

Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular April Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests. Those present were; Jenny Phelps, Jenny Yancey, Kristen Kruse, Sarah Lucas, Tony Haddock, Anita De Lint, Parker Lucas and Drew Williams.

Consent Agenda

Following a brief discussion regarding a couple of payments for the staff wellness grant, Kaiger Braseth moved approval of the minutes and bills paid. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Input

Anita De Lint asked that the Board discuss the four-day week. This was added to the agenda under Old Business.

Reports

InterMountain E.S.D. Talking Points

Superintendent Hislop reported that the IMESD is hosting the Crystal Apple Awards on May 2nd. The ceremony will be held in pre-COVID fashion with a reception at the EOU Gilbert Center. This is an opportunity to honor district professionals in-person for their contribution to their districts. He noted that Chrissy Wilhelm and Tony Haddock will be recognized from Imbler School District.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Drew Williams reported that Duby Peacock will be able to return to work effective May 2nd. He also reported that Western Bus does not have a field technician to work on buses. They are attempting to work with Barnes Diesel and Woodpecker to perform service on the buses in the area. Mr. Williams informed the Board that one of the custodians will be having a medical procedure during the summer and will need to hire a replacement for the summer months. Discussion turned to the shortage and cost increase of supplies.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that state testing is currently taking place in some of the high school classes and will begin in other classes soon. Grades 3-11 are being tested in Math and English. Grades 5, 8 and 11 will also be taking a science test. Prom took place on April 2nd. With the exception of the vandalism that occurred to three vehicles, it was a good time. Mr. Mills then handed out a list of activities for the remainder of the school year.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hislop reported that our FBLA members participated at the state convention and all of the students performed well. Mrs. Teeter was selected as FBLA Advisor of the Year, the chapter received the gold seal award and there were several students that qualified for the National FBLA Convention. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on March 30 & 31 and he received a lot of good feedback from the parents regarding the two sessions of evening conferences. Superintendent Hislop highlighted upcoming activities and thanked Joe Fisher for volunteering to serve on the IMESD budget committee.

Old Business

High School Locker Room Update

Mr. Hislop reported that Walter Plumbing came and ran a camera down the drain system in the locker rooms. It was determined that there is significant rust and corrosion in the drain pipe with some bad sections between the boys showers and coaches area which coincides with a local contractor who looked at the issues and believes the water is coming from the west end of the locker room area. Superintendent Hislop indicated that the next step is to compact the base and put in new drain pipes and water lines. It was determined that the district needs to move forward with getting bids. Kaiger Braseth reported that Kim Galloway had drawn up some floor plans previously. He noted that he would follow up with her to see where she is on the updated plans in order to get a bid packet together. This will be the first step in order to get the project moving in order to have the project completed by fall.

Four Day Week

Anita De Lint stated that she has had parents and staff contact her regarding moving forward with investigating a four day week and feels there is a lot of support for it. She suggested putting together a survey for staff and parents and do the groundwork before the new superintendent comes on board. Pam Glenn suggested putting a committee together made up of diverse groups to look into it; staff, parents, board and students. She noted that staff was in favor of the hybrid schedule the district operated under last year which allowed for students to come in on Fridays for additional help. Mrs. De Lint noted she was willing to help gather information and do any groundwork necessary. Mrs. Glenn reminded those present that the Board has the final decision on the matter. Mrs. De Lint stated that she feels an obligation to put forth the effort to look into the four day week due to the number of parents and staff that has reached out to her. Ken Patterson agreed that he would like to have an open process that is big enough to capture the district at-large. In order to do this, a well-rounded committee would need to be established. He also noted that he thought the data at the high school level showed that a four day week had a neutral effect on the educational process but a detrimental effect at the elementary level. Sarah Lucas stated that she wants what is best for kids and noted that there is also a third option; a five day week. Kristen Kruse expressed concerns with longer school days which would push after school activities even later. She encouraged the Board to get a broad input of options.

It was noted that the committee would be board led and would consist of; board, staff, parents and students. An application will be put together to distribute to those interested in being part of the committee.

New Business

Parking Lot Discussion

Drew Williams reported that the parking was recently graded and graveled. However, it needs paved. He has received a bid from Hampton's and has requested two other bids. He is hoping to have responses from them by the next meeting. Parker Lucas praised the board for looking into paving the parking lot. He also suggested painting crosswalks in the parking lot for safety purposes.

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Building Painting

Superintendent Hislop reported that he had received one bid for the painting of the remainder of the high school and the elementary. He noted that he will attempt to get two more bids prior to the next meeting.

Action Items

Approve Revised 2022-23 School Calendar

Superintendent Hislop reported that the only revision was the change of statewide teacher inservice day from October 7th to October 14th. This was necessary to be consistent with other schools in the area. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the revised calendar as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Budget Committee Appointment

Teressa Dewey reported that she had received two applications for the one vacant budget committee position; Ian Gordon and Melissa Reagan. Due to Mrs. Reagan's school financial experience, Ken Patterson moved to appoint her to the vacant position and ask Mr. Gordon to be an alternate. Jason Beck seconded the appointment, which was unanimously approved.

Approve Staff Resignations

Superintendent Hislop directed the Board to the letter of resignation from Sandy Mills, Fourth Grade Instructor. The Board acknowledged the excellent education she has provided students over the course of her career and noted that students and families love her. Although they hate to see her go, they acknowledged she deserves retirement. Joe Fisher moved to approve her resignation. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Members Present

Jason Beck, Kaiger Braseth, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Doug Hislop, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal; and Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk