on the career ladder, current legislation is adding the \$6359 to each cell in addition to the 5% Change in Employee Compensation. The state department as well as legislators have been made aware of the cost impact this will cause districts if the "minimum wage" language is left in tack. With this significant influx of proposed money into the career ladder, and the "minimum language" in place most of the new monies we would get would need to go toward getting our staff up to the required minimum wage. This has not passed yet but is very much on our radar.

Friday's session included a Q&A with Greg Wilson, Gideon Tolman and Quinn Perry and they provided updates from the legislature.

The Post Legislative Roadshow has been scheduled for May 1 in Moscow. The budget portion will be delivered via webinar about 2 weeks after the legislative session adjourns so we can get that information asap.

- Mustang Market – preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mustang Market have begun. We are excited to host this event again that highlights the students' elective options and how our Supplemental Levy dollars are at work! Save the date for May 8<sup>th</sup>

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- **Elementary Principal -**

- **SEL Engineering Outreach**

- Four Engineers from SEL coached the Deary Elementary Students build Zip Lines with Fishing Line. Students paired up and created their own zip line carts. Students had to adjust the weights of their cart for heavy, medium, and light lines. Our kids were continuously adjusting their carts to zip faster.

- **Read to Ride**

- Once again, Mrs. Moser got a lucky draw, and our Elementary students have an opportunity to earn a ticket to Silverwood. Students need to read for 10 hours and have parents sign their reading log to qualify.

- **Dr. Seuss & Read Across America**

- Mr. Monk read to the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, and Derrick and Mr. Hardy read to the K-2 students.

- **Mrs. Summerfield's Idaho Lottery Checklist**

- Mrs. Summerfield applied for and received an Idaho Lottery Classroom Wishlist. She received all the books she wanted, including many from Dr. Seuss and some stuffed animals. Community ambassadors from the Idaho Lottery will conduct a presentation in the 2nd grade on March 11th. Students will be involved, and we have received consent from parents for the students to be on the Lottery's social media pages.

- **IRI Update**

- 55/57 students have tested. Accommodations (timings) have been turned on for some students. 42/55 students were proficient (Tier 1) 76%. 10 students Tier 2, and 3 students Tier 3.

- **Secondary Principal -**

- **Latah Sheriff Dept. - Safe Driving Presentation**

- Deputy Duke and Deputy Paradis came to present a course on safe driving to the seniors and juniors a few weeks ago. The presentation was good and many of the students actively participated. It was so well received that we are working to get them back in soon to present to the sophomores and freshmen.

- **IDLA Cost Decrease**

- We were contacted last month by Brad Patzer with IDLA that, beginning this summer, they are lowering the cost of courses from \$75 to \$40. There is also a scholarship that can be applied to a certain number of courses – that number is based on our enrollment – which will further decrease the cost to \$0 for some. (Currently, I believe we have three applicable scholarships.)

I believe that this might be the answer to the question of credit recovery. Right now, we have students pay for these courses. With these much lower fees, I feel that we can cover the cost of credit recovery courses – to an extent. We will want to alter the policy and possibly place some stipulations on the number of times the district will pay for the same recovery course for one student.

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### ○ **Cell Phone Grant**

- We have been looking into use of the money provided by the *Governor's Emergency Education Relief* (GEER) Fund – which is the cell phone policy grant. Mrs. Fletcher worked with the HS and MS Student Councils to gather information from the student body through a survey as to what they would like to see purchased with these funds. Mr. Monk spoke with his staff as well. Lastly, Mr. Olson had some input on equipment that could have doubled use. Items that they have requested include ping pong tables, pickleball courts, spike ball sets, basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, jump ropes, and board and card games. Some of these items will be for outdoor use and some for indoor use. When the items arrive, our Student Council leaders will hold an assembly to stress the importance of proper care and use of the items to keep them in good condition for prolonged usage.

