

WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL - IDAHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #464

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

2959 JOHN ADAMS PARKWAY AMMON, ID

MAY 23, 2008

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Directors in attendance

Aaron Tolson, Rob Black, Miles Carroll, Ryan McMurtrey, Helen Zollinger, and Jeremy Krupp established a quorum

Acceptance of Agenda

Aaron moved to approve the agenda. Rob seconded. Motion passed.

Public Input

Elena Brower read a letter requesting the board to increase the 2008-09 school year budget to pay a second librarian 10 hours per week. See attached letter.

Bryan Myers spoke to re-emphasize his comments from an earlier meeting that the board needs to provide better direction in the operation of the school and improve administrator performance. Bryan stated that a 3rd grade class had been sent to the Museum of Idaho earlier in the week with two parent volunteers instead of a substitute teacher. Bryan cited this as another example of poor judgment by the administrator in running the school.

New Business

2008-09 School Year Budget. Anita presented the proposed 2008-09 school budget with three options. The first option included a part-time administrator budgeted at the same level as last year. The second option included a full-time assistant administrator. The third option reflected the administrator's proposal to replace the assistant administrator with an executive secretary and additional part-time administrative staff. See attached spreadsheet. Rob excused himself from the meeting when the library budget became a topic of discussion. Ryan moved to fund staffing in the library at twenty hours per week. Aaron seconded. During discussion, Aaron stated that the \$2,500 legal budget was not needed. Miles stated that the legal budget was needed to address issues associated with student expulsions. Aaron replied that \$2,500 would not fund a lawsuit defense, funds could come from reserves, and other legal resources, such as a parent volunteer, could offset the budget issue. Aaron amended the motion to use the legal budget to offset the increased funding for the library. Helen seconded the amendment. Amendment motion passed. Standing motion passed. Following the library discussion, Rob was invited to rejoin the meeting. Miles asked if teaching staff salaries had been increased in accordance with increases in the state wage scale. Anita responded

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that the budget proposal included the 2% base increase for teacher salaries. Rob asked if any of the strategic planning elements were included in the budget. Peggy stated that teacher mentoring was included in the strategic plan and her proposal. Rob asked Helen if other initiatives from the strategic plan were costed and included in the budget. Helen stated that she was on a strategic planning sub-committee as a parent volunteer and had not been directed to provide specific budget items from the plan. Helen stated that she was frustrated that all the strategic plan elements were not implemented and that her sub-committee had submitted all requested information on schedule. Helen left the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Ryan moved to approve the 2008-09 school year budget of \$1,808,343 which included a full-time assistant administrator. Rob seconded. During the discussion, Jeremy stated that we needed to define the role of the assistant administrator funding to align with the goals and vision of the school and spend some serious time considering the direction of the school. Motion passed.

Intercom System Bids. Prior to any discussion on the intercom system bids, Jeremy excused himself from the meeting as he is an employee of a company that had submitted a bid. Ryan moved to approve the award of a contract to IdeaCom for \$9,989 to install an intercom system for the school. Aaron seconded. Motion passed.

Staffing. Jeremy moved to enter executive session to discuss hiring staff. Rob seconded. Aaron, Rob, Miles, Ryan, and Jeremy all voted in favor of entering an executive session at 9:50 a.m. Peggy was invited to be present in the executive session. Open staff positions, candidate interviews, recommendations for offering contracts, and staff resignations were discussed during the executive session. Candidates discussed were Tina Orme, Marie Pelletti, Jocelyn Hayes, and Randy Crisler. Rob moved to adjourn the executive session. Ryan seconded. Aaron, Rob, Miles, Ryan, and Jeremy all voted in favor of adjourning the executive session at 10:08 a.m. Aaron moved to offer a full-time contract to Marie Pelletti and a half-time contract to Randy Crisler for the 2008-09 school year. Rob seconded. Motion passed. Rob moved to accept the letter of resignation from Jocelyn Hayes and recognize that Tina Orme had withdrawn her letter of intent. Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meeting and Agenda Items

Regular Monthly Meeting - June 12th, 7:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Rob moved to adjourn. Ryan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

No changes between original minutes and web version. RB