

WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #288  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, January 13, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.  
Deary School Library  
MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: Chair Beverly Clark called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
  - a) Attendance: Shawna Winter, Brittany Griffin, Beverly Clark, Mandy Kirk, Marc Manni, Joshua Hardy, Stephanie Fletcher, Tera Reeves, various teachers and patrons
  - b) Changes to Agenda: None
  - c) Adopt Agenda\*: *By unanimous consent the Agenda was approved.*
- 2) Public Comments (Limited to 12 minutes): 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
  - d) Items to be Disposed - None
- 4) Annual Organizational Meeting:
  - a) Chair Beverly Clark declared the Board of Trustees dissolved and called for a reorganization for the 2025 school year.
  - b) Superintendent Joshua Hardy requested nominations for Board Chair. Brittany Griffin nominated Beverly Clark. Shawna Winter seconded; motion carried.
  - c) Chair Beverly Clark called for nominations for Vice Chair, Treasurer and Clerk. Brittany Griffin nominated Mandy Kirk as Vice Chair, Marc Manni nominated Stephanie Fletcher as Board Clerk and Treasurer. Seconded by Brittany Griffin. Brittany Griffin moved to accept the nominations for Vice Chair, Clerk and Treasurer. Shawna Winter seconded; motion carried.
  - d) Chair Beverly Clark called for a motion to accept the reorganization of the Board of Trustees for the 2025 school year. Mandy Kirk so moved. Brittany Griffin seconded; motion carried.
  - e) Chair Beverly Clark declared the following:
    - Board Meeting Dates and Locations  
(Deary meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and Bovill and Elk River meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.):
      - February 10th - Deary
      - March 10th - Deary
      - April 14th - Bovill Elementary School
      - May 12th - Deary
      - June 16th - Deary
      - July 14th - Bovill Elementary School
      - August 11th - Elk River Community Center
      - September 8th - Deary
      - October 13th - Deary
      - November 10th - Bovill
      - December 8th - Deary
      - January 12th - Deary

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- Posting Sites:
  - District Office: 502 First Ave. Deary, ID 83823
  - Deary High School Gym Doors: 502 First Ave. Deary, ID 83823
  - District website: [www.sd288.org/schoolboardtrustees](http://www.sd288.org/schoolboardtrustees)
- Depositories:
  - Checking – Idaho Central credit Union
  - Savings – Idaho State Treasurer's Office – Local Government Investment Pool

Chair, Beverly Clark called for a motion to accept the Meeting Dates, Posting Sites, and Depositories. Marc Manni so moved. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.

The Code of Ethics was distributed and signed by each Trustee.

5) Presentations: None

6) Information Items

- a) Budget Reports
- b) Enrollment Report
- c) Department / Principals' Reports
- **Athletic Director** -
  - Currently (Jan. 7th), Boys and Girls Basketball are kicking off their 'second half' of the season today. Boys are @ Prairie, and Girls are HOME vs Kendrick. Boys are 3-4, 3-2 in WPL play. Girls are 6-1, 3-1 in WPL play.
  - Both Boys and Girls have a slate of HUGE league games coming up: 1/10 vs Highland, 1/14 @ SJB, 1/16 vs Timberline, 1/18 vs Nezperce, & 1/21 @ Genesee. Very important stretch for both squads as they look to earn a top seed for the district tournaments.
  - The HS Volleyball Head Coach position has officially become vacant as of 1/6. It has now been offered to all staff in our district, as per our policy we do this before we offer out to the public.
  - Pending the board's approval, Kelli Kinzer has been hired as the MS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.
  - The Leah Swanson Memorial - Deary Invite track meet has been nailed down for Saturday, April 12th @ Lapwai HS. First event will begin @ 10 AM. Moved to a Saturday so we can still allow the MASSIVE number of teams to attend, and not be at the track until 9 PM on a Tuesday night. Going to be GREAT!
- **SPED Director** -
  - We are currently starting this year's GSFR (General Supervision File Review), which is where LEAs send in student files (IEP, Eligibility, Consent for Assessments, etc.) for review by the state department to check for compliance. Since the SPED manual and process has/is changing from the state audit last year, they are only reviewing one secondary IEP for compliance issues. The secondary student has been selected by the state department and their file has been uploaded into the system for review. We will get the results of that review sometime in February.

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- We also have completed IDEA Part B budgets and Title budgets and submitted those to the state department for final approval after re-allocations. The current amounts we are set to receive from those federal funds are:
- Special Education:
  - IDEA Part B School Age: \$51,288
  - IDEA Part B Preschool: \$517
    - In November, LEAs were awarded approximately 34% of the preliminary allocations.
- Schoolwide Title Program:
  - Title IA: \$62,118 Improving Basic Programs
  - Title IIA: \$11,128 Supporting Effective Instruction
  - Title IVA: \$10,000 Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- **IT Director -**
  - *NONE*
  
- **Transp/Maint. Director -**
  - Mr. Eggers reports that all is well in his departments.
  
