

KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT 414
KIMBERLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 414, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in its properly posted monthly meeting in the district board room located at 141 Center Street West, Kimberly, Idaho on December 20, 2023. The regular session was called to order by Mr. Giles at 7:09 p.m. In addition to Mr. Giles, present were trustees Mr. Ward (RW); Mr. Allen (CA); Mr. Kelsey (ZK) and Leah Meeks (LM). Mr. Schroeder, Superintendent; Ms. Searby, Board Clerk; as well as district administrators and interested patrons in person and on Zoom.

AGENDA: CA moved to approve the agenda as posted. LM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FLAG SALUTE: Everyone stood and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

- [IRI/Stations Report](#): Presented by Tori Larsen

HEARING OF VISITORS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Staff Thank You Card; IMEA Letter

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Good Stories to Share: FFA Chapter secured a grant through the Seagraves Foundation for a new Maverick livestock trailer to assist students with SAE projects at the school farm; Through the support of the community, the FFA Chapter was able to raise enough funds from their annual fruit sales to provide gifts to 11 local children this holiday season; Kudos to the new band instructor, Mrs. Hill, word is she is "killing it" this year and bring KHS musicians to a whole new level; BPA hosted the regional competition at KHS and had 44 out of 51 members qualify for state; A large group of KMS 8th grade students pooled their money together to purchase a set of Nike shoes as a gift for Spanish teacher, Maestro Bretti, so that he could have a pair to be "hip" alongside his students; Shout out to the transportation department, their positive attitudes and support of the clubs and teams means a lot to the staff and students of KSD; KES Student Council spread some Christmas spirit by visiting residents of the Ashley Manor Memory Care Center in Kimberly. They sang Christmas carols and made cards; KMS Student Council raised \$1200 for the Valley House by holding a competition between advisory classes. Mr. Carlson's advisory class won by bring in \$400 and will receive a Crumbl Cookie party; Great job to the KES 4th grade class who are living and demonstrating "The Kimberly Way" every day; RISE Charter School brought the holiday spirit to the front of the school grounds along Center Street by giving away free hot chocolate to the community; Mr. Gonzales showed off his skills in a viral video that was captured with him playing along students on the drums.

Recap of the St. Nicholas Festival: KSD cohosted alongside the KBOA for the 17th Annual St. Nicholas Festival. Apart from some cold temperatures and wind, the event stupendously. From food, to music, to nativities, fireworks and a visit from St. Nick himself, this event was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all KSD groups that participated.

Updates: Firearm Policy: Mr. Schroeder reported that he will be bringing more information to the board in January.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Wirtz, business manager, couldn't attend the meeting, however, she provided the board with a digital copy of the December 2023 financial report, as well as the 2023-2024 comparison report for the month of December and investment pool statements. ZK moved to approve the financial report, CA seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

4/5 DAY SCHOOL WEEK, TIMELINE AND PROCESS (LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE): Casey Paulk presented on behalf of the long-range planning committee with an update that included feedback from the staff survey, staff panel discussion and public meetings that had been held. Currently the staff support is to continue with the current schedule of a 5-day work week. The patron survey that was sent out on December 19, 2023, will close on January 10, 2024. If the patron survey comes back wanting a different schedule, than a special meeting may need to be called. It is the committees hope to bring a recommendation to the regularly scheduled board meeting in January. No motion was taken.

RISE PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE EVALUATION FOR FY23: On December 7, 2023, the RISE Performance Certificate Evaluation team met to complete the Performance certificate for the 2022-2023 school year. The evaluation team was comprised of Mike Caldwell, Director of Academic Development and District Outreach, Bluum; Jeff Klamm Principal, North Valley Academy Charter School; Matt Schvaneveldt, Director of Programs, Kimberly School District, and Luke Schroeder, Superintendent, Kimberly School District. For the second consecutive year, the evaluation team has rated the Rise performance for the 22- 23 school year in the Honor category with an overall average of 80%. Rise Charter school should be commended around Financial Performance as all indicators met or exceeded the standard. Most Operational indicators met the standard and those that are rated as approaching the standard are instances of minor non-compliance that are quickly remedied. It is evident that the RISE staff have clear common goals emphasizing best instructional practices. However, the Academic indicators are not aligned with the academic goals and outcomes of RISE and therefore performance in this area was low overall. The evaluation team recommends that the Academic Performance indicators in the Performance Certificate are revised to include data that is currently available, aligned to the mission of the school, and discourages the use of indicators that creates competition between the school district and charter school. It is noted by the team that the relationship between Kimberly School District and RISE Charter school is unique and forward thinking that provides patrons with an educational choice setting Kimberly apart from other communities throughout the state. To that end, it is imperative that the staff and administration of Kimberly School District and RISE engage in meaningful communication and collaboration. LM moved to approve the FY23 Evaluation as presented. ZK seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Congratulations to the staff, students, and board of directors of RISE Charter School for two successful years of operation.

