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Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

Executive Session and Work Session

February 19, 2020

11:00 AM/11:30 AM

District Office, 3497 N Ammon Rd, Idaho falls, ID

I. Call to Order

Chairman Amy Landers called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Chad Dance present

Greg Calder present

Paul Jenkins present

Scott Lynch present

Amy Landers present

III. Action Items

A. Executive Session – Chairman Landers stated that the Board will enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation of an employee or staff member. The Executive Session will be closed to the public as permitted by law.

**MOTION:** Scott Lynch moved to enter into executive session for the reason stated. Greg Calder seconded. The roll call vote was:

B. Roll Call Vote

Chad Dance yes

Greg Calder yes

Paul Jenkins yes

Scott Lynch yes

Amy Landers yes

IV. Discussion Items

A. Superintendent Evaluation

The Board reviewed the letter containing the outcome of the Superintendent evaluation. Discussion from 11:09 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.

V. Action Item - Motion to Move Back into Open Meeting

**MOTION:** Chad Dance moved to enter back into open session at 11:31 a.m. Greg Calder seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Call to Order

Chairman Landers called the work session to order at 11:47 a.m.

Roll Call:

Chad Dance present

Greg Calder present

Paul Jenkins present

Scott Lynch present

Amy Landers present

VII. Action Item

A. Approve/Amend the Agenda

**MOTION:** Greg Calder moved to approve the Agenda. Chad Dance seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Welcome Visitors and Delegations

Chairman Landers welcomed Thomas Guskey, author of *On Your Mark: Challenging the Conventions of Grading and Reporting*. Others in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Chief Financial/Operations Officer Guy Wangsgard, Executive Director of Instruction & Learning Jason Lords, Executive Director of Planning & Personnel Heath Jackson, Director of Maintenance & Operations John Pymm, Director of Safe Schools & Technology Gordon Howard, Community Relations and Communications Phil Campbell, D93News Samantha Williams, and Board

**Board of Trustees** ♦ Amy Landers ♦ Chad Dance ♦ Greg Calder ♦ Paul Jenkins ♦ Scott Lynch

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Paul Jenkins informed the Board that Trustee Greg Calder and other patrons had provided the means to send students from Bridgewater, Hillview and Tiebreaker elementary schools to the Chinese Acrobat production recently held at the Colonial Theater. Mr. Jenkins also gave a brief report on the Day on the Hill event held in Boise this past week.

IX. Items for Discussion

A. Grading Policy - Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

Chairman Landers invited Dr. Woolstenhulme to introduce Thomas Guskey, author of *On Your Mark: Challenging the Conventions of Grading and Reporting*. Mr. Guskey had met with the principals, parents and teachers relating to his research on grading and reporting in preparation for the District administration to revise the board policy on grading. Mr. Guskey's vision is to align grading and reporting practices with what students are really learning, identify the purpose of grading along with current practices and policies to support it; implement research-based grading and reporting practices accurately to show student learning; and understand why traditional practice, does not fully report students' academic performance. Key points were grading systems, damage caused by inconsistency, establishing purpose, then focusing on policy, grading with a rubric, the question of class rank, standard based grading, etc. More information at his website: [www.tguskey.com](http://www.tguskey.com)

B. Levy Discussion - Guy Wangsgard, CFO

Chairman Landers invited Guy Wangsgard to present information on levies. There are many things to consider as the District prepares for next year's budget: teacher negotiations, benefits, and upcoming emergency levy. Future planning includes the Supplemental and Plant Facility levies that are up for renewal in 2021. Mr. Wangsgard presented levy rate history and different options if the tax rate was lower or if the emergency levy eliminated. The levy rate is applied per \$100K of property value. Change of philosophy budget from year to year vs. saving for a rainy day. Dr. Woolstenhulme reflected on transparency and credibility with patrons and the community.

X. Call for Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Add Work Session: March 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. for continued levy rate discussion

April 22, 2020 Work Session: Revision of policy 6155 Superintendent Evaluation

- A. Regular Meeting - **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** - District Board room - 7:00 p.m.
- B. Work Session (HHS Student Council) - **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** - Hillcrest HS - 11:30 a.m.
- C. Spring Break **March 23-27, 2020** - No School
- D. Regular Meeting - **Wednesday, April 8, 2020** - District Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

XI. Action Items

A. Executive Session - Chairman Landers stated that the Board will reconvene into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation of an employee or staff member. The Executive Session will be closed to the public as permitted by law. **MOTION:** Greg Calder moved to reconvene into executive session for the reason stated. Chad Dance seconded. The roll call vote was:

B. Roll Call Vote

Chad Dance	yes
Greg Calder	yes
Paul Jenkins	yes
Scott Lynch	yes
Amy Landers	yes

The board entered into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m., took a short break, and reconvened at 2:28 p.m.

XII. Discussion Items

A. Superintendent Evaluation

Chairman Landers, on behalf of the Board, praised Dr. Woolstenhulme for the improvements made to the district during the past year. The board has received many compliments from teachers, patrons and students. Chairman Landers led the discussion with Dr. Woolstenhulme reviewing his accomplishments and areas for improvement. Discussion from 2:28 p.m. to 3:37 p.m.

XIII. Action Item – Motion Move Back into Open Session

**MOTION:** Greg Calder moved to enter back into open session. Paul Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairman Landers adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

**MOTION:** Paul Jenkins moved to adjourn. Greg Calder seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_