

**Cambridge School District #432****Washington County, Idaho****Minutes of Regular Board Meeting****January 17, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 6:34 p.m. in Room HO in the Middle-High School. Other board members present were Dean Dunham, Nick Petitmermet, and Pam Schwenfelder. Jared Farrens arrived at 6:37 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Principal Angie Lakey-Campbell and Business Manager Cathy Lakey.

Board Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum being present, it was moved by Trustee Dunham to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345, Section B, for the purpose of staff evaluations; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried at 6:35 p.m. by voice vote as follows: Dunham—aye; Schwenfelder—aye; Petitmermet—aye; Clark—aye. Farrens was not present at the time of the vote. Present in executive session were all trustees, Mr. Schumacher, Mrs. Lakey-Campbell, and Mrs. Lakey. The board discussed staff evaluations and returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

Nina Hawkins came in that time and was the only one present in the audience.

Amendment to Agenda. Moved by Trustee Petitmermet to place Bids for Surplus Equipment on the agenda under Old Business; seconded by Trustee Schwenfelder; motion carried.

**Consent and Confirmation Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Schwenfelder to approve the amended agenda; the minutes of the December 19, 2011, regular meeting, the special meetings of January 5, 2012, and January 10, 2012; and the payables for December and January as presented; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried.

**Special Reports**

Superintendent Report. Mr. Schumacher asked if the board would consider allowing kindergarten students to participate in the hot lunch program. The students seem to be hungry even though class starts at 12:30 p.m. The consensus was to agree. The district has applied to be part of a project where iPads are loaned out to schools for a six-week period. The staff is quite excited to have the chance to explore this technology and hopefully the district will be chosen. Concerns were voiced about the laptops that will be given out starting next year. The district has also signed up for the Idaho Leads project, which will provide training for a school team to help facilitate additional leadership to aide in better education for the students. Six older students

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were exited from Title I-A recently based on December testing. The program is working well and students are having great success.

Principal Report. Mrs. Lakey-Campbell reported high school students are working on writing. Pre-testing in the fall showed approximately 30 percent of students were writing at grade level. Results in December showed little improvement overall, but 38 students showed improvement individually, which is good news. She will be writing an article for the paper showing that Cambridge is doing some really good things in some really tough times, and plans to list some of the things the district has done to save money, such as partnering with other districts in athletics and trips, and asked if it would be appropriate to include the business services consolidation. The board directed her to focus on student achievement.

Trustees' Report. Tomorrow the accelerated readers who qualify will get to go to Payette to go swimming as a reward. Trustee Farrens will be a chaperone. Trustee Petitmermet asked if the district was tracking students who are homeless. Mr. Schumacher explained the district policy through the Title I-A program. Trustee Petitmermet also asked if cost savings in the lunchroom are cutting into the amount of food students receive. Mr. Schumacher said that portion sizes could be increased with very little cost to the district. Students are allowed to ask for seconds and have sufficient time at noon to eat a second serving. A vending machine in the high school to provide a snack between school and practice might be a solution if grant funds could be obtained. The wellness team is working on this problem. The lunch program is using more commodities in an attempt to reduce costs, but low student numbers make it very difficult for the program to ever be self-sustaining.

**Unfinished Business**

Technology Report. Mr. Schumacher discussed some of the regulations for using technology provided by the state department. One of the issues is how best to serve junior high students. Another is the best way to spend this year's allotment, which is not enough to solve any one problem. The plan is still in process and more will be decided later this year. The state has slated to have wireless in every high school by the end of the calendar year, but it remains to be seen what will happen.

Parent Survey. The legislature requires that districts use parent input in teacher evaluations, but provided very little direction. Right now, it looks like the legislature will probably postpone

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implementation until next school year. The district is required to submit their parent evaluation tool to the state department and must determine what criteria to use and also how the data will be weighted.

Bids for Surplus Equipment. A tractor was advertised for sale by sealed bid, and no bids were received. The equipment will be sold by other means as per district policy.

**New Business**

Superintendent Evaluation Instrument. The board will evaluate Mr. Schumacher verbally in an executive session and then provide him with written comments. Board Chair Clark called a special meeting for the purpose of evaluating the superintendent, which will be in executive session, and superintendent contract renewal (in open session) on January 30, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room HO in the middle-high school. The board asked Mr. Schumacher to provide them with his future goals for the district to give them some direction.

MS/HS Principal Contract Renewal. Mr. Schumacher presented his evaluation of Angie Lakey-Campbell and recommended that the board extend her contract through June 30, 2014. Moved by Trustee Dunham to extend the contract of Angie Lakey-Campbell through June 30, 2014; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

ISBA Day on the Hill. Mr. Schumacher has registered those board members interested in going for the workshop. No one needed overnight accommodations. Mr. Schumacher talked to the board about some of the issues facing the state and some of the initiatives that are before the legislature this year. Mr. Schumacher suggested that he meet with Karen Echeverria of the ISBA to schedule some time before the legislators to deliver a message of protest against all the unfunded mandates and unfinished projects being forced on the school districts. Trustee Clark added Preparing for Day on the Hill to the agenda for the special meeting on January 30, 2012.

**Announcements/Adjournment**

Mr. Schumacher announced that he has been approached to be the varsity football coach and mentor two former students in the community who will eventually take over the program.

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Mr. Schumacher also announced that he plans to change the procedure and job descriptions regarding 12-month employees who do not use all of their vacation time.

Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried at 9:03 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Business Manager