

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Melba School District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Jason Knopp, Travis Christensen, and Megan Volkers, Superintendent Sherry Ann Adams, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Administrative Assistant Jackie Engle, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principals Ashley Nelson and Eric Forsgren, Staff member Kelsie Petersen, FFA Representatives Hannah Moos and Aubrey Tackett.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hannah Moos and Aubrey Tackett discussed current activities for Melba's FFA. They are holding their annual fruit sale and working on several contests.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 10/13/2020
- C. Approval of previous month's bills and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. **Superintendent Adams reviewed current student numbers.** A comparison of attendance rates with last year's numbers shows a similar number of absences.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Personnel Report** – discussed in Executive Session.
- B. **The Board discussed the Extended Trip Request for Wrestling.** A motion to approve the request was passed, pending information as to whether girls are eligible to attend the tournament, and if so, a female chaperone must be in attendance.

Motion to approve by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous

- C. **Dr. Adams reviewed the Federal Relief monies received by the District.** The ESSER funds are being used for technology licenses, social/emotional learning, cleaning supplies and protective equipment. The CRF, Coronavirus Relief Funds, are more restrictive and will be used to purchase laptop computers for grades 6-12. Superintendent Adams also discussed a stipend for staff in recognition of their extra efforts during this challenging time.

A motion to approve the spending plan for the ESSER and CRF funds as presented was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Vote was unanimous.

- D. The Board reviewed the Technology Replacement Plan**, designed to provide funds to maintain the current level of computer availability for students. The 'Protection Plan' allows families the option to protect their student's laptops and can provide funds to replace these laptops in the future. A motion to approve the Replacement Plan was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Vote was unanimous.

- E. A Technology Replacement Fund was discussed.** Students will be issued a computer as soon as possible. At the end of the school year, that computer will be turned back to the school and the same computer will be checked out to the same student at the beginning of the following school year. Students will be allowed to purchase that laptop when they graduate, or if they have used it consecutively for four year, they will own the laptop. A motion to approve the creation of this fund was passed with the following provisions:

The wording will be changed from insurance to protection.
Strike the provision for devices that are lost.
The cost to protect a laptop will be \$50 per year, per device for the first student in the family.
The second laptop may be protected for \$30 per year.
Seniors may purchase their laptop at the end of this year for \$300.
Juniors may purchase their laptop at the end of their senior year for \$200.
Sophomores may purchase their laptop at the end of their senior year for \$100.
Freshmen will take ownership of their laptops at the end of their senior year.
The word deductible will be changed to a service charge.

Trustee Megan Volkens proposed an amendment to this motion, stipulating that students must graduate to take advantage of this plan. Trustee Knopp agreed to this amendment and a roll call vote was requested.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Travis Christensen – Yes
Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp – Yes
Trustee Ed Smith - Yes

A motion to allow families to pay for their protection plan in two installments with discretion given to the Business Manager as to the due date was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Vote was unanimous.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) a motion was made that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel at 5:55 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp – Yes
Trustee Travis Christensen – Yes
Trustee Ed Smith - Yes

Motion carried.

The Board recessed from Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

A. A motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented was passed.

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

A motion was passed to offer the position of Technology Director to Vlad Lazarevic, per District policy, at a salary of \$55,000 and to open the position of Assistant in the Technology Department with a salary of \$35,000-\$40,000 depending on experience.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkers – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp – Yes
Trustee Travis Christensen – Yes
Trustee Ed Smith - Yes

Motion carried.

VIII. STANDING REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Principal and Budget Reports were reviewed.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:45 p.m.

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