

WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #288
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.
Bovill School Library
MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: Chair, Beverly Clark, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - a) Attendance: Shawna Winter, Brittany Griffin, Beverly Clark, Mandy Kirk, Marc Manni, Joshua Hardy, Stephanie Fletcher, various patrons, staff and guest speakers.
 - b) Changes to Agenda: None
 - c) Adopt Agenda*: *By unanimous consent the Agenda was approved.*

- 2) Public Comments (Limited to 12 minutes):
 - a) Sarah Stanton encouraged the board to adopt the model policy for cell phones to improve student learning and social engagement. She referenced studies that show the detriment that personal devices are having on our youth.

- 3) Approve Consent Agenda*: *By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was approved.*
 - a) Minutes
 - b) Bill Payments
 - c) Certified, Classified, and Supplemental Personnel Actions - None
 - d) Items to be Disposed - None

- 4) Presentations
 - a) Richard Bauscher, LFRP / Facilities Review:
 - Dr. Bauscher was hired to provide a professional facilities review to assist us in developing the 10-year Facilities Plan. His report scored the Bovill building at 63 or Fair condition and the Deary building at 81 or Fair. The state is working towards all schools to be 90-100 or Good condition. He made recommendations where improvements or repairs can be made to bring the building to Good status. This information will be used to obtain the School Modernization Funds from the state.

 - b) Teresa Dollar, Trunk or Treat in Elk River
 - Ms. Dollar reported on the event she attended – the Elk River Trunk or Treat. She took a bus that was decorated as a haunted house to represent the Whitepine Joint School District and engage the patrons and students in the Elk River community. It was a huge success with over 50 kids going through the bus/haunted house.

 - c) Kristy Johnson, WIN (What I Need) time program
 - Mrs. Johnson presented the WIN program they have developed for K-3. This is a Response to Intervention program that works with all levels of students to provide additional support or enrichment based on individual student needs. The teachers and paras meet once a month to review each student's placement, and the teachers meet every two weeks so students' needs can be evaluated regularly. This program has been very successful, and they are seeing the desired academic improvement after just the first quarter.

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5) Information Items

a) Budget Reports

▪ **Medicaid Billing Change**

- Julia Proctor reports that the state has made some changes to what they will allow to be billed to Medicaid for reimbursement through the Idaho Medicaid Match Trust. We are no longer able to submit Paraprofessional's time delivering Speech and Language services to Special Education students.
- Stephanie Fletcher - At this time, I am not sure what the total decrease in dollars will be as I am not sure how much of our para's time was submitted for reimbursement. I only see the final dollar amount that we get reimbursed. A student must qualify for Medicaid for us to be reimbursed. Not all the students receiving SLP services qualify for Medicaid. This is just a heads up, that it is another possible decrease in funding and these services will have to be provided out of the general fund.

▪ **Federal Program Revenue**

- All of the Federal Program dollars have been awarded and the reimbursement requests will begin. There is one program to note, IDEA Part B school age and IDEA Part B PreK: They are being awarded differently this year. Currently we have received 34% of our allocation and the rest will be distributed later this year instead of in December like last year. This will help with being able to claim reimbursements for these funds at the same time the rest of the federal program funds are requested starting in October. The preliminary disbursement is in line with what we budgeted to receive.

b) Enrollment Report

- Enrollment as of 11/14/24 is 219 student Prek-12

c) Department / Principals' Reports

Elementary Principal's Report:

- **Mandt Training:** A Restraint and Seclusion intervention & prevention training
 - Mrs. Fredrickson is our Trainer.
 - All staff get first training (1 day) on relationships, positive behavior supports, trauma, and crisis cycle – we did this Nov. 8
 - Selected Staff will receive technical training Nov. 15. This group contains members that are more likely to be involved in an actual restraint situation.
 - Both trainings are to be done annually.
- **IRI Updates**
 - K-3 November Istation Scores (reading) are at 75% proficient.
 - Some students have “accommodations” turned on which allows more time for reading comprehension which could inflate our scores.
 - We do this in individual cases so we can see if extra time allows them an opportunity to understand more about the passages they read.

