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### **Cambridge School District No. 432 Washington County, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 6:58 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 Angie Lakey-Campbell, Business Manager Cathy Lakey, Rene Hollon, Kim Vowell, Nina Hawkins, Karen Meyer and Jeri Bemis.

Board Chair Candy Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the November 12, 2012, regular meeting; the payables from December and January; and the financial reports from November and December; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried.

#### Special Reports

Superintendent Ed Schumacher reported that the new snow blower is hooked up to the 4-wheeler and managed to clear the first snowfall. The second snowfall required the parking lots to be cleared by outside equipment. An electrical panel shorted out and took out the fire system in the high school, which was not covered by the district's insurance. Following this, Franklin Electric inspected all electrical panels and made sure everything was tight. AT&T has sold the cell tower to American Tower. Discussion is ongoing between American Tower and the city to contain the sound of the generator being installed. The change in ownership does not affect the district. There have been two staff development days this winter dealing with the Common Core Standards and TeachScape, the Charlotte Danielson evaluation model. Mrs. Lakey-Campbell and Mr. Schumacher will continue with their training towards becoming certified evaluators. The district has purchased twelve television sets to use with the iPads in the classroom. This allows teacher and student work to be shown on the television as the work is done on the iPad. The Common Core Standards are accelerating college/career readiness and will require algebra to be done at the eighth grade level. The sixth grade has started to prepare for this in the type of math they are learning. Writing is also being evaluated for needed changes.

Principal Angie Lakey-Campbell reported that the high school has continued to work on the WISE tool. Last Friday the staff did an in-service on text structures, which will enable teachers to give better instruction to students on structures of technical and non-fiction books. A program was held today in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. Lakey-Campbell gave an update on the new eligibility policy. Very few students had an

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issue and those who did were not in sports. Basketball tournaments are getting ready to begin, and homecoming is on Friday.

The Upper Country Education Foundation has applied for non-profit status and is expecting to receive approval shortly. Foundation members are working with teachers to obtain projects to show the foundation.

Trustee Farrens asked about putting board member information on the school website. It was suggested that board members be set up with a school e-mail address to put on the site. Trustee Petitmermet reported on the recent basketball game between Tri-Valley and Cascade. Trustee Schwenkfelder mentioned how much she enjoyed the play put on by the drama class before Christmas. Board Chair Clark thanked the community for allowing the board to cancel the December board meeting.

### Unfinished Business

**IPad Project Update.** Superintendent Schumacher reported that teachers continue to use the iPads to provide instruction. Not all instruction is delivered via the iPads, and the uses vary between teachers. Some tasks are simply being replaced with the devices and others are a new lesson dependent on the iPad. One of the challenges is finding applications that are useful. Mrs. Lakey-Campbell wrote a grant to Khan Academy asking that their program be more interactive for students in order for the district to consider using it. The grant was written for some wireless printers and better software for formatting documents. Most secondary students are taking the iPads home, although some parents have requested that the school collect them from the students at the end of the day. The first accidental damage of an iPad occurred last week, and it will be sent in for repair on the district's iPad insurance plan. Teachers are very grateful for the televisions that interact with the iPads and have been using them. The district has had an issue with internet bandwidth speed, as the district was getting much more bandwidth than what was being paid for, but Cambridge Telephone offered a very good price to increase the amount of bandwidth to the schools. The proceeds from the cell tower can be used to offset the increased cost. The district is also considering more on-site storage for documents.

**District Policy Review Section #512.** Superintendent Schumacher presented proposed changes to policies for a first reading and the board discussed them. Policy #506.5 has added statements dealing with electronic/hand-held devices. Changes to Policy #543 will allow the superintendent to determine which suspensions were reported to the board. Policy #551, Section 6, has a proposed change to say that the board will not pay for students to receive assessment or treatment for drug, alcohol, or tobacco abuse. Policy

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#578 proposed a change on page 3 to add the definition of “confirmed positive result”. Mrs. Lakey-Campbell mentioned that the lab runs the sample twice before confirming a positive result, so Mr. Schumacher tabled this policy until this could be checked. Policy #570 needs amended because the extra-curricular activities fee is no longer \$20 and the policy should state that the fee is according to the cooperative agreement. Section 800 was reviewed in November and no changes were recommended at this time.

Legislative Review—Response to Propositions 1, 2 & 3, State Land Board Recommendation, and Personal Property Tax. Superintendent Schumacher drafted a letter to the legislature as per the board’s request at the November meeting, stating their position on the propositions, which he reviewed with the board. The recommendations of the board were consistent with the position of the ISBA. Consensus of the board was to approve the letter and send it to the legislature. Mr. Schumacher also drafted a letter to the State Land Board as requested by the board in November supporting the original intent of the constitution to have the land grant assets compete with private industry. Consensus of the board was to approve the letter and send it to the land board. The state is considering a change to personal property tax, which would give tax breaks to several large companies at the expense of the counties in which the companies are based. The legislature is trying to find a replacement for this proposed tax cut, but not much is known at this time.

#### New Business

School Safety. After the tragedy in Connecticut, Mr. Schumacher drafted a procedure to follow in the occurrence of an intruder inside or outside the building. Some safety considerations include keeping all but one outside door locked at all times, modifying the door latches so the doors can be locked quickly from inside the classrooms, and also a better way of communicating inside the buildings. Remote access locks on the entry doors are also being considered. One issue facing the district is that both schools need the doors opened in the summer and early fall to keep the buildings cool, which leaves them particularly at risk. Other strategies for defense and protection of students were discussed.

Budget—Bus Depreciation Report. Superintendent Schumacher informed the board that over the past two years, no bus depreciation money was transferred into the bus depreciation account. This was within the legal parameters set by the state department, but puts the district at a disadvantage when needing to buy a new bus, since that account has not accumulated the amount that it should have.

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Annual Trustee Election. Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to approve a resolution to hold the annual trustee election for the appropriate zones as per Idaho Code; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried.

Executive Session

Moved by Trustee Dunham to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 for the purpose of personnel; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried by voice vote at 8:56 p.m. as follows: Trustee Petitmermet—yes; Trustee Schwenkfelder—yes; Trustee Dunham—yes; Trustee Farrens—yes; Trustee Clark—yes. The board evaluated Mr. Schumacher, who entered executive session at 9:29 p.m. The board discussed personnel and returned to regular session at 10:14 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Petitmermet to give Mr. Schumacher a \$2,000 stipend for his outstanding work at implementing the iPad project; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Farrens to extend the administrative contracts of Mr. Schumacher and Mrs. Lakey-Campbell an additional year; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried at 10:16 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Business Manager