

Next Regular Board Meeting-November 19, 2012
Salmon River Joint School District 243
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2012
5:00 p.m. MDT
Riggins-District Office

Call to Order

At 5:05 p.m. Chairman Richard Friend called the meeting to order. Board members present were Chairman Friend, Trustees Barbara Hawkins and Seth Allen. Superintendent Jim Doramus and Debra Richerson were also in attendance. There was one guest.

At 5:17 p.m. Barbara Hawkins moved to go into executive session to consider items pursuant to I.C. § 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Seth Allen Seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Rich Friend	aye
Seth Allen	aye
Barbara Hawkins	aye

At 6:05 p.m. the board came out of Executive Session and back into open session.

Open Session

FLAG SALUTE: Chairman Friend led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Seth Allen moved to accept Steve Mead as district attorney. Barbara Hawkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS UPDATE: Superintendent Doramus indicated there was no response to the open trustee position in zone 5. Position will open to all individuals interested in serving.

Barbara Hawkins moved to open the vacancy to a person at-large from within the boundaries of the Salmon River Joint School District 243 to serve as the trustee from Zone 4 for the remainder of the term pursuant to I.C. § 33-504. Seth Allen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Barbara Hawkins moved to accept the September 18, 2012 regular and executive session minutes. Seth Allen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Seth Allen moved to add Superintendent Jim Doramus along with Business Mgr. Michelle Hollon to the district credit card holders. Barbara Hawkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Barbara Hawkins moved that we approve payment of checks as presented. Seth Allen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

No public comment

Reports

PRINCIPAL REPORT – SRHS

RECOGNITION - Principal Richerson commended Salmon River Jr/Sr High School students and staff for receiving state and national recognition this past week (State letter on AYP growth, US News and World Report Bronze Ranking). Chairman Friend and Superintendent Doramus congratulated high school staff and principal.

ATHLETICS - Football has two season games left and volleyball regional playoffs to be held in McCall this coming Thursday. In addition, students are taking ASVABS, PSAT, SAT, ACT this week. Mrs. Richerson commented “everything is for the most part going pretty smoothly up there.”

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

CLOSURE - Mr. Doramus regretfully informed the board that the Lewis Clark Early Childhood Headstart program will be discontinuing after this year due to the region needing resources in another area. Impact on district might be most felt with special needs students, but biggest impact may not be felt for two or three years when students begin entering kindergarten. Mr. Doramus stated the closure would be a “Big blow and big loss to the community.”

SAFETY INSPECTION - Superintendent Doramus commented on the October 3 inspection stating the grandstands are an issue. Also, inspector stated that if fire extinguishers are in classrooms, formal training on their use will need to be documented. Brief discussion on need for training included “What is main concern? Safety of students or extinguisher-trained staff? Recommendation to remove fire extinguishers where not needed to save money. Address in more detail at future meetings. Mr. Doramus concluded, “If you haven’t been up to the shop, you need to visit. [Mr. Morris] has it looking really sharp.”

FOOD SERVICE SURVEY OF SCHOOLS/ BUDGET AND MENU – Superintendent Doramus indicated that Mr. Dotterweich is finding that larger school districts are also operating in the red. The high school has rearranged the bell schedule to implement a breakfast break between first and second periods to facilitate more breakfast consumption.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS. Title I approved with two years expenditures. Title IIA \$12,000 on staff development. IDEA Part B \$20,000 carried over. School improvement plan progress: Title I monies available to spend “in certain areas” such as upgrading computers and deploying more iPads. Mr. Doramus has ordered several cost-saving staff development programs: Love and Logic, Fred Jones Tools for Teaching, and workbooks. Mr. Doramus will get teacher input to best determine most benefit.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – working session slated in December will include consolidation discussion/session for planning purposes and set enrollment capacities options looking from both a program and financial aspects. Mr. Doramus introduced a letter from Al Stillman who contacted Mr.

Scheibe about a scholarship trust in the name of his sister last October, and continues to be interested. Mr. Doramus will follow up on possibility of the scholarship.

LAND TRADE/PURCHASE - Gary Miller, city councilman, visited with Mr. Doramus regarding land purchase/trade for sewer and water.

RES PRINCIPAL REPORT:

PTO - RES in the middle of candy sales and boxtops for education. New PTO shed in place and secured.

OTHER RES BUSINESS: iPads are upgraded O/S. September and October student of the month to be awarded in November and monthly thereafter. Pumpkin festival. Fire station field trip October 16. Elementary progress monitoring on professional development days.

New Business:

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES: Superintendent Doramus urged trustees to make sure their policy manuals are up-to-date with the most recent revisions of Board Policy. Trustee Barbara Hawkins manual will be current when she receives it.

WISE TOOL - Principal Richerson demonstrated the WISE “Ways to Improve School Effectiveness” tool and explained that it is mandatory for schools/districts in school improvement. Teachers and administrators have met four times to develop the tool. Initial input was school-level indicators, so fewer assessments are actually needed than originally thought. Mrs. Richerson took the trustees through a bit of process. Everyone agreed that one benefit is a refocus on community involvement and accountability to stakeholders.

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING set special meeting for board to go line item by line item on November 12, 2012 at 6:30. Superintendent Doramus will provide to board members a summary of 2011-12 actual vs. budgeted expenditures prior to that meeting.

ISBA NOVEMBER 14-16 BOISE. Superintendent Doramus encouraged board members to attend this years ISBA conference stating, “With the climate right now it’s important to get down there.”

Elections are coming up. Superintendent Doramus and Principal Richerson encouraged trustees to educate themselves on Proposition 1 – Master contract (1,2,3) Negotiations. Proposition 2. State law, board policy, master contracts and Proposition 3 – technology and online learning and vote accordingly. Yes keeps the law, No repeals.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS - Principal Doramus is getting a better picture of what needs to be done and is developing job descriptions to facilitate evaluation tools.

ADMIN TEAM - Principal Doramus wants to meet with the Admin team (Principal Richerson, Jeri Best, Linda Kern, Margaret Munson, Dennis Fredrickson, Michelle Hollon, Dave Dotterweich, and Stefanie Brimacomb) monthly to review progress or pending issues.

Board comments

Policy manual updates.

Chairman Friend commented he attended an ISBA webinar where they were discussing a paperless initiative. Board members in some districts issued iPads to stay current with policies without endless flow of paper.

At 7:25 Chairman Friend called the meeting adjourned.

Chairman Richard Friend

Superintendent Jim Doramus

Acting Clerk Stefanie Brimacomb