

BCSD Board Brief

Board of Trustees Meeting
Community Campus, Minnie Moore Room



Tuesday, September 8, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Board Brief

For complete details regarding agenda topics, please go to

http://www.blaineschools.org/pages/Blaine_County_School_District/Board/Board_Meetings/Current_School_Year_Meeting_In to watch the streamed broadcast of the Regular September 8th, 2015 School Board Meeting.

Interpretation in Spanish was offered to the audience. This is a new service that will be offered at regular monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

I. ACCOLADES

- a. **Kristen Swafford – Wood River High School Secondary Counselor**
Received a Board Accolade from parent, Mary Sfingi.
- b. **Liz Young - Carey High School Math Teacher**
Received a Board Accolade from parent, John Peck.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. GwenCarol Holmes

a. Inspire, Engage, Empower

VOICE II Program - Video <https://vimeo.com/120503319>

VOICE II is a program for students who have an IEP with functional life skill goal areas who are between the ages of 18-21 and have completed 4 years of high school (grades 9-12). The VOICE II video presented to the Board highlighted students working in the community to learn essential vocational skills needed for future success. Thank you to the businesses in the community and to Jamie Ellison, Special Education Teacher, and Jennie Long, Paraprofessional, who support the work and learning experiences of VOICE II students.

b. SAT Report

- Reading scores are consistent with last year - math is down, writing is up
- Still need to analyze by student demographics
- About the same # of students participated this year as last year, which is noteworthy
- Brief information on ACT scores

IV. BOARD CHAIR REPORT – Chairman Shawn Bennion

a. Announcements

- Data Review Day (No School) – Friday, September 18th
- Regular October Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 13th
- ISBA/ Resolutions

Thursday, October 1, 2015 there will be a discussion in Buhl regarding ISBA resolutions

b. ISBA Annual Conference

Chairman Bennion, Trustee Freund and Dr. Holmes will attend the Idaho School Board Association (ISBA) Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

V. BUSINESS – *Continuing Business*

a. Appoint Remaining Community Members to Finance Committee

● Appoint Zone 2 Finance Committee Member

- o Trustee Freund contacted John Gaeddert who is willing to serve on Finance Committee

● Appoint Zone 4 Finance Committee Member

- o Trustee Corker contacted Sandi Viau who is willing to serve on Finance Committee

2015-16 Finance Committee Members: Trustee Corker (Board Liaison), Lyman Drake, John Gaeddert, Michael Beck, Sandi Viau, Gerry Morrison, Beth Andrews, Rob Ditch, Mike Chatterton, GwenCarol Holmes, and John Blackman.

b. Board Update – Listening Tour Regarding Guiding Budget Principles

- 1) The Board will meet with the staff and community tentatively during the week of October 19 to gather information and input regarding Guiding Budget Principles which will help drive upcoming budget decisions.
- 2) Dr. Holmes is preparing draft charts for Board to see during Superintendent one-on-one's with each Board member.

c. Zone 2 Vacancy

Interviews for the Zone 2 Board vacancy will occur Thursday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office. The deadline for applications is September 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Three people have applied thus far. Trustee Clayton requested procedures for interviews. Each candidate will answer questions and each Board Trustee will ask questions on a rotating basis. Each Board Trustee will write down their top candidate and there is no discussion about the candidates among the Board Trustees.

d. Communication Retreat – Discussion Only

The Communication Retreat was facilitated by the Director of Idaho School Boards Association and the Communications Director for Nampa School District. Group norms were discussed during the retreat and will be finalized after the Trustee from Zone 2 has been appointed.

VI. BUSINESS – *New Business*

a. Calendar Committee

2015-16 Calendar Committee: Chaired by Superintendent Dr. Holmes, Marcia Grabow, Maritt Wolfrom, Jaime Stimac, Dorinda Rendahl, Stephen Poklemba or Jonah Torseth, Dorothy Madsen, Thor Thopp, Mary Gin Barron, Jessica Gouley, Liz Young, Keith Nelson, Thad Biggers, Jennifer Schwartz, Nicky Elsbree, Lee Dabney, Rex Squires, and Kelly Green.

b. Finance Committee Policy

Trustee Corker stated that everyone felt it was a worthwhile committee. There were gaps in the policy that she feels need to be addressed. Trustee Corker reviewed Finance Committees in Durango, CO, Bloomington, IN, and Fairfax, VA among others. The Board will review and discuss the proposed policy provided by Trustee Corker at the next meeting.

c. School Advisory Committee

Trustee Corker proposed that a School Advisory Committee form to allow parents and community members to provide input to the Board. She reviewed Colorado's School Accountability Committees, which are required by the state of Colorado. During these committee meetings, parents would bring up policy matters once a month in a report to the Board. The Board discussed asking the PTA's to serve this role. Superintendent Dr. Holmes will reach out to the PTA's to see if they are interested in serving as their school's advisory committee.

d. Teacher Position for Suspensions and Expulsions

The Alternative Setting Classroom (ASC) teacher position was reallocated following the decision by the Board to not approve the ASAP program which included a certified teaching position and specific program meant to assist students spending time in this classroom. Board Clerk, Amanda LaChance, provided the Board motions and decisions regarding this position, including a memo written on May 18, 2015 regarding the budget and realignment of this position. WRMS currently has an in-school suspension room on campus but WRHS is currently lacking an in-house suspension program with the loss of the ASC position. A committee is working to hire a trained mental health therapist who will create a program that will serve students with suspensions and expulsions.

e. Board Representation at Upcoming Conference

John Blackman and Mike Glenn will attend the upcoming Idaho Juvenile Justice Conference. Trustee Corker and Trustee Freund will also attend representing the Board of Trustees.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Barbara Browning and Pamela Plowman.

VIII. DECISIONS

- a. Consent Agenda - Board passed Consent Agenda unanimously**