

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Cambridge School District No. 432
Washington County, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 7:00 p.m. in Room H-O of the middle-high school. Other board members present were Dean Dunham, Jared Farrens, Nick Petitmermet and Pam Schwenkfelder. Also present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell, Business Manager Cathy Lakey, Becca Crosby, Melissa Noah, Barbara Ertel, Jeri Bemis, Kim Vowell and Robert Bumgarner.

Board Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Moved by Trustee Farrens to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the February 19, 2013, regular meeting; the bills; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Trustee Schwenkfelder; motion carried.

Special Reports

Superintendent Schumacher reported that the City of Cambridge held a public meeting last week to discuss the cell tower, specifically mitigating the sound of generators and air conditioner units. The pad on which the building is to be built will be turned 180 degrees to allow the air conditioning units to emit sound away from residents. This will bring the site into regulation with city ordinances. Discussion is still open between the city and American Tower as to putting a light on the tower. Several patrons/parents have mentioned to Mr. Schumacher safety concerns about exposure to the cell tower and a letter was sent home to parents giving them information about the possible health risks of cell towers. No research has conclusively proven that cell towers are harmful. The lease will need to be amended to allow more property when the generators are moved. Trustee Schwenkfelder mentioned that she is confident that the board would not make any decision that would cause harm to children and that there is no evidence to prove that cell towers are harmful. Some parents feel that a letter should have been sent home to them prior to the board meeting, but that isn't always feasible. Both meetings at which the cell tower was discussed were publicly posted as per Idaho Code in the required posting places in the required time-frame. Staff continues training on the Danielson teacher evaluation framework. Improvements in teaching are already being made as a result of the training. The State Department of Education will be here Wednesday and Thursday to conduct a federal programs review. This will be the first program review the district has undergone since changing to a school-wide program. A speaker at the recent Idaho Leads conference indicated that clear-cut goals are essential for school reform, and that some methods are better at driving reform than others. Parent compacts, which are required for Title I, could be used to purposely help students to excel instead of waiting until a problem occurs. Communication with parents should be proactive instead of

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reactive. Mr. Schumacher discussed the difference between being great and being good and would like to incorporate some of these ideas into the district goals. Eventually the Smarter Balanced Assessment will be used to measure the effectiveness of what the district is doing.

Principal/AD Lakey-Campbell reported that track season has begun with a total of 14 participants and the first meet was last week. The cheerleaders competed at state last weekend and were the only 1A school at the competition. Thirty-five students attended The Body exhibit in Boise and were also able to go bowling on the trip home. Mr. Moran has been accepted into a program called "Big History" and will be attending that later this week.

Mrs. Ertel reported that the Upper Country Education Foundation recently purchased a stage curtain and lights for the high school and are also open to helping the district fund field trips and other projects. Mr. Schumacher thanked the Foundation for buying the curtains. Mrs. Bemis mentioned that the elementary read-a-thon was quite successful.

Trustee Farrens will be chaperoning the high school backpack trip next week. Trustee Petitmermet asked that public relations be placed on the April agenda.

Unfinished Business

District Policy Review #578 and #902. Policy #578 and Policy #902 were submitted for a second reading. Policy #578 has a change defining a confirmed positive result for student drug testing, and Policy #902 was recommended to be deleted. Moved by Trustee Farrens to adopt the changes as per discussion; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

Legislative Review. Superintendent Schumacher gave a brief update on bills pending in the legislature and their possible effect on the district. He mentioned the possibility of scheduling a special meeting to discuss collective bargaining.

2013-2014 School Calendar. Superintendent Schumacher presented a revised calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. The calendar has graduation on May 17, 2014, and seniors will have enough hours by that date to meet state requirements. The CEA has agreed that Memorial Day will not be a paid holiday. Moved by Trustee Dunham to approve the calendar for 2013-2014 as presented; seconded by Trustee Schwenkfelder; motion carried.

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New Business

Bond Financing Update—Zions Bank. Zions Bank communicated this morning that the district isn't eligible for refinancing at this time, so the representative did not come to the meeting. A concern for the district is the cost of maintaining two buildings with declining enrollment. Decisions by the legislature concerning building maintenance match funds will affect what the district is able to do in the future.

Negotiations. Mr. Schumacher asked if the board wants to prepare to begin negotiating or if they would like to wait for the staff to make the request. Several trustees liked the idea of a work meeting for negotiations after the legislature adjourns. Trustees Dunham and Schwenkfelder are the negotiating team this year.

Announcements/Adjournment

Mrs. Lakey asked board members to inform her if they plan to attend the Education Law Institute in April.

Moved by Trustee Farrens to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried at 8:16 p.m.

Board Chair

Business Manager