

**School Board Meeting
Education Center Board Room
3115 Pole Line Road
Pocatello, ID 83201**

**Regular Session - 5:30 P.M.
July 26, 2006**

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- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
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Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Earns Excellence in Finance Reporting Awards

The certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

In addition, SD25 won the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE) for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year end 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the 15th consecutive year that the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District has received both awards. SD25 is the only district in Idaho to have received both awards consistently.

The Awards for Financial Reporting Achievement are awarded to the individual, department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. The award was presented to Bart Reed, Director of Business Operations on behalf of the entire SD 25 Business Department. By preparing and presenting a CAFR, the District validated the credibility of their school system's operations, measured the integrity and technical competence of the business staff, assisted in strengthening their presentations for bond issuance statements, and provided professional recognition.

The CAFR has been judged by two impartial panels to meet the highest standards of each program including demonstrating constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

"We are grateful for the support of the School Board in allowing the District to participate in such an important program. Our goal is to provide the best in financial reporting to patrons of this community," stated Mr. Reed.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C. The ASBO is headquartered in Reston, VA near Washington, D.C.

Century High School Recognized by Newsweek Magazine

Century High School was recognized by Newsweek Magazine as one of their 2006 list of the top 1200 high schools in the nation (1182). It's the first time an Idaho high school outside of the Boise Valley has made the list.

"It's a real honor for our facility, staff and students to see Century High School listed among the top 5% of high schools in America," said Century Principal Dr. Patrick Charlton. The listing reflects the school's high academic expectations and emphasis on post-secondary education.

To make Newsweek's list, a school must have more students take the advanced placement test in the spring of 2005 than the number who graduated that year. For Century that was 237 AP exams given and 225 graduates. To determine placement on the ranking, the number of tests taken is divided by the number of graduates to obtain the ratio. Century's ratio was 1.039. Only one other high school in Idaho made the list; Boise High School which ranked 503 with a ratio of 1.75.

Dr. Charlton said he is excited that Century made the list, but expects the school to rank even higher on the list next year.

He said that while Century was not at the top of the list, they were just happy to have made it. He fully expects that they will move up higher on Newsweek's list next year.

Congratulations not only to the administrative leadership of Dr. Charlton, Mrs. Flandro, and Dr. Knickrehm and the dedication of the staff at Century High School, but to the students who have gone the extra mile to make Century one of the nation's best high schools.

SD25 Technology Department Provides A+ Service to Teachers and Students

If you remember, during an April visit to the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District, representatives of the Waterford program and the parent company, NCS Pearson (SASI program) met with the Curriculum Department. The reps said that the District technology services, speed, staff use, and careful planning were among the very best they have seen nationwide. Also, SD25 is also a nationally recognized site for Fast ForWord. Recognition by these companies is a great honor and tribute to the Tech Department staff.

The District Technology team takes care of over 5,300 computers and another 15,000 associated devices. They help over 12,000 users with all of their technology issues.

The Tech Department manages a “server farm” including application and data distribution to all users, filtering web content, receiving and delivering over 50,000 emails per day, blocking over 10,000 SPAM emails per day, and protecting against all sorts of invading viruses and spyware. Software and servers are being updated to keep up with the demand and solve issues with previous versions of education software. More educational tools are being installed and delivered to more and more students every day.

Recently a worldwide problem surfaced that affected almost 1800 of our computers. Our team has been scrambling to collect, open, disassemble and mail damaged motherboards to California in an effort to get this problem fixed. There was great concern that this could not be done this summer and have them all back in time for school to start this fall. The tech crew has worked so diligently that they got all the remaining faulty boards in the mail in time to beat the worldwide rush. They are happy to report that they already have them back and repaired and are reassembling hundreds of PC's each day. They should have the problem completely solved before July is over.

Just to add to this massive project, they have purchased over 200 new computers this summer. The crew is configuring them and placing them in schools. Then they take the computers that are being replaced and move them to other locations that also need updating. Then those are filtered down to still more places. In all, buying 200 new PC's means the crew handles over 800 pieces before all the shifting is complete.

We recently received a national technology report card. This report card is published in "Technology Counts" and is the result of a survey conducted by the "Education Research Center." It showed that Idaho ranked 5th in the nation for educational technology. It also shows that our school district ranks well above the State and NUMBER ONE in Idaho and the nation.

This team is amazing. They work very hard and take a lot of pride in what they do as they go about building and maintaining a world class technology system in School District #25.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda X Action required

A. Human Resources X Action required

New Administrators:

| Name | Position/Location | Effective Date |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| Mark Layne | 1.0 FTE Assistant Principal Alameda Center | 2006-2007 |