### ○ **Rocket Alumni Solutions**

- I have mentioned before that I wanted to look into having a different option for the “alumni” pictures instead of the ever-breaking flip charts. Last Wednesday, I met with a representative from Rocket Alumni Solutions which offers a touchscreen service. This would be a financial commitment as the service is a yearly subscription. The cost is a little higher than I would like. My plan is to reach out to some local/regional businesses and see if we can get an ongoing contribution in exchange for advertising. As soon as I make some headway on that I will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you would like to check out the product, you can click on the links below for specifics.

### d. Superintendent's Report

#### ▪ **Federal Program Draw Downs:**

Having been out nearly a full week, I chose to attend my monthly Region 2 Superintendents meeting via zoom rather than going to Lewiston. Doing so provided Mrs. Fletcher with the opportunity to sit in and listen to some of the more pressing matters. One area of concern regards Federal Funding and the unknowns that surround moves that President Trump is making at that level. There has been rumor that there could be between 30-40% cuts in Federal Programs. With this in mind, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Proctor conducted a mid-year *Time & Effort* review of the paraprofessionals and were able to adjust the number of paras that were being funded by these federal dollars. Mrs. Fletcher made journal entries to account for these salaries for September through February and resubmitted these additional expenses for approval. This resulted in *Title I, Idea Part B*, and *REAP* grants being fully utilized for this school year. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Proctor will continue to work on requesting funds for the Title IV and Title II funds.

#### ▪ **IBB Updates**

A subcommittee met last week to discuss the next Academic Calendar. A lot of progress was made but there is still some ironing-out that needs to be done before sending it to the Board for approval. Another calendar committee meeting was scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The next IBB Session is scheduled for April 1st at 4:30.

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### 6. Discussion / Action\* Items

- a. Supplemental Levy Ballot Language\*: *Mandy Kirk moved to approved the Supplemental Levy Ballot Language for the May 21, 2025 election. Brittany Griffin seconded, motion carried*
- b. Audit Engagement Letter\*: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve the Audit Engagement Letter. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.*
- c. Protect 900 - Air Filtration: Mr. Hardy presented a new air filtration device that removes pathogens from the air. The board requested that the demo unit be given to Bovill to see if they would like to purchase some units for their classrooms.
- d. Avista Easement: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve the easement for Avista power to move an anchor for their power line. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.*
- e. PreK Open Enrollment: A discussion was had on whether or not to allow out of district students to attend our preschool. A consensus was reached that due to it being funded by the Supplement Levy, that priority would be given to in-district students, and then out of district students for district staff member children. It would not be open to general out of district students.
- f. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: The 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents provided information to the board chair regarding the Snake River Jet Boat trip. After much discussion, the consensus was to allow the 4<sup>th</sup> grade to attend this field trip using existing ASB Deary Elementary funds as everyone agreed that there is significant value in a trip like this and it provides a wealth of information about Idaho History that are required standards for 4<sup>th</sup> graders to learn.

### 7. Policy Items:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Readings: 2650 - Credit Transfer and Assessment for Placement for Students from Non-Accredited Private Schools, Including Homeschool: *Mandy Kirk moved to move Policy 2650 into 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as amended.. Marc Manni seconded, motion carried*
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings: 3265 - Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve Policy 3265. Shawna Winter seconded, motion carried.*

Board Recessed: In: 8:02 p.m. Out: 8:05 p.m.

### 8. Executive Session -

- a. Idaho Code 74-206 (1.b.) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or a student.

#### 1. Staff Spotlight

*Brittany Griffin moved to enter Executive Session under I.C. 74-206 (1.b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or a student. Mandy Kirk seconded. Roll Call Vote: Shawna Winter – Aye, Brittany Griffin – Aye, Beverly Clark – Aye, Mandy Kirk – Aye, Marc Manni – Aye.*

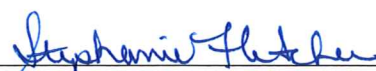
IN: 8:05 p.m.

OUT: 8:28 p.m.

### 9. Other Business: *NONE*

### 10. Adjourn: *By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.*

  
Beverly Clark, Chair

  
Stephanie Fletcher, Clerk