

**MINUTES OF BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 321**

August 20, 2020

Board Members present

Holly Allen	Kevin Howell	Justin Egbert
Ryan Laird	Brian Pyper	

Also present

Dr. Geoffrey M. Thomas, Superintendent
Randy Lords, Assistant Superintendent
Varr Snedaker, Business Manager

Pledge of Allegiance – Scott Shirley

Prayer – Justin Egbert

Board Business Meeting

Board Chairman Kevin Howell called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm, in the Madison Education Center Board Room. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda

Mr. Pyper moved that the Agenda be approved as amended. Item D. Parents Against COVID is added to the Agenda. Mr. Egbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Laird moved that the following items of the Consent Agenda be ratified and approved.

Minutes: July 16, 2020, Board Business Meeting, as written.

Checks #72620 through #72775 and ACH202100015 through ACH202100030, with #72650, #72658, #72659, #72685, #72686, #72690, #72691, #72702, #72703, #72706, #72714, #72718, #72719, #72720, #72738, and #72748 void.

Financial Reports: for July

Surplus Property:

- 4 – Janome Sewist 521, tag #08123-08126 – Value \$60 each
- 5 – Janome Travelmate 4612, tag #12764-12768 – Value \$75 each
- 1 – Janome 3160QDC, tag #12757 – Value \$200.00
- 10 – Brother sewing machines – Value \$60 each

- 1 – Singer Simple 3337 – Value \$120
- 13 – Yamaha PSR170 keyboards – Value \$55 each
- 10 – Yamaha DGX230 keyboards – Value \$225 each
- 5 – Casio CTK-573 keyboards – Value \$125 each
- 1 – Cricut Expression – Value \$60
- 11 – Indiana Guitars w/fender carrying case – Value \$40 each
- 1 - 60 Inch retractable projector screen – Value \$10
- 1 - HP LaserJet 4250tn – Value \$5
- 2 - Sony 32" TV – Value \$10 each
- 10 - Trapezoid Tables – No value
- 1 - scanner - tag #08360 – No value
- 1 - Windows desktop PC - tag #08149 – No value
- Various old printers and overhead projectors – No value
- 1 - HP Laserjet P3015 – Value \$5
- 1 - Wood Bookcase – No value

Employment for July: Listed on page 5. Certificated Resignation for Ryan Durfee added to the Consent Agenda.

The motion to ratify and approve items on the Consent Agenda was seconded by Ms. Allen and passed unanimously.

Success Stories

Dr. Thomas reported that the Summer school session served 140 students. The fall sports team had record turnouts for camps and tryouts. Celebrate You volunteers counted 4,000 cars at the High School Adventure stop. Bobcat Stadium recently hosted a semi-pro football game. The stadium will soon host the Rocky Mountain Rumble. This event is usually held in the Holt arena on the campus of Idaho State University in Pocatello. Four football teams from southeast Idaho, including Madison, and two teams from Utah will compete.

Idaho Governor Brad Little attended the All Employee Back to School meeting. Governor Little was honored with the MSD 321 Hall of Fame Award and also presented with a Madison football jersey. Brent Mendenhall, current Madison County Commissioner and former School Board Member was honored with the Distinguished Service Award. JRW & Associates, PLLC and Headwaters Construction Company were awarded the Business of the Year awards.

Bond Projects Update/ Indoor Practice Facility

Logan Bingham, with Headwaters Construction, reported that the final walk-through at Lincoln Elementary took place. The last inspection and Certificate of Occupancy remain. A picture of the new sod and landscaping on the south side of the building was shown to Board Members.

The Baseball complex at the High School has 8 dugouts poured. The Softball fields are nearing completion and should be available for use in the spring 2021.

At the Fieldhouse, the structural steel and girders are installed. The entry area is being framed. This area includes restrooms and storage areas. The siding and insulation are being installed. A graphic including the Fieldhouse and the layout of the 9 outdoor tennis courts. These will have a gray base with red courts and white lines marking the courts. Markings on the turf in the Fieldhouse will include Baseball/Softball, soccer and 5yard markings on the edge for football.

Board members commented on the floors at Lincoln Elementary. The school is looking great after the addition and updates. The Board is pleased with the new facilities and the number of schools in the area and from out-of-state that are wanting to use the facilities.

Safety Busing and Bus Routes

Mary Ann Nielsen, Transportation Supervisor, presented information to the Board regarding Safety Busing and Busing Routes for the 2020-2021 school year. Board members asked for clarification as to what Safety Busing is. Ms. Nielsen explained that this is busing provided to those who live within the 1 ½ mile radius when the school they are attending cannot provide the needed safety of the students. (Idaho Code 33-1501 Para. 2). Mr. Pyper made a motion to accept the Safety Busing and Bus Routes for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Egbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Parents United Against CO-VID19

Craig Johnson shared information from the CDC stating that cloth face coverings are recommended. He also shared that the cost is low to require masks. Mr. Johnson asked that the School District add the mandate of wearing face masks to the dress code. Mr. Johnson feels that masks saves lives and informed the Board that if they do not mandate masks, he and members of his family will not support the upcoming Operational Levy.

Ms. Stevenson, accompanied by her 6th grader, shared her concerns about the number of community members who have CO-VID19. Ms. Stevenson addressed the question of whether mandated face mask wearing is constitutional. Ms. Stevenson shared the court case Jacobsen v Massachusetts 197 US 11 from 1905. This case is being held as a standard when it comes to mandating face masks. Ms. Stevenson informed the Board that other schools are mandating face masks and enforcing them by turning away students, and asked why the School District cannot do the same legally.

Patron Input

Patrons took turns sharing their concerns and suggestions to the Board. Some were questioning the ability to social distance students while attending five days a week, full capacity, and the inability to distance in all locations at the schools. A patron felt that if mandates were not in place, no one will wear a mask.

Board Members stated that the number one priority is to educate students and do that as safely as possible. All members of the Board expressed their support in “strongly recommending” masks at school, on buses and at all events. Ms. Allen, Board Member and former employee of East Idaho Public Health, acknowledged the District’s compliance to the guidelines set by EIPH.

Marian Hayes gave each Board Member a Back-to-School Covid-response survey. This was an anonymous survey of Rexburg Education Association members. Most of the questions were answered with a split of Agreement and Disagreement.

At this time the Board will not mandate the wearing of face coverings. The COVID Task force will continue meeting regularly and signs will be placed at all schools reminding students to wear masks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Clerk

Board Chairman

Classified New Employees for July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title
NELSON, TIMOTHY EARL	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER
SWARTS, JADEN JEFFERY	TRANSPORTATION	DRIVER

Classified Transfers July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title

Classified Resignations July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title
MASON, KIMBERLY ANN	FOOD SERVICES	SUBSTITUTE
ZOLECKI, TAYLOR	MADISON HIGH SCHOOL	NON PAID ATHLETIC TRAINER

Certificated New Hires July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title
STODDARD, REAGAN	MADISON JR HIGH	TEACHER- MATH
CAFFREY, JANEEN	ADAMS ELEMENTARY	TEACHER

Certificated Transfers July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title
ROBINSON, MARY	MMS TO CHS	SPEC ED TEACHER TO ONLINE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH
HART, CHERRI	MHS TO CHS	TEACHER TO ONLINE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Certificated Resignations July 2020

Name	Building	Position Title
VERSLUYS, EMILY	ADAMS ELEMENTARY	TEACHER