

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Firth School District #59 was called to order December 8, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. by Casey Park, vice-chairman. Other board members present were Brian Esplin, John Monson, and April Christensen. Also present were Sid Tubbs, Superintendent, and Julie Cederberg, clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Park led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Mr. Esplin moved to adopt the agenda with the following additions: 5.6 Online Classes, 5.7 Update on JOBS funding procedure, 10 Executive Session and 11 Adjourn. Ms. Christensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ADOPTED

Mr. Esplin requested a change be made to the November board meeting minutes. He asked that the words be changed from "it was decided" to "the chairman directed" in regards to school field trips. He then moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the minutes and Mr. Monson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion Items:

There was no new information regarding the sale of school district property to the cemetery district.

CEMETERY LAND REQUEST

The soccer presentation was postponed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Tubbs reviewed the new field trip procedure.

FIELD TRIP PROCEDURE

Mr. Cook arrived and took charge of the meeting.

Mr. Kunz, transportation director, requested permission to seek bids for a new school bus purchase.

BUS PURCHASE REQUEST

Mr. Esplin reviewed changes he would like to see made to the current superintendent's advisory committees. A work meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this subject further.

SAC CHANGES DISCUSSED

Mr. Tubbs reviewed possibilities regarding the new online class requirement by the state. He also informed the board of the intent to pay staff members a 1.51% salary restoration payment in December. The balance of the JOBS money would be used to pay the increase in employee benefits for the 2011-12 contract year.

ONLINE CLASSES

JOBS PAYMENTS

The board listened to a presentation from district patrons interested in starting a girl's soccer program in the high school.

SOCCER PRESENTATION

First Readings:

Mr. Tubbs reviewed the following sections of the district's policy manual: 3000 and 3040.

POLICY REVIEW

Second Readings:

The following sections of the district policy manual were reviewed: 2000, 2605, 2610, and 2612.

Public Comment:

The meeting was opened for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Approvals:

Mr. Park moved to approved the request to seek bids for a new school bus and Mr. Monson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BID REQUEST APPROVED

Mr. Monson moved to approve the following policies as presented: 2000, 2605, 2610, and 2612. Ms. Christensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICIES ADOPTED

Mr. Esplin moved to go into executive session as authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b to discuss personnel and Ms. Christensen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Christensen moved to leave executive session and Mr. Monson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Monson moved to adjourn and Ms. Christensen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD