

Memo



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To: Faculty, Staff, Community Leaders
From: T. Rosandick, Superintendent
CC:
Date: December 19, 2011
Re: December 12, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights and Notes

In an effort to keep you informed of events surrounding the Homedale School District, I will endeavor to provide you with summaries of Board of Trustees meetings. Not all agenda items are summarized below for I have selected those that I think will be of general interest.

Reports/Presentations/Recognitions



Trustees recognized 3rd grade teacher Toby Johnson for his meritorious service to the district. The following are excerpts from a presentation Toby’s principal, Yvonne Ihli, made during the award presentation:

Toby graduated from High school in Milton Freewater, Oregon. He earned his teaching degree from NNU in 1994. He is in his 16th year of teaching at Homedale Elementary School.

Like a number of teachers, especially in smaller school districts, Toby wears two hats: teacher and coach. Much of what fellow employees observe about Toby are those traits that assist him well in both

the classroom and in the wrestling room. One of his teammates in 3rd grade wrote of Toby: "Toby is an excellent example of what we need in our community. He gives freely of his time to help and encourage others, and also bring other caring adults into service for the community and the young people in it. In his role as a teacher and coach he teaches kids about how to be a good citizen—caring, compassionate, honest, trustworthy, responsible, and respectful—by setting the bar as high for them as he does for himself."

Another colleague wrote: "Toby Johnson has been the head wrestling coach at Homedale High School for the past 15 years. Toby bleeds Homedale red. Not only does Toby run a great high school wrestling program, he coaches the middle school wrestling program and coordinates the Homedale Youth Wrestling Program. Toby has truly built a program from the ground floor to the penthouse."

As the administrator in the building what I appreciate most about Mr. Johnson is the rigor and consistency with which he goes about the day to day business of teaching 3rd graders.

Congratulations Toby, and thank you for all you do for the young people in our school district.



MaryJo Larzelier, English as New Language instructor at HES, had her students share with trustees Homedale community brochures they had written and published.

⇒ Tim Rosandick, Superintendent

- Bill Hamlin of Design West Architects and Matt Newton of Beniton Construction updated trustees on repairs being made to the high school gymnasium; final touches are underway and the gym should be "open for business" on Friday, December 16
- On a statewide basis for the insurance group of which Homedale is a member, health insurance utilization data would suggest that health insurance costs for the next plan year should be favorable
- For the class of 2013, our current graduation requirement policy, which had been previously modified to come into alignment with a change in State Board Rule, sets forth that students must score proficient or above on the Science ISAT in order to earn a diploma; however, State Board Rule has changed, no longer requiring the "banking" of a Science ISAT; trustees were made aware of this difference between State Board Rule and district policy
- Mr. Shane Brown, representing Baseball parents, made a presentation to the board regarding the district's baseball program; a request was made to consider hiring a JV Baseball Coach given the number of players expected to participate in baseball over the next several years; this was an informational item only

November Enrollment¹	2011	2010	Change
HHS	350	363	-13
HMS	367	391	-24
HES	468	466	+2
Total	1185	1220	-35

⇒ Luci Asumendi-Mereness, HHS Principal

- Faculty and staff are working at building “safety nets” for students that fail a 1st semester course; Learning Walks—teachers observing other teachers teaching—continue to take place at HHS; Science teachers from both the high school and middle school have been meeting regularly for the purpose of developing an action plan to improve student performance in Science

⇒ Debbie Pfeifer, Federal Programs Coordinator

- On November 28, Kevin Feldman conducted two, half-day teacher-training sessions; both sessions continued the focus on improving instruction by increasing student engagement in the classroom

⇒ Yvonne, Ihli, HES Principal

- The Holiday concert is planned for December 13 and will be held at the Middle School so as to better accommodate the large number of audience members; an instructional coach is working with Kg. teachers to help them learn to use their new reading material; MaryJo Larzelier, ENL Instructor, has been hosting monthly meeting with the parents of her students; these meetings are used to give parents information on how they can help their kids at home

⇒ Tom Muir, Transportation and Maintenance Director

- The replacement of the HVAC units at the elementary school will be completed by the time school takes up after Christmas Break

⇒ Amy Winters, HMS Principal

- Kelly Schamber and Jessica Hanna both received grants for their classrooms; the Caldwell Fine Arts Board funded bus transportation so that students could attend a performance of *Nutcracker* at the College of Idaho; two MHS students won awards for their essays written for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot’s Pen Essays contest—Alexis Muir and Diana Cook

⇒ Dave Hart/Nick Schamber, HHS/HMS Athletics and Activities Directors

- State track will no longer be held at Boise State University; all five classifications will be hosted at District 3 high schools; the 3A meet will be held at Eagle High School on May 18th and 19th; 3A football playoffs next year will have not have SRV schools playing each

¹ As of 3rd Friday of the month

other in the first round; HS football had 53 participants this past season (64 in 2010); HS volleyball had 33 members this past season (28 in 2010); the 8th grade "A" girls basketball team is in the semifinals of the SRV championships; the MS wrestling team finished 3rd in the Borah Tournament

Actions Items

⇒ Approved the letting of bids for Phase II HVAC Project at HHS

⇒ Directed administration to formulate a recommendation regarding an income recovery payment for employees of the district to be made prior to the end of the current fiscal year

⇒ Approved for a 2nd reading, Policy 3220, *Students, Student Use of Building: Equal Access*

⇒ Rescheduled January's board meeting from January 9, 2012 to January 11, 2012

⇒ Personnel

- Hired—Matt Holtry, HS Head Varsity Football Coach and Teacher; Kevin Meservy and Becky Demark, HMS Paraprofessionals;
- Volunteer approved—Johnny Lane, HS Girls Basketball

Next Regular Board Meeting

- 7 P.M.
- Wednesday, January 11, 2012
- District Office