

**Garden City Community School
Board of Directors
Regular Session Minutes**

DATE: May 17, 2010

LOCATION: Garden City Community School
9165 Chinden, Garden City, ID 83714

People Present: Laurel York Odell, Tim Richey, Michael Tetrault, Matthew Shapiro, Jan Thomas, Cindy Hoovel, Marti Monroe, Vivian Sanchez, wife of, Ryan Porter, Audra Bryant, Tiffany Coffee, Wren Nicks

6:34 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed to the Public)

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1):

- (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office;
- (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;
- (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency;
- (d) to consider records that are exempt by law from public inspection;
- (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

7:00 pm OPEN SESSION – Public Budget Hearing Jan T moved we open and Michael T seconded.

1. Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Adjustments We introduced ourselves and each told something about our family.

2. Presentation & Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes - There was some discussion about so many months being attached to the minutes. We all agreed that no prior minutes need to be included. Any letters to parents will not go in either. Those will be omitted from the April minutes. We will keep the director's reports in the minutes. Jan mentioned that it was unclear what two weeks of holiday and the incomplete sentence in the auction report about the field trip collection. Those corrections were made. Tim R moved and Michael T seconded. All approved that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

3. Closed Session: Laurel asked for the approval of contracts being offered to new hires A, B, and C. Jan T moved and Michael T seconded. We unanimously approved. Michael T moved and Tim R seconded we approve the contract offered and accepted by the re-hires. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Year-to-Date Report: We still have an amount due of \$40,000 on our line of credit. The money came in today from the state and we plan to pay the

balance this fiscal year. We will maintain our line of credit with no plans of using it. Jan T moved and Matthew S seconded that we accept the April Treasurer's report. It was accepted.

Laurel YO reported that at the finance committee meeting Cindy took them on a field trip to nearby Research Center to view a 22,000 sq. ft. building that would need very little changing. It is near the West Y and was just to "inspire" them to start thinking creatively about another location while prices are low.

B. Presentation of 2010-2011 Budget: Tim reviewed the proposed budget for next year. The June meeting will be the official Public Hearing of the Budget and board vote.

5. School Director's Report

A. Highlights: Cindy is going to post the Director's Report on the web in the future so that parents will have access to all the information in it.

Laurel York Odell asked what is "backwards mapping". It was explained that the end goal is stated first and then move backward saying what will we have to do to get to that goal on a step by step basis. She also gave a run down of the activities planned for the rest of the year..

6. Committee Reports/Questions

A. Auction : Tiffany, a prospective board member, has said that she would be willing to take the responsibility for the auction this coming year. We are hoping for more family oriented auction items, according to her discussion with other parents interested in being involved on the auction team. There was a thought mentioned of offering some sort of raffle that will have a pre-paid admission. It was decided to have the auction in November.

B. Policy Committee: First reading of policies:

Policy #2101 is the Middle Level Credit System now required by law. All members got the preliminary policy sent to them by email for the first reading. Michael mentioned that he had some more information that might impact this policy. There was extensive discussion about how it is unlikely that this will be an issue here. Michael Tetrault said he'd like to have some more input because of his 8th grade teaching experience and how this might impact parents so he would be glad to share with the policy committee.

Policy #5430 Evaluation of Certificated Personnel: No comments or discussion on this.

C. Board Recruitment: Both Audra Bryant and Tiffany Coffey have applied to be board members. They introduced themselves and the board asked them questions. Tiffany has a current student at GCCS and Audra will have a kindergartener start next year. D. Community Council: Michael T reported on the Community Council meeting that was called to address the issue of a school name change. The conclusion was that indeed the name does need to be altered to some way reflect more of who we are as a school. Michael T will send the minutes of that meeting to the entire board and all present at tonight's meeting. Laurel YO suggested that included in this communication would be the suggested process. Some ideas were: Muse arts charter, Expedition, Garden City Arts Charter and using "Academy" or "Conservatory"(means dedicated to learning through the arts) in the name.

7. June Meeting Agenda Items – Final budget hearing and vote

Jan reviewed the board meeting evaluation confirming we met in under two hours, stuck to the agenda and furthered our mission by having two new teachers and two new potential board members attend the meeting. We did focus much more on the future than on the past. Participation was fairly equal and yes, we felt the meeting was effective. No suggestions for improvement other than have extra guests at each board meeting like we did tonight because it makes the meeting more interesting and fun.

Michael T moved Jan T seconded we adjourn and we all agreed.

9:00 pm Adjourn