

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 6, 2016
Melba High School Library

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith.** Flag salute was held.
- II. ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Mary Huff, Megan Volkens, Travis Christensen and Jason Knopp, Superintendent Andy Grover, Principals Sherry Ann Adams and Eric Forsgren, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Administrative Assistant Jackie Engle, Board Clerk Beth Cole, LKV Architects Amber VanOcker and Wayne Thowless, Realtor Nick Cracolice and Softball Coach Don Jamison.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 2/9/2016
- C. Approval of Bills of 3/8/2016 and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Architect Wayne Thowless reported that good progress is being made on the Elementary School.** Walls are framed up, the firewall is in and the landscape is changing. Test holes will be used to explore the rock formations in the area before planning the drainage pond. Barry Hayes Construction is working hard to get back on schedule.
- B. Pictures of the Board Members were taken.** They will be displayed in the new District Office.
- C. Superintendent Grover introduced Nick Cracolice, a realtor in the Melba area.** Mr. Cracolice discussed the appraisal and value of the district's 8 acre parcel south of Melba. The land is unplatted and has no water delivery at this time. The City of Melba is currently not allowing any new hookups to the city water system. The Board suggested checking with the Canyon County Department of Water Resources for other options. Mr. Cracolice cited the positive real estate market and recommended putting it on the market for the appraised price of \$150,000 and see what happens.
- D. Total Student Enrollment is at 794.**
- E. The Idaho Legislature is working on educational funding.** The district is anticipating a 6.8% in discretionary funding and additional money for the teacher ladder. Dr. Grover is testifying on the technology grant and is hopeful Melba might be one of the 10 pilot districts.
- F. Coach Jamison presented pictures of the new softball field and its progress.** Plans are being made for the first game to be played on the field on April 5, 2016. An official dedication will be held on May 7th. He acknowledged the valuable contribution to the project by Reese Leavitt and Leavitt Engineers and several Eagle Scouts.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A motion to approve the second reading of the 2016-2017 calendar was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Vote was unanimous.

B. A motion to offer the district's 8 acre parcel for sale at a price of \$150,000 was passed.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Huff – Yes
Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Volkers – Yes
Trustee Knopp – Yes
Chairman Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

C. The board reviewed the bids for fencing around the District Office. Superintendent Grover explained that the fencing for the Maintenance Area will have privacy strips included. A motion to approve the low bid on the fencing was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.

Vote was unanimous.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Thowless reported that the \$673,712 February contractor payment request has been reviewed and approved by LKV. A motion to approve the February contractor payment on the new elementary school was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Megan Volkers.

Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Huff – Yes
Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Volkers – Yes
Trustee Knopp – Yes
Chairman Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

B. A motion to approve the extended trip request for BPA was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.

Vote was unanimous.

C. A motion to approve the extended trip request for FCCLA was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.

Vote was unanimous.

D. A motion to approve the extended trip request for HOSA was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.

Vote was unanimous.

E. A motion to approve a facility request for the NWYM Youth Volleyball Tournament was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.

Vote was unanimous.

- F. The board discussed the option of purchasing a bus for the coming year.** The \$88,219 bid received is for a gas vehicle (because of cost) and could be delivered by August. Dr. Grover added that with the 50% reimbursement it takes a minimum of 3 years to save enough to purchase a new bus. A motion to purchase this bus was passed.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Mary Huff.
Vote was unanimous.

- G. Superintendent Grover recommended updating the water lines** in the current high school/junior high building. \$60,000 is available in Maintenance Matching funds. This could help redo the locker rooms and work on the boiler. A motion to approve the low bid was approved.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Idaho Code 74-201 through 74-208, a motion was made to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel and student issues at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen
Vote was unanimous.

The Board recessed from Executive Session at 6:10.

Motion by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Vote was unanimous.

- H. A motion to approve the Superintendent Contract as presented was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

- I. A motion to approve the Principal Contracts as presented was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

- J. A motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented was passed**

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Vote was unanimous.

VIII. STANDING REPORTS

- A. The board reviewed Principal and Financial reports for the month.**

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:15 p.m.