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Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

Work Session/Special Meeting/Executive Session

April 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Thunder Ridge High School

4941 E 1st Street

Idaho Falls, ID 83401

I. Call to Order

Chairman Amy Landers called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Chad Dance present
Greg Calder present via Zoom
Paul Jenkins present
Scott Lynch present
Amy Landers present

Others in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Executive Director of Planning & Personnel Heath Jackson, Executive Director of Instruction & Learning Jason Lords, Chief Financial/Operations Officer Guy Wangsgard, Director of Maintenance & Operations John Pymm, Director of Safe Schools & Technology Gordon Howard, Director of Social & Emotional Learning Ken Marlowe, Community Relations and Communications Phil Campbell, D93News Samantha Williams, and Board Clerk Mary Hansen.

Thunder Ridge Principal Doug McLaren, Assistant Principals Craig Miller and Zachary Lords; Student Council Advisors Kara Kearsley, Michael Buhler, Trish Ivy; Student Body: President Carson Cunningham, Vice President Paxton Webster, Secretary Kate Boyle, Service Director Natalie Jones, Service Coordinator Koy Murdock; Fundraising Director Bryson Stratton, Activity Leader Maylie Arfmann and Zach Warner; Senior Class: Secretary Lauren Barrie, Activity Leader Halle Kunz; Junior Class: President Star Corona, Secretary Mauri Howell, Service Director Hadley Scoresby; Sophomore Class: President Hailee Daniels, Vice President Tayvin Oswald, Service Director Hannah Bohrer, Fundraising Coordinator Spencer Thompson, Activity Leader Paige Speirs, Secretary Samantha Taylor; Freshman Class: Representatives Reese Taylor, Audrey Hobbs, Ty Murdock, Tyson Seymour.

III. Action Item: Approve/Amend Agenda

MOTION: Paul Jenkins moved to approve the agenda. Chad Dance seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Thunder Ridge HS Student Council Report

Chairman Landers invited Student Council Advisor Kara Kearsley to introduce Thunder Ridge Student Council members. Ms. Kearsley expressed her appreciation to the students for handling challenging times this school year. She stated that Michael Buhler and Trish Ivy would be the Student Council Advisors next school year. Principal McLaren stated the students were innovative and creative during this year and they pulled through. He thanked the Board for being in attendance today.

The Student Body focused on staying safe while creating fun activities that kept within the limits due to the pandemic. Top activities were Halloween Carnival, Homecoming events, hallway decorating, Spring Breaking Dance, virtual assemblies, and Adopt-a-family; overall, 40 families were recipients of the holiday activity. Most activities are designed as fundraisers, to raise funds for community and service projects. Each class had their own activities and fundraisers. Looking forward to the end of the year, activities include Brawley ball, Mr. Thunder Ridge and graduation, of course!

V. Discussion Items

A. Budget Plan

Chairman Landers invited Guy Wangsgard to continue discussion of FY22 budget. Mr. Wangsgard stated there are not any final figures from the state; looking forward to next year's budget is an estimate. Dr. Woolstenhulme reviewed the possible budget cuts if levies fail in May election to include, but not limited to: pay freezes for most employees (except statutorily required increases); elimination and/or reductions to curricular, school and department budgets; suspensions of all extracurricular activities; reduction of classified staff positions and/or hours; furlough days for principals; increase of employee contributions for health insurance; decrease in supplemental pay, i.e., extended contracts, personal leave, certificate renewals, etc. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief or ESSER funds are federal monies given to school districts to offset expenses brought

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on with the pandemic. A portion of ESSER I funds are given to private schools and all ESSER I funds are to be used before ESSER II funds are available for use. ESSER funds are earmarked for specific uses and given to the district as an reimbursement of district monies spent; this could cause cash flow concerns. School districts will be audited, both state and federally, on the use of these funds. Twenty percent of the ESSER III funds is earmarked for learning loss measures. ESSER federal funds are an immediate fix, but will not be ongoing funding; there are a lot of unknowns with the ESSER funds.

B. Communication Audit & Plan

Chairman Landers invited Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme to continue discussion on communication audit and plan for levy election. Ken DeSiegardt from Patron Insights, Inc. joined the meeting to help define the next steps in improving communication in the district. Referring to a recent random phone survey to patrons, he mentioned two areas that the patrons felt the district was not doing well – financial mangagement and district communitcatoin. He advised the district to address the payout to former Superintendent Charles Shackett in the spring of 2019; to apologize to the patrons why the district did not communicate better at that time and to take responsibility of their actions, or lack of, and to focus on the communication, not the decision.

C. ISBA Webinar: Trustee Re-Zoning

This webinar defined the requirements related to trustee rezoning and decennial census process, including information about the rezoning service company, Quadrant. Step-by-step process include re-drawing new trustee zone boundaries and preparing a new map and legal description which meets the requirements set out in law and by the SBOE; submit the documents to the SDE for the district; attend the SBOE meeting and ask for approval of the district’s new map and legal description; and notify district of the SBOE’s final decision.

VI. Call for Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

- Black Canyon MS tour for June 16th 5:00p.m.
- Retirement Open House - **Wednesday, May 5, 2021** - BHS Little Theater - 3:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - **Wednesday, May 12, 2021** - District Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
- Work Session - LHS Student Council Report - **Wednesday, May 19, 2021** - PLC Building 11:30 a.m.
- Regular Meeting/Budget/Fee Hearing - **Wednesday, June 16, 2021** - District Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

VII. Action Items: Executive Session

Chairman Landers stated that the Board will enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation or dismissal of an employee or staff member. The Executive Session will be closed to the public as permitted by law.

MOTION: Paul Jenkins moved to enter into executive session for the reasons stated. Chad Dance seconded. The roll call vote was:

Roll Call Vote:

- Chad Dance yes
- Greg Calder yes
- Paul Jenkins yes
- Scott Lynch yes
- Amy Landers yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:19 p.m.

VIII. Discussion Items:

Employee U2021

Heath Jackson recommended to to release Employee U2021 from their contract.

IX. Action Item: Motion to Move into Open Session

MOTION: Chad Dance moved to enter back into open session. Scott Lynch seconded. Motion carried.

X. Action Item: Employee U2021 Decision

MOTION: Chad Dance moved to accept recommendation to release Employee U2021 from their contract. Paul Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

XI. Action Item: Adjournment

Chairman Landers adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION: Paul Jenkins moved to adjourn. Chad Dance seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____ ATTESTED: _____ Date: _____