Mackay School District #182

Regular Board Meeting

April 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mackay High School Library and Zoom

Attendees: Susan Buescher, Teresa Kraczek, Stephanie Green, Holly Seefried, Charmaine Gamett, Chris Hoover, Jodi Wasylow, Genae McAffee, Mike Winters, Bryce Woodbury, Mark Gross, Jake Johnson, and many constituents in person and by Zoom.

Chairman McAffee opened the meeting and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jake Johnson moved to approve the agenda and the consent agenda, which consisted of: minutes dated March 8, 2021, payment of bills date March 10, 2021 and April 6, 2021, financial reports and student discipline report. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Bryce Woodbury moved to approve the payment of bills dated April 12, 2021. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public comment: Ryan Jones, regarding boys’ basketball program; Cathy Brower, regarding boys’ basketball program; Kelvin Krosch, regarding boys’ basketball program.

Superintendent Buescher presented What’s Right and her district report:  
 Conducted an ISAT training on March 30 for teachers and paraprofessionals. Testing at the elementary begins tomorrow.

Opened the parent’s/guardian input surveys for principal and teachers on the website.

Attended the junior high track meeting in Arco last week. 20+ junior high students participated.

Signed up for the virtual Idaho Prevention Conference which started today.

Bonnie Fuller and Stephanie Green have sent out emails regarding summer school which will be held June 1 to July 1, Monday through Thursday 8-11:30. Added a week this year and opened it up to other students.

Sent out the applications for leadership premiums. The information will be shared at the May or June board meeting.

Looking at ways to spend the ESSER I funds so that we can access the ESSER II funds.

Teresa is updating contracts for those teachers who had movement on the career ladder now that the State has approved the movement that was previously frozen.

This year the State will be using the best 28 weeks of enrollment for funding instead of attendance.

All day kindergarten will not be funded by the State this coming year.

Attended the first in-person regional superintendents meeting last week.

One teacher is qualified for the advanced professional rung of the career ladder.

A lot of spring sports happening that are impacting students and teachers.

Ms. Green presented What’s Right and her principal report:  
 3rd graders competing in a 10 week math competition. As of today they were 1st out of the 113 participating classes in Idaho.

The track program fundraiser raised $4,500.

FFA virtual state convention was held last week. Caleb Hampton got 2nd place in extemporaneous speaking. Katlyn Winters received her District Star Farmer Award. Christina Woodbury and Katlyn Winters received their State FFA Degrees. Our Chapter received the National Chapter Award. We were one of eight schools to receive it and one of the three 1A schools that received that award.

Chairman McAffee reported:  
 It has been a tough year which has caused for our staff a significantly heavier work load. Through school shut-downs, on-line learning, in-class learning, quarantines and significant threat to the health and safety of our students and staff they’ve worked together to ensure that education, transportation, school lunches, and athletics continued. Buildings were maintained and sanitized. Hours have been spent figuring out ways to utilize the COVID grant dollars to get all of the things that we need. Everyone has had to shoulder an impressive load. Our staff has been supportive, adaptable, conscientious, and willing to do the extra work and step outside of their comfort zone to keep things going for the kids. I would just like to express our appreciation and thanks for all they have done. Kudos to all.

No ISEE report this month.

Reviewed the To-Do List.

Chairman McAffee turned the time over to Mrs. Hoover who presented the negotiation letter from Mackay Education Association. Holly Seefried and Jake Johnson volunteered to be on the negotiation team.

Superintendent Buescher went over the building inspection reports.

Superintendent Buescher stated that Vernon Roche has not found a skid steer through surplus at this time.

Discussion held on the bus maintenance contract changes through the years and possibly going out for bid again. Chairman McAffee asked Mr. Winters to get with Mr. Roche and work out a proposal that would be best for our needs.

Yellow Bus Transportation Supervisor Mike Winters presented information to the Board on the bus driver shortage. One driver is moving after next week and one driver will be retiring at the end of the school year. We currently have one substitute route driver. Next fall, if nothing changes we will have 2 drivers. Beginning April 23rd we will have 3 routes in the morning and 2 routes in the afternoon. Mr. Winters appreciates Trent VanLeuven and Mark Murdock’s willingness to help substitute.

Chairman McAffee opened the bus bids. Bryce Woodbury read the bid from Western Mountain Bus Sales for a Thomas 43 passenger bucket seating for $107,576 and 65 passenger bench seating for $106,602. Charmaine Gamett read the bid from Bryson Sales for a Blue Bird 65 passenger bench seating for $113,463. Jake Johnson moved to accept the bid for the Thomas 65 passenger bus. Motion died for lack of a second. Bryce Woodbury moved to accept the Thomas 43 passenger bus bid. Holly Seefried seconded. 4 in favor/1 opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman McAffee opened the one fuel bid received from Wall Oil for $2.621 per gallon. Bryce Woodbury moved to accept the bid. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Trustee Johnson wanted to add to thank Mr. Wall for the use of his tank. Chairman McAffee opened the one bid for propane from Salmon River Propane for cost of propane plus $0.26. The Board would like to know what their average cost of propane has been for the past year. Tabled the propane bid for further information.

Ms. Green stated that Butte County School District would like to co-op with us for golf. Holly Seefried moved to approve the golf co-op. Jake Johnson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jake Johnson moved to hold the budget workshop at 6:00pm on May 10th, 2021. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jake Johnson moved to hold the budget hearing and amended budget hearing on June 14th, 2021 at 7:00pm. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bryce Woodbury moved to approve the spring athletic schedules. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

Superintendent Buescher advised the board that we have several used Chromebooks that the technology department would like to dispose of by selling. Jake Johnson moved to approve the sale of Chromebooks. Bryce Woodbury seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent Buescher presented the policies. Discussion on policy 2700P, needs to include the transition for the increase in credits before the second reading. Bryce Woodbury moved to approve policies 3060, 4605, 7218, 7450P1, and 7455. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bryce Woodbury moved to go into executive session per Idaho code 74-206(1)(b). Charmaine Gamett seconded. Verbal vote: Johnson-yes, Seefried-yes, Gamett-yes, Woodbury-yes, McAffee-yes. 8:35pm in executive session. Audience excused. Discussion held on personnel. 8:49pm out of executive session. Audience brought back in.

Bryce Woodbury moved to adjourn. Holly Seefried seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.