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Cambridge School District No. 432 Washington County, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting November 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by board chair Candy Clark at 6:00 p.m. in Room H-O of the middle-high school. Other board members present were Dean Dunham, Jared Farrens, Nick Petitmermet, and Pam Schwenkfelder. Also present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell, Business Manager Cathy Lakey, and Barbara Ertel.

Board chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance. She also mentioned that the board meeting is a board meeting held in public, not a public meeting, and that questions and comments from the public should be held to a minimum unless the board invites them.

Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Moved by Trustee Schwenkfelder to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 15, 2012; the November payables; and the financial reports; as presented; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Special Reports

Superintendent Schumacher attended the recent city council meeting to hear discussion on the AT&T cell tower. A complaint was received by a community member alleging that the school district didn't allow public comment prior to the tower being installed. City clerk Sandra McKee assured this person that the district put the cell tower on the agenda at several meetings, which were properly posted and open to the public. Once a decision has been made regarding whether or not a light will be put on top of the tower, the city is ready to issue a building permit. Mr. Schumacher and Mrs. Lakey-Campbell participated in some TeachScape training last week that will allow them to become certified in evaluating teachers within the Danielson model. Superintendent Schumacher encouraged the board to draft a proposal to the legislature supporting the state land board as requested by Mr. Wasden at the ISBA conference last Friday.

Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell reported that the band concert is December 6, the elementary Christmas program is December 13, and the drama presentation is December 12. She announced that the state board has ended the requirement for students to take on-line classes. Since the district is a 3-star district, if this is still the case in 2013-14, then action will need to be taken through the WISE tool available at the State Department of Education for school improvement.

Barbara Ertel reported that the Rush Creek Stampede sponsored by the Upper Country Education Foundation, was a success with many volunteers and racers. There were many

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positive comments from participants. So far the Foundation has cleared about \$4,800. The board thanked the Foundation for all the work they did putting this event together.

Trustee Farrens mentioned he thought the ISBA conference was very informative. Trustee Petitmermet attended the marching band competition recently and said the band performed very well. He also attended the Honor Band concert last week and came in this morning to watch the iPad deployment. Trustee Schwenkfelder thanked the district for sending board members to the ISBA conference; it was very worthwhile and trustees learned a lot. Trustee Clark commented on the keynote speaker and how uplifting his message was. She also thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the conference.

Unfinished Business

IPad Project Update. IpadS were handed out to students today and students spent the day getting oriented. There may be an opportunity through iSchools for some technical support for getting applications uploaded. Superintendent Schumacher is also applying for additional funds for more support. There is a research project through NNU that will be studying the impact of handheld devices on student learning, and in which the district will be participating. The iPad covers came last week and the screen protectors and stylus' came today. The next phase of the project is headphones and televisions. Mr. Schumacher is getting quotes on the televisions, mounts, and HDMI cables. Insurance is available for the iPads and will be paid for by parents, who will also pay the \$25 deductible if the device is damaged. So far, all the costs of the project have been covered by the Foundation grant or federal funds. Trustee Petitmermet suggested that the board get feedback from teachers and students on how the devices are impacting education. Some solutions will need to be found for storing student iPads during lunch and athletic practices to prevent theft.

District Policy Review. Trustee Clark and Superintendent Schumacher reviewed Section 1000 and didn't see anything that needed changed. The board is considering moving toward having only the policies required by law and keeping other policies to a minimum. Mrs. Lakey attended a workshop at the ISBA convention on policies and obtained a list of those required by either federal or state law. Consensus of the board was to continue to look at the other sections in light of which policies are actually required, and then make recommendations as to whether those policies that are not required should be retained or removed.

Propositions 1, 2 and 3. The propositions to remove the Students Come First laws passed at the recent election. There may be some financial consequences to the district from the demise of the legislation if the legislature doesn't restore the funding in the coming

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session, specifically the math/science funding and the use-it-or-lose it revenue. If the revenue isn't restored, the district will face a budget shortfall. If the revenue is restored, there may be a cash flow issue if the February revenue is shorted and the schools aren't made whole until May. The requirement for on-line courses was repealed today. Discussion ensued regarding writing a position letter to the legislature and the effect of reduced funding on education in the state of Idaho. Board chair Clark called a special meeting for December 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. to work on the letter. Mr. Schumacher will attempt to obtain a list of legislators who might be open to the district's message.

New Business

Announcements/Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Farrens to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Schwenkfelder; motion carried at 8:39 p.m. unanimously by voice vote.

Board Chair

Business Manager