

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Cambridge School District No. 432
Washington County, Idaho
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
May 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 7:02 p.m. in Room H-O of the Middle-High School. Other board members present were Dean Dunham, and Jared Farrens. Nick Petitmermet and Pam Schwenkfelder were absent. Others present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell, Business Manager Cathy Lakey, Kim Vowell, Karen Meyer, Phil DuBose, Nan Rhodes, and Jeri Bemis.

Board Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Moved by Trustee Dunham to approve the current agenda, the minutes of the April 15, 2013, regular meeting; the payables for May; and the financial reports as presented; seconded by Jared Farrens; motion carried.

Reports

Superintendent Schumacher announced that he, Angie Lakey-Campbell, Ardis, Boll, and Kim Vowell will be attending the Assessment Training Institute Summer Conference in Portland in July. This workshop will train staff in the effective use of assessment for student learning and the attendees will then train the rest of the staff later in the year. Outdoor school for fifth and sixth grade was the first week of May in McCall. Mrs. Kindall and Mrs. Mink are considering conducting their own outdoor school at Copperfield Park next year. The teachers feel they could offer a better scope and content at a lesser cost. ISAT testing is finished and preliminary data will arrive in the next few weeks. Kindergarten graduation was yesterday, the elementary field day was this afternoon, and Mr. Moran will be holding a ceremony for the elementary to commemorate a portrait of George Washington. The same ceremony for the secondary and community was held last week. The elementary students recently attended field trips to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and Baker County Museum, the Boise Zoo and the Discovery Center.

Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell reported the academic banquet, Lifetime Fitness day at Copperfield Park, 8th grade graduation and high school graduation were all last week. The senior project presentations were very good and students were able to field questions adequately. Some changes will be made for next year's seniors.

Trustee Farrens attended the field trip to Baker City and also went to 8th grade graduation.

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Unfinished Business

Amendment to Cell Tower Contract. Mr. Schumacher presented the requests of the board to American Tower, which included an increase in the monthly rate to \$660, and adding a \$500 fee per generator for any additional vendors, as well as annual radio wave frequency testing and an amount up to \$10,000 for moving the playground if necessary. American Tower has agreed to all the changes. Moved by Trustee Dunham to approve the amended contract as submitted by American Tower; seconded by Jared Farrens; motion carried.

New Business

Maintenance Match Requirement—Elementary Building. The maintenance match set-aside has been an issue for the district for over five years. About one-third of the district's discretionary funds are required to be set aside for maintenance. All the other fixed costs for the district must come out of the remaining two-thirds of the funding. The annual set-aside for the elementary building is about \$24,000. The roof of the building and the siding are starting to deteriorate. The idea of moving the elementary students over to the middle-high building has been talked about for several years, with a major issue being the cafeteria. The maintenance match is required for any student-occupied building, so if the lunches were prepared in the elementary school and transported to the other school, the building would not be considered student-occupied and would be exempt to the maintenance match. The building could still be used occasionally for community events and some minor upkeep would be required. A balance needs to be struck between cost-savings from moving the students and maintenance. Trustee Clark mentioned that having all the students in one building would be a safety improvement since no one is in the elementary office on a regular basis. She also brought up the idea of preparing meals for the senior citizen center as a way to help raise money for the cafeteria. Feedback is needed from the community and Mr. Schumacher would like to start the conversation. Trustees Dunham and Farrens both said they would rather see the building closed except for the cafeteria than to run a levy. They feel that the amount of building being used per the number of students is too much.

Business Services MOU for 2013-2014. Mrs. Lakey has realized that doing Council's business services in 20 hours a week is not working very well, but that Cambridge's business services are easily done in 20 hours per week. She has requested that business services be split 60/40 beginning in July of 2013 instead of a 50/50 split. This results in a savings to the district of about \$5,200. Superintendent Schumacher feels that the district is getting a greater level of service for about half the cost of prior years. The memorandum of understanding has also been changed to be a two-year rolling contract with a 90-day separation clause instead of a 60-day clause. He will be recommending approval of the MOU at the June meeting.

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Preliminary Budget Discussion. The budget has been prepared and is balanced. Preliminary estimates show a projected ending cash balance for 2012-2013 of about \$56,000. District staff have been extremely frugal and have helped the district to save money. The district's current salary schedule without furlough days is still above the state salary schedule by about nine percent, there is enough money in the salary based apportionment to pay for salaries because of understaffing. Until the state salary schedule catches up to the district, the district will not be able to increase salary. Other considerations for future budgets will be the refund possibly owed to Idaho Power that the district will have to pay in 2014/2015. The coming year's budget includes money for differentiated pay, for which the rules of distribution have not yet been received.

Moved by Trustee Dunham to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried by voice vote at 8:05 p.m. as follows: Trustee Farrens—yes; Trustee Dunham—yes; Trustee Clark—yes. Present in executive session were the previously mentioned board members, Superintendent Schumacher, and Mrs. Lakey. The board discussed personnel and negotiations and returned to regular session at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Dunham to ratify the negotiated agreement with the Cambridge Education Association; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Farrens to offer contracts to all teachers for the 2013/2014 school year; seconded by Trustee Dunham; motion carried.

Board Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Board Chair

Business Manager