New Teachers:

| Name | Position/Location | Effective Date |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Jenae' Allen | .50 FTE Title One Ellis Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Jonathan Braack | 1.0 FTE English Pocatello High | 8-23-06 |
| Amanda Campbell | .74 FTE Head Start Teacher Head Start Program | 8-28-06 |
| Deborah Clark | 1.0 FTE First Grade Syringa Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Karla Edwards | 1.0 FTE Technology/Life/Careers Teacher Franklin Middle School | 8-23-06 |
| Candida Franscella | 1.0 FTE Fourth Grade Washington Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Emily Gee | 1.0 FTE Special Education Jefferson Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Brandy Gilea | 1.0 FTE Speech & Hearing Therapist Lincoln Center | 8-23-06 |
| Barbara Griggs | 1.0 FTE Special Education Ellis Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Beverly Hillyer | 1.0 FTE Second Grade Lewis & Clark Elementary | 8-23-06 |

Human Resources - New Teachers (continued):

| Name | Position/Location | Effective Date |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Melanie LaMont | 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Chubbuck Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Elizabeth Larson | 1.0 FTE Math Irving Middle School | 8-23-06 |
| Ann Lewis | 1.0 FTE Counselor Jefferson Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Bennie Lynch | 1.0 FTE Title One Wilcox Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Lanette Martindale | 1.0 FTE First Grade Tendoy Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Lana McCormick | .50 FTE Kindergarten Gate City Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Mercedes Nelson | 1.0 FTE Special Education Hawthorne Middle School | 8-23-06 |
| Kimberly Peck | 1.0 FTE Special Education Alameda Center | 8-23-06 |
| Miranda Petersen | 1.0 FTE Special Education Lincoln Center | 8-23-06 |
| Stefanie Powers | 1.0 FTE Second Grade Tendoy Elementary | 8-23-06 |

Human Resources - New Teachers (continued):

| Name | Position/Location | Effective Date |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Christa Santos-Smith | 1.0 FTE Counselor Franklin Middle School | 8-16-06 |
| Mary Severs | 1.0 FTE Special Education Franklin Middle School | 8-23-06 |
| Ashley Thurman | .70 FTE Title One Ellis Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Katherine Tonks | .74 FTE Head Start Teacher Head Start Program | 8-28-06 |
| Sherry VanEvery | 1.0 FTE 1st/2nd Grade Split Ellis Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Karma Weiderrick | .74 FTE Head Start Teacher Head Start Program | 8-28-06 |
| Nicole Williams | .50 FTE Third Grade Tendoy Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Kathryn Young | 1.0 FTE First Grade Jefferson Elementary | 8-23-06 |
| Cindy Youngstrom | .50 FTE Counselor Washington Elementary | 8-23-06 |

Release from Contract:

| Name | Position/Location | Effective Date |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Casey Clayson | .50 FTE Title One Greenacres Elementary | 7-13-06 |
| Deborah Cook | 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Lewis & Clark Elementary | 7-10-06 |
| Holli Hirschi | 1.0 FTE Math Highland High | 7-06-06 |
| Barbara Thronson | 1.0 FTE Transition Specialist District Wide | 6-27-06 |

The administration recommends that these teachers be released from their 2006-2007 teaching contracts.

For Your Information:

The following administrative changes have been made for the 2006-2007 school year:

Kent Hobbs is being moved from the Assistant Principal at Hawthorne Middle School to the Principal/Supervisor of the Early Learning Center at Lincoln.

Susan Scully is being moved from the Assistant Principal at Franklin Middle School to the Assistant Principal at Hawthorne Middle School.

Jeff Brandt is being moved from the Principal at the Alameda Center to the Assistant Principal at Franklin Middle School.

Sheryl Brockett will be the sole Principal over the Alameda Center, which will include the Teen Parent Program, New Horizons, Kinport, Crossroads, and the FOCUS Treatment Center (formerly the Family Treatment Center).

Mark Layne has been selected as the new Assistant Principal at the Alameda Center, under Sheryl Brockett.

B. Business

1. School Board Minutes **X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2006 Regular Session and Executive Session.

2. Board Bills **X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve payment of bills and invoices as of June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$1,144,698.81.

The School Board is asked to approve payment of bills and invoices as of July 7, 2006 in the amount of \$925,049.59.

3. Supplementary Financial Information **X Action required**

The School Board is asked to approve supplementary financial information for the period of June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

VI. Communications and Clerk's Report

A. Calendar

Tuesday, August 15, 2006
Regular School Board Meeting
Executive Session - 4:00 p.m. (if needed)
Regular School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
(tentative - pending vote on Board Meeting Schedule)

Wednesday, August 23, 2006
"Back to School Welcome Meeting" For All Staff
Highland High School Gymnasium
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 24, 2006
Chamber of Commerce New Teacher Luncheon
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn

B. 2005-2006 Student Performance and AYP Report

Included in the packet is a report of the district's 2005-2006 Student Performance and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status, per No Child Left Behind (NCLB). At the time of this meeting, Mr. Wegner will provide a summary for the Board. Included in the packet is a copy of that presentation.

C. Program Evaluation for Alternating Day Kindergarten Program

Mrs. Mortensen will present the Program Evaluation for the 2005-2006 Alternating Day Kindergarten Program. At the time of the meeting, she will provide a copy of that presentation.

