1/26/2015:
Location: Palouse Prairie School Building, 1500 Levick St, Moscow ID

Current Board: Brian Gardner (BG)   Directors: Jacob Ellsworth (JE)
Della Bayly (DB)       Jeneille Branen (JB)
Sarah Deming (SD)  
Amy Ball (AB)
Greg Larson (GL)
Jessica Long (JL)
Carole Bogden (CB)

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Attending: BG, AB, DB, SD, GL, (JL from item 7.3 onward)
Absent: CB
Public: Debbie Berkana, JE by phone during section 7.3
Note Taker: GL

1. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)

2. Approval of agenda (5 min)
   ● SD moves to approve agenda as presented
   ● AB seconds the motion
   ● all vote ‘in favor’

3. Presentations & Reports
   3.1 none

4. Announcements
   4.1 none

5. Approval of minutes (10 minutes)
   5.1 Approve minutes from 1/12/2015
   https://docs.google.com/a/palouseprairieschool.org/document/d/1Cuvjk77HnJvB0Y6VEeTW-JDgTNyJk sesH7oBaC74bSg/edit
• AB moves to approve the minutes as presented
  • SD seconds the motion.
  • All vote ‘in favor’

6. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)

No comments received.

7. Action Items (95 minutes)

7.1 Consent Agenda

  7.1.A. Approve Financials for Dec. 2014 (5 min)
  • SD moves to approve as presented
  • GL seconds the motion.
  • All vote ‘in favor’.

7.2 Andrika Kuhle has been teaching 7th grade math for the 2014-2015 school year yet her certificate does not cover this subject. She is receiving an alternative authorization from the SDE to continue to teach this subject this year. (10 min)

  Action= Acknowledge and approve that Ms. Kuhle continue teaching 7th grade math under an alternative authorization for 2014-2015SY
  • SD moves to approve that Ms. Kuhle continue teaching 7th grade math under an alternative authorization for 2014-2015SY
  • AB seconds the motion
  • All vote ‘in favor’.

7.3 Options for long term facilities plan. Consider cost/benefits of purchase current building vs. build modular based campus. Approve a plan to proceed with chosen option including any expenditures necessary in the near term (next 4 months). (30 min)

  Action = agree upon and approve general goal and next steps.

• JL joins the meeting at this time.
• By phone, JE presents reasoning for dismissing idea of purchasing current facility and the reasoning for pursuing the purchase of land for a newly built facility.
• JE has consulted with several experts in this matter, including Tom Garrison of Rim Rock Consulting, professional staff at Design West Architects, Superintendent of Moscow School District Greg Bailey, Administrator / Principal of Moscow Charter School Tony Bonuccelli, real estate broker Shelley Bennett, Cade Konen of Hayden Ross accounting. JE presented the summary of his findings in a document called Facility_Plan_Notes_Jan2015.
• JE reviews his latest discussions with Rim Rock Consulting that argue for the building of a single building school, instead of a modular campus, as the costs
of the two approaches are similar and modular buildings are not nearly as easy to deploy, redeploy, and change out as one might expect, and they require plenty of infrastructure, such as water, sewer, and electricity.

- SD states that she is in favor of the option of building a new facility, but notes that retaining teachers through higher salaries must also be a high priority in order to maintain quality staff.

- GL moves that authorize two actions and one expense:
  1. JE and BG are authorized to seek continuation/extension of the school’s current lease to August 2017.
  2. JE and BG are authorized to reconvene the facilities long-term planning committee with the charge to plan for buying land and building a new school.
  3. JE is authorized to incur for PPSEL an expenditure of up to $2000 maximum for the preliminary design work needed to assist in site selection, procuring a mortgage loan, etc….

- AB seconds this motion.
- Unanimous ‘in favor.’

7.4 Approve class size plan for upcoming school year (2015-2016) to be used in school lottery. (30 min)
  Action= approve class sizes
  - SD moves to approve the presented class size plan (22 students per grade for each grade K through 8)
  - DB seconds the motion
  - Unanimous ‘in favor’

7.5 Executive Session (Idaho Code § 67-2345 (c)) to report on mid-year evaluation of school Directors (20 min)
roll call vote: all members present vote in favor of entering executive session.

8. Workshops
  8.1 none

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

2013-2014 Board of Directors
Brian Gardner, Chair, term expires 2017
Della Bayly, term expires 2016
Sarah Deming, Treasurer, term expires 2015
Amy Ball, Vice Chair, term expires 2015