PLUMMER-WORLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular March 11, 2024, meeting of the Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 Board of Trustees came to order by Chairman Paul Daman at 6:02 p.m. Board members present were Michelle Grossglauser, Tami Gauthier, Ida Gustin, Paul Daman, Chris Smith, Jan Mitchell, and Marlow Thompson.

Also present was, Karyn Stockdale, Sara Allen, Tami Dohrman, Jennifer Hall, Glenn Sailors, Carson Rossi, Gabrielle Hensyel, Dani Boyd, Jennifer MacMillan, Heather Stockton, Tyde Howard, and Khrist Rojas.

Consent Agenda
Chris Smith asked for clarification on the technology report. Mr. Rossi advised Senso is a trial program and not everyone is using it at this time but those who do are pleased with it. Tami Gauthier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Exhibit "A"). Ida Gustin seconded. Jan Mitchell voted no. All other members voted yes. Motion passed.

Communications
No communications were received.

Recognition of Guests
Carson Rossi reported from the Technology Department. He is hoping to replenish the computers, with some of them being over five years old or more. He has talked with teachers, and they seem to believe things are going better than before. Paul Daman asked about Qmlative. Mr. Rossi believes it is proceeding. The student side is fully functional and going well. The business side is being utilized fully by administration, but training is still being provided to staff.

Tyde Howard reported on behalf of **Lakeside High School ASB.** They are trying to coordinate a join prom with Cusick, Wellpinit, Selkirk, Chewelah, and Springdale at Northern Quest Casino on May 4 from 8:00 to midnight. They did a student survey, and all responses were yes. A bus will be offered for students who need a ride. Each school will provide chaperones and it will host 10 through 12th grade students. A full proposal will be presented at the next board meeting. Ida Gustin asked why 9th grade isn't being included. Tyde Howard stated it is his understanding there were problematic issues with other schools and 9th graders. Ida Gustin stated it would be disappointing for freshman not to be able to attend. The overhead cost for Lakeside to be at this prom would be $300. Additional ticketing will be at the discretion of ASB.

Tyde Howard advised 22 students signed up for the **senior trip**. They are now checking attendance from last trimester to determine eligibility. They have raised $7,500 of $30,000 which was projected for 28 students and four chaperones. Some students have withdrawn from the trip, and he expects they will

probably have 10 to 14 students on the trip so expenses will be less. They are hoping to buy plane tickets by next week. This week is the final cutoff. It is scheduled for May 22 to May 29, right before graduation. Discussion was held on how many students are attending. Some didn't adhere to the requirements, fundraising, attendance, behavior, etc. He advised there are a solid 8 students who have shown for all fundraisers. Ida Gustin asked why there isn't there an advisor with the students at fundraising events. Mrs. Hall will check on this as advisors are expected to accompany the students. Further discussion was held on the various fundraising at the casino.

Paul Daman offered congratulations for the basketball team and asked Tyde to relay that to the team.

Glenn Sailors reported on the **Ag/Trades and Industry Pathway**. He provided pictures highlighting projects. They are currently working on repairs to a horse trailer for a community member. Previously they made racks/panels for the Kootenai County Fairgrounds and received a donation from the fair board. A few students have obtained their forklift certifications. Mr. Sailors explained how the new equipment will be installed in the shop. This will significantly update the program and help expand the opportunities for our students. Students should leave the program with skills that will be useful in today's environments.

FFA will be attending state conference April 2 – 6. Two teams will be competing in horse judging. On the 12th they will be attending Hard Hats, Hammers, and Hot Dogs at KTEC. On the 26th students will travel to Bonners Ferry for a contest. We have been asked to prepare the test for this event. June 4 -7 is the final competition at University of Idaho. Lakeside FFA was recognized as one of the top growing programs in the state. Tami Gauthier advised FFA students will be assisting Farm Service Agency in putting out crop signs this spring.