D. District Administrative Reports

The following Directors will provide a verbal update:

Patti Mortensen - Director of Elementary Education
Bob Devine - Director of Secondary Education
Chuck Wegner - Director of Curriculum
Sheryl Smart - Human Resources Coordinator
Bart Reed - Director of Business Services
Carl Smart - Director of Employee Services
Pete Black - Public Information Officer

VII. Reports of the Superintendent

At the time of the meeting, the Superintendent will provide a verbal report of current activities.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

Information:

Each year we hold a public auction to sell items such as vehicles, equipment, and materials that are deemed obsolete. This year, the auction was held on June 24, 2006 at Prime Time Auction. Net proceeds of the auction to the District were \$7,807.47. Please refer to the attached financial accounting of the auction.

New Business (continued):

Action:

A. Administering the Oath of Office X Action required

The Oath of Office will be administered to the newly-elected Board Member. Taking the oath is necessary to be “qualified” for office. The Oath of Office will be administered by the Clerk, Nathan Hill, to Trustee Janie Gebhardt - Zone 2.

B. Election of Officers X Action required

The Board of Directors regularly reorganizes at the July meeting. The Board will elect the following Board officers to serve for the 2006-2007 school year: Chair; Vice Chair; Clerk of the Board, and Assistant Treasurer of the Board. Policy #2310, which addresses’ reorganization, is included in the packet.

C. Special Order of Business X Action required

1. Appoint Treasurer X Action required

As a component of reorganization, the Board will need to appoint a Treasurer. It is recommended that Mr. Bart Reed be appointed Treasurer.

2. Appoint Assistant Clerk X Action required

Further, as a component of reorganization, the Board will need to appoint an Assistant Clerk. It is recommended that Ms. Maurine Broadhead be appointed Assistant Clerk.

D. Designate Posting Locations X Action required

Annually, the Board must designate posting locations. The following are recommended as posting locations: Education Service Center, Chubbuck City Offices, Pocatello City Offices, and the Bannock County Courthouse. In addition to those designated, postings will routinely be sent to the schools for information and posting.

E. School Board Meeting Schedule 2006-2007 X Action required

Annually, the Board must adopt the School Board Meeting Schedule. The recommended 2006-2007 Board Meeting schedule is included in your packet.

New Business (continued):

F. Auditor X Action required

Annually, the Board must appoint an auditor; Mr. Charles Clark representing Deaton & Company is recommended to be the independent auditor for the School District for the 2006-2007 school year.

G. Appointment of Standing Committees X Action required

Several district committees convene periodically throughout the school year. Administration is soliciting Board volunteers to serve on these various committees.

| | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Education Foundation | Nate Hill | |
| Insurance/Wellness Committee | Marianne Donnelly | |
| Head Start | Terry Anderson | |
| District Leadership Council | | |
| Textbook Adoption | | |
| Curriculum Committee | | |
| CIP Committee | Nate Hill | |
| Budget Committee | Brent Leavitt | |
| ISBA Representative | Terry Anderson | |
| Technology Committee (as needed) | Michael Parrish | |
| Long Range Facility Planning | | |
| Local Issues-Chamber of Comm. | Terry Anderson | |

H. Policy 8130 - Attendance of Students **X Action required**

Previously, the Board received information from the secondary administrators regarding an ineffective provision in Policy 8130 - Attendance of Students. Included in the packet is current Policy 8130 and the proposed revision of Policy 8130. Mr. Bob Devine will be in attendance at the meeting to review the proposed changes.

I. Hearing - Increase in String Program Changes and Fee Increases **X Action required**

Previously, the Board received information regarding proposed changes to the elementary strings program. Included in the packet is the Notice for the Strings Program and Instrument Rental fee increase. The Board is asked to approve holding a public hearing at the next scheduled Board Meeting to gain input on this increase as required by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A.

J. Disposal of Old Archery Equipment Through Boy Scouts of America **X Action required**

Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-601 (4)(a), the District may dispose of property with an “estimated value of less than five hundred dollars (\$500)” in the most cost-effective and expedient manner, with Board approval.

Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the stated value of the old archery equipment below \$500 and approve disposal through the Grand Teton Council, Boy Scouts of America.

K. Board/Superintendent Retreat **X Action required**

With reorganization of the Board, it is timely to consider setting a Board/Superintendent retreat for August.

Ms. Renee Sessler, of the Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA), is available to lend her services to the district to facilitate a proposed retreat.

Because August dates are so tight, there is only one day when people are available for this retreat. It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

As we begin building a solid leadership team at the Board/Superintendent level, I would like to have the directors participate in this retreat. I am planning to work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to develop an agenda.

The Administration recommends Board action to set a Board/Superintendent retreat from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on August 16, 2006 in the Board Room at the Education Center.

X. Reports of Committees

1. Trustee Janie Gebhardt

Trustee Janie Gebhardt recently attended the New Board Member Orientation Conference in Boise. At the time of this meeting, she will provide a report of that experience.

2. Trustee Terry Anderson

Trustee Terry Anderson has received information from the Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) regarding a potential Special Session and Property Tax issues. At the time of this meeting, she will provide a current report on these issues.

XI. Motions and Resolutions

XII. Delegations - please limit comments to 5 minutes

The Board and Administration will take comments under advisement.

XIII. Adjournment