REVISE OF RISE PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE METRICS: The RISE and KSD administration have worked collaboratively to create proposed revisions to the performance metrics utilized to evaluate RISE that if approved would begin with the 24-25 school year. Specifically, the academic indicators have been revised to be aligned with the mission of RISE and eliminated those indicators that create competition between the schools. Additionally, the indicator specific to transportation was eliminated as KSD provides transportation for RISE. Lastly, the language in the indicators dealing with ELL services was

revised to align with the accommodations RISE is responsible for providing as KSD does provide ELL services to RISE students. There is not a metric in the proposed revisions that would evaluate RISE on the retention of Kimberly resident students. RISE has indicated that they are not willing to add such an indicator. Additionally, the support provided to RISE via the supplemental levy is based upon Kimberly resident students and Kimberly resident students are already given priority in the lottery and/or waiting list. ZK moved to approve and accept the revisions to the performance certificate as presented. CA seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST MCKINSEY & CO: Superintendent Schroeder presented that most school districts in the United States have been part of a class action lawsuit against McKinsey and Co. regarding prescriptions opiates. Board members have been provided the information regarding the McKinsey and Co litigation. To summarize the proposed settlement, a trust has been established that schools in the class action suit can apply for grants to be used for services or innovative projects that benefit students. The districts options are to not respond which would make KSD eligible to apply for grants or KSD can opt out or object to preserve the districts right to sue McKinsey and Co. Please note, this item was tabled at the November board meeting pending legal advice. CA moved to take no action, per the recommendation of the KSD attorney and the administration. This one done for KSD to be eligible to apply for grants to the trust that has been established as part of the settlement. ZK seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: ZK moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. CA seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Approve District Invoices
2. Approve School Invoices
3. Approve Food Service Expenditures
4. Approve Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023; December 6, 2023
5. Approve Fundraiser Requests
6. Approve Rob Champlin as proxy for Twin Falls Canal Company
7. Approve Early Graduation Request
8. MOU/Contracts: Starr Corporation; Laughlin Ricks Architecture
9. Surplus: Pallets

DISCUSSION / AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVE ADDITIONAL INVOICES: ZK moved to approve the additional invoices as presented. LM seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

1ST AND FINAL READING TO REVISE POLICY 3510 SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES: The proposed revisions to policy 3510 are being requested to align the KMS and KHS in season eligibility requirements for those students participating in activities. Due to the differences between KMS and KHS there are differences between the two proposed policies. Specifically, KHS students who are academically ineligible from the grading period prior, can retake course, finish a course, take an IDLA class, etc. to become eligible. KMS students are not afforded that opportunity, therefore the proposed policy provides KMS student the opportunity to enter an academic contract to become eligible during the grading period of ineligibility. The other difference deals with the probationary period. Grade checks begin 3 weeks into the grading period. Whereas the KHS grading period is an 18-week semester, the grading period for KMS is 9 weeks which may result in only a few weeks during season in which the policy would apply. Therefore,

this policy does not include a probationary period for KMS students. ZK moved to approve the recommended changes to Policy 3510, CA seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1ST READING TO REVISE POLICY 8180 DRIVERS TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Recently the Idaho State Department of Education conducted a spot inspection of the KSD Transportation Department. Overall, the inspection resulted in a very high level of compliance. It was recommended that policy 8180 Drivers Training and Responsibilities be revised to reflect the requirements of the Idaho Code. The proposed revisions reflect alignment to those requirements. CA moved to approve the revision to Policy 8180, ZK seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HONOR CHOIR TO HONOR CHOIR TO THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY: Matthew Belliston, KHS Choir Teacher, approached the board, along with students Hannah Cooper, Kaylee Allen, Caleb Sonderegger and Tristan Mower, to request financial assistance for their trip to the Heritage Festival in New York City in April 24-27. In total, there are hoping to take 18 students and 1 advisor which would cost upwards of \$34,000. In addition to asking the board, the group is planning on hosting a multitude of fundraising endeavors to help with the needed funds. ZK moved to allocate \$200 per the 19 attendees, for a total of \$3,800. LM seconded the motion. The motion passed. CA recused himself due to a personal conflict. The board requested that the group return in May to report on their experience.

PERSONNEL REPORT: ZK moved to approve the personnel report as presented; LM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE:

- Don Alger Head Custodian (SES)
- Sacramento Guillen Custodian
- Lyllia McGlochin Food Service
- Ryan Trappen Head Varsity Softball Coach

RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS:

- Bradley Miller Transportation
- Jessica Rivera Food Service

ADJOURNMENT: ZK moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; CA seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Curtis Giles, Board Chair

Cassandra Searby, District Clerk