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▪ **IDFY Activity**

- The Deary High School IDFY students led the Deary Elementary Students in prevention activities last month. The activities included Team Building Relays, “Natural High Videos and discussion groups, and they made popcorn medley treats. All students participated in letter decorating for a hall sign – Be Kind to Your Mind- Live Drug Free. We always appreciate IDFY’s involvement!

▪ **Student Teacher**

- Cassidy Henderson is Student Teaching for us this year. She is assigned to Mrs. Kristy Johnson in the first semester and will be working with Mrs. Moser in the second semester.

Secondary Principal -

▪ **PSAT Results**

- This is information that was shared from Mr. Hays regarding our students’ PSAT scores. Our average score was 1011, compared to 912 for the state and 913 for the world. 53% of our students scored at the college ready level in both English Reading & Writing and Math, compared to 32% of the state and 34% of the world.

d) Superintendent’s Report;

- School Resource Officer, Deputy Paradis handed out business cards to the board to introduce himself to the board. He reminded them that he is a resource for the school and looks forward to working with them on issues he can help with. Email is the best way to reach him.

6) Discussion / Action* Items

- a) Declare Endorsement Need - Ag Communications and Leadership*: *Mandy Kirk moved to approve the endorsement of Ag Communications for Ms. Kinzer to provide the needed classes for our students. Shawna Winter seconded, motion carried.*
- b) 10 Year Facilities Plan*: *Brittany Griffin moved to approved the 10-Year Facility Plan as presented. Marc Manni seconded, motion carried.*
- c) IBB Updates: New dates of January 3rd and 4th were set for Interest Based Bargaining training.
- d) ISBA Convention:
 - Board members addressed a few of the sessions that they attended at the ISBA Convention earlier in the month. Mandy Kirk discussed School Vouchers and the effects that they have had on Arizona’s public school system as well as the state’s overall budget. As this is a constant worry in Idaho, the information is valuable. She suggested everyone look into the matter and mentioned Save Our Schools, Idaho as a resource. (If you are interested in information on Arizona, you can go to <https://sosarizona.org/> Brittany Griffin mentioned many of the sessions she attended were regarding negotiations and alternative approaches. She particularly liked information shared by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation organization. Shawna Winter discussed students’ achievement data and reporting, and will discuss this more at the next meeting. Deputy Paradis was in attendance and asked if any

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information on the "Guns in School" bills from last were discussed and requested updates when we hear more on this topic.

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding student health and the possibility of conducting an Idaho Student Well-Being Assessment. This is a project that is offered based on available funding through grants and provided by Idaho Communities for Youth in collaboration with the SDE and other partners. The action taken on this was to begin a process to investigate the possibility of conducting the survey at our secondary level.
 - e) Idaho Student Well-Being Assessment*: *Brittany Griffin moved to investigate the process of having Community of Youth conduct a student wellness survey. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried. (Shawna Winter recused herself, due to a potential conflict of interest with her employer.)*
 - f) School Bus Quote*: *Mandy Kirk moved to approve the quote from Thomas Built Buses for \$131,456. Brittany Griffin seconded, motion carried.*
- 7) Policy Items:
- a) 1st Readings: *Mandy Kirk moved to move Policy 3010P to second reading. Shawna Winter seconded, motion carried.*
3010P - Open Enrollment Procedures – Moved to 2nd
3265 - Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices – Stayed in 1st.
 - b) 2nd Readings: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve policy 7408 - Entering into Professional Service Contracts as presented. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.*

The board recessed at 8:51 and resumed at 8:57.

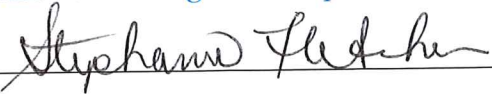
- 8) Executive Session - Idaho Code 74-206 (1.b.) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or a student.
Mandy Kirk moved to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 (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. Brittany Griffin seconded. Roll Call vote as follows: Marc Manni – Aye, Mandy Kirk – Aye, Beverly Clark – Aye, Brittany Griffin – Aye, Shawna Winter – Aye.
IN: 8:58 p.m.
OUT: 10:04 p.m.

- 9) Other Business
a) *NONE*

- 10) Adjourn: *By unanimous consent the board adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.*



Beverly Clark, Chair



Stephanie Fletcher, Clerk