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Cambridge School District No. 432 Washington County, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 6:36 p.m. Other board members present were Jarred Farrens, Nick Petitmermet, and Pam Schwenkfelder. Dean Dunham was absent. Also present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Principal Angie Lakey-Campbell, and Business Manager Cathy Lakey.

Moved Trustee Petitmermet by to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 Section B for the purpose of personnel; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried at 6:36 p.m. by voice vote as follows: Trustee Farrens—yes; Trustee Petitmermet—yes; Trustee Schwenkfelder—yes; and Trustee Clark—yes. The board discussed personnel and returned to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

Present for the regular meeting were Nina Hawkins and Jeri Bemis.

Board Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Trustee Petitmermet asked Mrs. Lakey to give an update on the current budget. Mrs. Lakey reported that the corrected staffing report she sent in earlier was approved by the state and the funding level was restored to the budgeted amount. A deposit was sent to the district's investment account last Tuesday. Mrs. Lakey is still making corrections between the general fund and the special funds from last year, which are gradually improving the fund balance in the general fund. The board asked Mrs. Lakey to continue to investigate missing reimbursements from Driver Education and thanked her for the work she did to get the revenue restored. Last year's corrections have also been submitted and should be approved and funded in July. Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the April 16, 2012, regular meeting; the payables for May, 2012, and the financial reports as presented; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

Special Reports

Superintendent Schumacher announced that a consortium of Long Pin Schools has been awarded a grant for professional development on incorporating technology in the classroom. Council is working on a grant now for money to turn the consortium schools into sending schools so districts can share courses in a revenue-neutral environment. Mr. Schumacher talked about the new law that requires districts to pay up to 50 percent of classes students take on-line. Fractional ADA can be unfair for districts that are floored, since their funding isn't based on ADA. The Idaho Leads project gave the district \$5000 through the Albertson's foundation to be used for supporting teaching and learning in the school district. Mr. Schumacher would like to pool the money with this year's

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technology money, next year's technology money and money from the Superintendent's group and purchase hand-held devices. ISAT testing is completed and scores in math and reading were good, but language and science were not as high. Reading scores flattened out even though all but one student was proficient. Mr. Schumacher explained that it is difficult to spend enough time teaching reading and math in a multi-grade classroom. Next fall administration intends to change the way the district communicates with parents. Mr. Schumacher will be in the counselor's office in the high school an hour a day and will be meeting with parents to begin the conversation about what parents want and expect for their children—less about progress and more about dreams and goals. More tracking will be used to help students achieve the things they hope for. Perhaps more enrichment could be given to those students who are interested. Senior project may add this dimension.

Principal Lakey-Campbell mentioned that Mrs. Lakey has been working on getting the ISEE files lined up so student-teacher information is connected through the Section ID number. This will be in place by fall and staff should be able to access student data through the SchoolNet system. Pre-registration was today and staff will be able to enter students into the system much earlier than last year. Most students ended up with a workable schedule. Ms. Lakey-Campbell will be notifying parents whose senior students are missing credits the week after school is out. She also talked about students whose success in math has translated into success in other subjects, and sparked a turn-around for those students in grades and attitude.

Jeri Bemis reported that the Upper Country Education Foundation is finishing a grant and would like some information from Mr. Schumacher regarding finances and for final review.

Trustee Farrens praised the Accelerated Reader program in the elementary, Trustee Schwenkfelder mentioned some of the activities going on this spring, and Trustee Petitmermet accompanied students to the Capitol scholarship field trip and gave a report. His daughter received a \$500 award. Trustee Clark commended Ms. Lakey-Campbell on the recent academic banquet.

Unfinished Business

Public Hearing—Lunch Price Increase. Federal guidelines require the average lunch price in a district to be at or above \$2.00 per lunch. Mr. Schumacher recommended that the board increase the elementary lunch price to \$1.90, and the secondary price to \$2.10. Since this is more than a 5% increase, a public hearing is required. The board held the

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public hearing and it was moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to increase the prices as recommended; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried.

New Business

Budget Preliminary Report. Mrs. Lakey and Mr. Schumacher went over the preliminary budget figures and explained what was included. Mr. Schumacher gave the board information showing that the state doesn't adequately fund basic operating costs. The draft budget includes six furlough days for teachers of which three will be reinstated through the Title II-A fund. Trustee Petitmermet suggested putting together a strategic planning committee to come up with ways to build a fund balance if possible. No consensus was reached on this suggestion. The Upper Country Education Foundation can be a source of revenue that could help the general fund increase its fund balance.

Staff Contract Days, Salary Schedule and Benefits. The district will be furloughing six days, three of which are teacher in-service days, which will be reinstated with Title II-A money. Teachers did not ask to negotiate, so Superintendent Schumacher recommended that the district maintain the same salary schedule as last year and allow staff to move on the schedule if eligible to do so; and to pay the same amount for medical insurance as last year. Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to furlough six days for next year and continue with the same salary schedule and benefits as last year; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

School Calendar. Mr. Schumacher and Principal Lakey-Campbell will finalize the calendar by the next meeting. One of the issues for next year is graduation. When graduation happens the Saturday after finals week, some students who are not required to take finals are finished with class on Monday and their families might leave for vacation and not come back for graduation. This could affect the band playing at graduation. One suggestion was to hold graduation on a Sunday because of state track. Consensus was not reached, administration will continue to work on this issue.

Announcements/Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Farrens to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried at 9:24 p.m.

Board Chair

Business Manager