

*Next Regular Board Meeting-April 21, 2015*  
**Salmon River Joint School District 243**  
**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 16, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m. MDT**  
**Riggins-District Board Room**

## **Call to Order**

At 6:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Barbara Hawkins called the meeting to order. Board members present were Trustees Eric Hook, Susan Hollenbeak, and Seth Allen. Superintendent Jim Doramus and Michelle Hollon were also in attendance. There were 16 guests.

## **Open Session**

FLAG SALUTE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS UPDATE: Superintendent Doramus indicated there have been no response to the open trustee positions in Zones 1, 2, and 3, but Eric Hook has indicated his willingness to serve another term..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Seth Allen moved to accept the March 2, 2015 special session minutes, but to table the February 23 regular and executive session minute until corrections have been made. Eric Hook seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michelle Hollon reports that we are in balance with the bank, and preparing to start working on budget. Board member vacancies applications need to be turned in to her by March 19<sup>th</sup> so she can send them in to the Counties.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Eric Hook moved that we approve Treasurer's Report and Bills. Susan Hollenbeak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **No public comment**

## **Reports**

ADMIN REPORT – SRHS

SBAC Interim and teachers graded – no real data available, but found issues before we could extrapolate. State testing IRI (Primary grades). Once tests are taken – 10 days projected to get the test results back.

ATHLETICS – HS Boys and girls finished well. Track begins after spring break.

LEGISLATIVE/EDUCATIONAL – Tiered licensure benched, Career Ladder newest consideration with teacher salaries increasing, but support staff staying where they are.

RECOGNITION – Mr. Doramus reported that PTE teacher Brandon Ratcliff has been accepted into BSU's computer science cohort – and will be endorsed for teaching Computer Science classes.

## **Old Business:**

Trustees considered lease proposal of Salmon River Adventures.

*Eric Hook motioned to accept lease, Susan Hollenbeak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

BUDGET REDUCTION Mr. Doramus presented three consolidation options: (Appended to Minutes)

1. Move the portables
2. Construct new classrooms in the multimedia building (gym)
3. Construct new classrooms in the multimedia building (weight room & tech office)

Other considerations – playground move at approximate \$24,000

Mr. Doramus provided estimates for costs and acknowledged the accommodations made by Jim and Linda Kern, and Scott Medley for going out of their way to provide the numbers to him in a timely manner.

Trustees clarified options and discussed the alternatives in depth, with Hook asking what was the impact on staff and education with each alternative. Alternatives 2 and 3 were eliminated after much discussion.

Sewer and water might be issues, electrical configuration might be issues.

## **Public Comment Pertaining to Consolidation**

Clarification of lighting, water, fire suppression,

Will lease agreement with Fredrickson's have an effect on sewer, water, trash etc.?

Concern about community and student impact in an attempt to save a "very small percentage" of operating budget.

Trustees assured stakeholders that there would be no decision until they have "firm" numbers.

## **New Business:**

Need to adopt a new special education manual. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Levy amount set – Superintendent Doramus recommends \$545,000 which represents \$4.16/\$1000 of assessed property value. To address questions of raising the levy to meet shortfall, Mr. Doramus informed the attendees that for every \$25,000 bump in the levy, there is a corresponding increase of \$0.19/\$1000.

*Eric Hook motioned to accept Superintendent's recommendation and set the levy at \$545,000, Susan Hollenbeak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Tracy Pottenger volunteered for the Levy PR position.

## **Public Comments**

Concerns about ASK moving with RES. Mr. Doramus encouraged the ASK board to come in to his office to discuss the possibilities.

At 7:58 Vice-Chairman Hawkins called the meeting adjourned.

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Vice-Chairman Barbara Hawkins

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Superintendent Jim Doramus

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Clerk Michelle Hollon