Paul Daman asked when the new equipment will arrive. Mr. Sailors advised he is picking up some of the equipment early this summer. Ordering should be proceeding in the near future. Discussion was held on equipment specifications.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Mitchell provided a written report in his absence (Exhibit "B"). Sara Allen advised Mr. Mitchell is working with Dennis Kachelmier to get the next phase of the safety grant submitted. Paul Daman asked about the $162 million in question from the state. Ms. Allen advised Superintendent Critchfield's budget is set for later this week. Once that is approved, we will have more information on the funding formula.

Sara Allen advised the $1.3 million is for facilities which can be taken by districts in a lump sum for major renovations or can be taken over a ten-year period. This bill passed the house and is in the Senate at this time. There will be stipulations on how it is utilized. Schools on four-day weeks will have additional restrictions.

Paul Daman asked about the attendance percentages of 7th grade. Mrs. Hensyel advised the 7th grade is lowest in the building. Mr. (Boone) Giulio reported to her that during the past month, they have had 12 students below 80 percent. They are also highest in behavior with the highest rate of Out of School Suspension. There are a couple of students who have either not responded to phone calls home or just stopped showing up. One student has transitioned to home school. One attended a music concert for an entire week. One student elected not to come in the morning because the morning hours just were not the best. In looking at the list, these students just don't want to show up and their parents don't make them. We are trying to continue to communicate and creating a better system in working together. The administrative team believes they are finally in a place where they have a good flow chart of who is doing what. Michelle Grossglauser questioned the consequences and truancy. Dani Boyd commented on the legal ramifications, about how it is tracked, how it is reported, etc. The principals have been meeting with law enforcement, the tribal prosecutor, and Marimn counselors, to create a whole team approach. It has been tricky pulling it all together and slow going unfortunately, and we need to be sure we can manage what we say we are going to do. Jennifer Hall commented we have a lot of moving parts including two brand new secretaries replacing long term community members who are trying to learn the procedures and make connections with parents. Out of 128 students, 90+ would lose credit in classes for second trimester. Michelle Grossglauser asked with new superintendent coming in what happens if we don't get it under control. Mrs. Hall stated it hasn't been under control since COVID. Gabi Hensyel stated another challenge is students are passing their classes even if their attendance is lower than desired. Chris Smith commented on past cases where students lost credit even if they had good grades and the results from those decisions were not ideal. Students withdrew from school and got their GED instead. Mrs. Hall advised letters are going out this spring to all families which will highlight the importance of attendance, procedures going forward, etc. Law enforcement has said they will help the school and do wellness checks for students who don't show up. They are hoping to roll it out next year with all of the pieces in place. Chris Smith asked how we are planning to accommodate families that don't have technology. Mrs. Hall advised we will have to reach out via phone call or mail if technology isn't an option.

Paul Daman asked if 7th grade were low in attendance in previous years as well. He was advised those that were chronically absent last year are still the students who are chronically absent now. Mrs. Hensyel advised this class is the best class academically in the middle school. Ida Gustin believes a lot of it starts at ECLC in getting parent involvement to get their kids to school. Coeur Center and Wellness Center don't allow students during school hours. Jennifer Hall advised the issue is being addressed as a community in meetings.

Discussion was held on Item E(c) – supplemental levy. Resolution No. 2024-02 (Exhibit "C") was reviewed by the board. Mr. Mitchell recommended the board run a supplemental levy in the amount of $678,468 per year for two years for a total of $1,356,936. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer of the proposed levy is a tax of $54.59 per $100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. The current levy is $53 per $100,000 of taxable assessed value, so it increased slightly.

Mr. Daman asked Ms. Allen to explain the recommendation. She went over the funding that is no longer available, increased expenses due to inflation, etc.

Purpose	Portion of Levy Funds Allocated
Safety and Security Measures	$17,000 - Student Technology $ 6,300 - Security Camera and Systems Modifications $23,300 - Subtotal for Safety and Security Measures
Maintenance	$60,500 - High School Roof Updates $65,500 - Carpet/Desks/Electrical/Boiler/ADA Compliance $126,000 - Subtotal for Maintenance Expenses
Athletics & Athletic Transportation	$112,160 - Athletic Personnel $ 27,632 - Transportation for Athletics (Buses and Drivers) $139,792 - Subtotal for Athletics & Athletic Transportation
Staffing	$389,376 – Maintaining Class Sizes, Programs & Classified Support $389,376 - Subtotal for Staffing Expenses
ANNUAL LEVY AMOUNT	$678,468
TOTAL LEVY AMOUNT FOR TWO YEARS	**$1,356,936**

Election day is Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and the ballot language must be submitted to the county elections offices by no later than Friday, March 22, 2024. There is legislation pending which would eliminate the August election date.