- **Elementary Principal -**
  - **Holiday Activities:**
    - As always, the IDFY students did an outstanding job with the Bovill students. They are great mentors and enjoy interacting with our young students.
    - The 4th and 5th grades performed very well at the senior luncheon, and everyone enjoyed their songs. The students were invited to recognize their grandparents once the songs were complete.
    - The Elementary Christmas Concert was excellent! Ms. Heath and our students did an outstanding job of preparing. Each class performed their songs very well. Twenty-one of our 4th and 5th graders were responsible for introducing a song, and their introductions were great. Attendance was good, and the crowd was invited to do a sing-along to Jingle Bells for the final song.
  - **IRI Update**
    - K-3 November reading scores were at 75% proficient. "Accommodations" were turned on for some students allowing more time for reading comprehension and potentially inflating scores.
    - December scores were similar with 71% proficient, and the accommodations were turned on for this month also. Note: the difference between our rounded 71% and 75% is two students.
    - January's Istation tests will be administered without accommodations just as they are for the official IRI tests in September and May.

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#### d) Superintendent's Report

- **Child Nutrition Program**

- When the board reviewed the price increase in May, and then voted to increase the prices for the 24-25 school year, a review of meals served was requested. Now that we are halfway through the year, an analysis of meals served is provided to you. Overall, we have seen an increase in meals served across the district. There are a couple of months that lunches decreased, however we have justification for why - students out for other activities (fair and honor roll lunch). Also remember, all students that qualify for Medicaid are also now directly certified for free meals. This caused a significant increase in qualifying students. Lastly, the threshold for income levels increased which made it easier to qualify for free or reduced meals that also caused an increase in families that qualify. I spoke with Mrs. Hennigar and Mr. Monk, and neither has heard any (negative or positive) feedback regarding the fee increase.

- **LCCF Grant**

- Once again, Mrs. Brown came through with a major win for the district. She recently applied for a grant through the Latah County Community Foundation which has been awarded to help fund new library material and literacy incentives. The awarded amount is \$3,000. As I get more information, I will let you know how exactly that money is being put to use. With the last grant she was awarded, there should be something in this month's newsletter on what she has been doing.

- **School Modernization / Facilities Funds**

- Last month we received the first installment of the *School Modernization funds* in the amount of \$552,035.00. (This is approximately 66% of the overall \$835,779.29 that was calculated.) The funds were deposited into the *LGIP 2440* savings account on December 19th. The funding code assigned to these dollars is *Fund 436*. Due to the extreme limitations placed on the allowed use of this funding, it would be best practice to open a new - and separate - account in the *LGIP* to track these funds. Stephanie will set that up at the direction of the board.

#### 7) Discussion / Action\* Items

- a) **Interest-Based Bargaining Updates:** The board discussed how to best communicate these meetings and the purpose. They talked about how all staff can utilize the IBB team to bring issues to the table. Mr. Hardy will provide a summary at the staff meeting this Friday.
- b) **Classroom Observations:** Beverly Clark shared her experience with the board about her visit to the Bovill School. She was greatly impressed by the "What I Need" program that Bovill Teachers have implemented. She also enjoyed the end of day practice of saying goodbye to each student with a special handshake or hug depending on the student's preference. Her visit highlighted all the important everyday things our staff does in this district.
- c) **Idaho Student Well-Being Assessment (Communities for Youth):** The board confirmed they want to move forward with the assessment. However, Shawna Winter must recuse herself from any of the discussions, information, and decisions due her employment with an insurance company.

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- d) Substitutes: An idea from the Climate Survey was shared – to let colleges know that we have a need for subs. Mr. Hardy will reach out to colleges at the next Superintendent meeting. Mrs. Griffin suggested making a flyer to distribute. Mr. Hardy will communicate at the next staff meeting how Ms. Davis-Sandler can provide support in the district.
- e) Climate Survey Follow-up: The survey was extended to allow for more responses. Once the survey is closed, Mrs. Clark will summarize. The board will meet to help finalize the summary and work toward addressing the concerns and ideas shared. They scheduled a Special Meeting Executive Session on January 29, 2025 at 6 p.m. to review the survey results.
- f) Renewal of Gem Prep Online's charter\*: *Shawna Winter moved to approve the unconditional renewal of Gem Prep Online's charter and performance certificate effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2037. Brittany Griffin seconded, motion carried.*

8) Policy Items:

a) 1<sup>st</sup> Readings:

- 2315 - Physical Activity Opportunities and Physical Education: *Brittany Griffin moved to move policy 2315 to seconded reading. Shawna Winter seconded, motion carried.*
- 3265 - Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices; Stayed in 1<sup>st</sup> reading

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings: None

9) 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.
  - Staff Spotlight
  - Supt. Eval Update
- b) Idaho Code 74-206 (1. h.) To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code.
  - Negotiations

*Brittany Griffin moved to enter Executive Session under I.C. 74-206 (1. B. & H.) – 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. h. to consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code. Shawna Winter seconded. Roll Call Vote: Shawna Winter – Aye, Brittany Griffin – Aye, Beverly Clark – Aye, Mandy Kirk – Aye, Marc Manni – Aye.*

In: 8:02 p.m. Recess: 8:43p.m. Return: 8:45 p.m.

Out: 10:06 p.m.

10) Other Business: *NONE*

11) Adjourn: *By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.*

  
Chair, Beverly Clark

  
Clerk, Stephanie Fletcher