PLUMMER-WORLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular May 13, 2024, meeting of the Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 Board of Trustees came to order by Chairman Paul Daman at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Michelle Grossglauser, Tami Gauthier, Paul Daman, Chris Smith, Jan Mitchell, and Marlow Thompson. Absent was Ida Gustin.

Also present was Russ Mitchell, Karyn Stockdale, and Rich Wienclaw.

Mr. Mitchell recommended tabling items D and F(a)(i) until the next meeting. Jan Mitchell moved to table the items as recommended. Chris Smith seconded. All members voted yes.

Consent Agenda
Chris Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Exhibit "A"). Tami Gauthier seconded. All members voted yes.

Communications
No communications were received.

Recognition of Guests
No guests were present to be recognized.

Superintendent's Report (Exhibit "B")
Facilities and Operational Updates:
Mr. Mitchell reported on ongoing projects ranging in size and the extent to which they are complete:

- Middle School Roof. This project was approved by the supplemental levy in 2022 but was held up until the HVAC system repairs were complete. The work will take place this summer after McKinstry is finished with the HVAC. Rich Wienclaw reported on the process of obtaining competitive quotes as required by statute and recommended the district approve the quote from Sunvek in the amount of $86,788.67. This is less than was anticipated so the district will use the remaining funds to pay for an annual inspection for the next eight years. This has a 15-year warranty. Tami Gauthier moved to approve the expenditure as presented. Chris Smith seconded. All members voted yes.
- Secondary School HVAC. High school power is coming down right after the school year concludes. Electrical room will be overhauled which will cause internet disruption, but we will work through those issues. The middle school building will have drain pan replacements. This will cause severe disruption throughout all rooms at the middle school and will take place throughout the summer.
- LES HVAC is largely dependent on student occupancy. Equipment is scheduled to arrive shortly after the end of the school year. Installation of all necessary components will take place from that point

forward to the start of Jump Start in August. This will be a challenge for the maintenance crew to work around.

- Greenhouse Grant Efforts – We are working on grant applications to find resources to advance the Natural Resources Pathway by building a greenhouse. The district has applied to financial institutions primarily and to Stimson.
- Department of Energy Grant – This has been reopened with some of the requirements changed. We have reached out to Kamiah School District to help both schools meet the minimum criteria. Both districts are of similar size, demographics and both have submitted previously with McKinstry.

2023-24 School Year

The school year carries with it many impactful moving parts:

- The community, school, students and staff suffered a tremendous loss last weekend with the passing of Arrianna Havier Gorr. Tami Gauthier asked if we intend to close school for the funeral. Mr. Mitchell advised he intends to do so because of the high impact to our staff and students.
- Attendance – The cumulative attendance rates for this school year were provided (Exhibit "C"). A concerning trend is the habit forming at kindergarten which is typically a much higher rate of attendance. The middle school is alarmingly low. High school had a good month, but seniors are tapering off. The attendance specialist is spending the summer working with students on credit retrieval. The additional cost is covered by Learning Loss (ESSER/Covid) funds.
- ISAT & IRI Testing – Testing is nearing completion. Timing of this testing and alignment with Southern Idaho remains an issue with Northern schools. Quite often, it is difficult to get assessment scores in time for staff evaluations which is required by law.
- Regional Developments –
    - 4 Day School Week discussions are still a hot topic of conversation. Kellogg is in. Lakeland is still flirting with it. CDA is perplexing. So, Bonners Ferry, Priest River, Post Falls, Kellogg are 4-day with some others quietly considering. Nampa is the newest convert.
    - School closures are developing around the state. Boise & CDA are the most vocal. Nampa appears to be closing 2 or 3 elementaries and one middle school.
    - Superintendent changes are only Plummer-Worley. West Bonner looks like they are going with their interim. CDA seems uncertain.
    - Instructional Hours is a new discussion gaining interest in districts.
- Legislative Developments – Districts are still awaiting finalized budget worksheets from the state. The most compelling issue we have before us is the levy. It changes the dynamic with its implications.

BUDGET:

1. Information states there is a 3.9% budget increase.
2. $105-110M in new one-time monies (supplemental funding because of the enrollment to ADA transition). We have received the first installment. It was approximately $80,000 which will offset our medical benefit increase of 7.7% alone, or just shy of $80,000. This doesn't include dental and vision benefits. The State reduced money for Health Benefits.
3. Last year an increase of $6,359 was appropriated for instructional and pupil service staff. This amount was appropriated but it is not in salary schedule or codified in code.

4. We will need to absorb some of our resources from Learning Loss back into the regular budget and fully fund the superintendent role again.
5. There is also a 2.9% increase in Discretionary funds. This increase falls short of adjustments for inflation and does not address the expected Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) that many organizations attempt to address annually.
6. HB 521. Facilities Bill. This will be something we wrestle with as a district in months to come.
    a. A ten-year facility plan must be submitted. The Rich Bauscher report previously prepared may suffice. Mr. Mitchell expects some modifications to be made.
    b. Funding will be by one-time vs. 10-Year draw. Mr. Mitchell recommends taking the one-time funding and put it in an account.
    c. Require Superintendents/Business Managers to attend/watch 4 video engagements to understand the building process. See these videos as beneficial to the next Superintendent.

Board Business

Board Walk Throughs/Upcoming Events – Jan Mitchell walked through the middle school last week. The board was provided with a list of upcoming activities. She commented she really liked the gym lights, and they provide a huge improvement. She saw the drip pans that need to be installed and the new doors.

Mr. Mitchell is concerned about the timing of the STEM night, given the recent events and impact on the community.

Continuing Supplemental Levy Report

Mrs. Stockdale advised that with the election consolidation laws, there doesn't appear to be any need for a special meeting after the levy election. All business required of the board can be conducted at the next regular meeting.

Diploma Presentation

Ida Gustin and Michelle Grossglauser will present high school diplomas and 8th grade promotion certificates.

Contract Issuance: Chris Smith moved to authorize the clerk to issue contracts to certificated personnel at the appropriate time, and to require signed contracts to be returned within ten calendar days or the contract be deemed declined. Tami Gauthier seconded. All members voted yes.

Policy Review: The board held a first reading on policies 3030, 3080, 3270, 3270P, 3275, 3340, 3340P, 3370P, 3440, 3460, 3500, 3525, 3530, 3570, and 3570F1 (Exhibit "D").

Items for Future Agendas

HVAC Updates	Trades & Industry Pathway	Budget Hearing
Regional Updates	Policy Review	Surplus Property
Attendance & Data	Dual Enrollment Pathway Report	Bus Bids for New Bus
Senior Trip Report	Food Service Report	EOP Review

Executive Session:
Jan Mitchell moved to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) to discuss real property, upon advice of legal counsel that it is appropriate to do so. Chris Smith seconded. All members voted yes. Roll call vote: Paul Daman voted yes; Tami Gauthier voted yes; Michelle Grossglauser voted yes; Jan Mitchell voted yes; Chris Smith voted yes; and Marlow Thompson voted yes.

> BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 recess from public session pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(c), Idaho Code, for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property. (7:24 p.m.)
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> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the executive session the Board of Trustees reconvene into public session for the purpose of conducting further business or for the adjournment of the meeting. (7:40 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Paul Daman, Chairman Karyn Stockdale, District Clerk

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