Michelle Grossglauser stated opposition to the levy.

Chri Smith moved to approve running the levy as recommended. Paul Daman reminded the board this is essentially a continuance of the levy that is current. Marlow Thompson commented something is wrong with the whole system. If our legislators would do their job, we wouldn't be talking about this tonight. Further discussion was held. Tami Gauthier seconded the motion. Michelle Grossglauser voted no. All other members voted yes. Motion passed.

Board Business

Student Data: The board reviewed revised benchmarking data the last meeting (Exhibit "D"). Discussion was held. Paul Daman asked if the grade level of reading on the test scores is accurate. Mrs. Hall advised this is a new test and she believes the students can read better than is reflected on the scores. She believes what is tangible is the level of students on track to graduate. The testing is not a graduation requirement, so students won't take it as seriously. ISAT was a previous graduation requirement and students took it more seriously. Senior presentations were last week and the majority of those were complete. The Workplace Readiness Assessment is a better measurement of our students and although she doesn't have the statistics, our students performed well on the WRA. Discussion was held.

Board Walk Throughs – Michell Grossglauser reported on her recent walk through of the district. It was really nice, having been a year since the last one. It was nice to see the changes with the facilities being updated. One of the things that stands out most to her is that it is calm, she has never noticed an any chaos in the hallways or classrooms. It is really a nice thing. A community member walked through with her. She had a lot of questions that were very valid and were answered. She was pleased with what was accomplished and what we have here and encouraged her to tell others in our community. She is really proud of our school and all the programs we have. A visual is always a shock and it is drastically improved from her first walk through. With the decisions of the board, we made a lot of progress in such a short time. She thanked the principals for their availability.

Parent Survey – The board reviewed a draft parent survey to be presented during parent/teacher conferences (Exhibit "E"). Jan Mitchell moved to approve the survey as presented. Ida Gustin seconded. All members voted yes.

Set Budget Hearing – Tami Gauthier moved to set the budget hearing on June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Marlow Thompson seconded. All members voted yes.

Open Enrollment/Request for Tuition Waivers – State reporting has changed for open enrollment and the district will now need to require parents who live outside district boundaries to complete an open enrollment application each year. Additionally, the district needs to request a tuition waiver for those students who reside out of the state of Idaho (currently there are six). Three of these students' parents work in the community and have family here. The other three are children of staff. Out of state tuition ranges from $1,441.92 to $1,644.70 per month per student. The request is due to the State Board of Education prior to April 1. Discussion was held on the benefit of staff retention for staff who bring their children here, and the positive benefit of educating the children whose parents graduated here and who work in our community. Ida Gustin moved to apply for the tuition waiver. Chris Smith seconded. Marlow Thompson questioned requesting a tuition waiver when we just approved a supplemental levy. Ida Gustin expressed a concern about losing staff if they aren't able to bring their children to our schools. Sara Allen stated the monthly tuition rates are outside the ability to pay for beginning staff. Paul Daman believes it is a vote of confidence when staff bring their children from other districts and want to enroll them here. Mrs. MacMillan commented she couldn't have asked for a better education for her daughter than what she received at Lakeside. Ida Gustin commented on parents who work at the casino and want their children closer to them during the day. All members voted yes.

Items for Future Agendas

HVAC Updates	Media Technology Pathway	ASB Report
Regional Updates	Policy Review	Surplus Property
Attendance	Dual Enrollment Pathway Report	Bus Bids for New Bus
2024-25 Calendar	Food Service Report	EOP Review

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Paul Daman, Chairman

Karyn Stockdale, District Clerk

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