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Cambridge School District No. 432 Washington County, Idaho Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Candy Clark at 6:42 p.m. in Room H-0 of the middle-high school. Other board members present were Jared Farrens, and Nick Petitmermet. Dean Dunham and Pam Schwenkfelder were absent. Also present were Superintendent Ed Schumacher, Secondary Principal/AD Angie Lakey-Campbell, and Business Manager Cathy Lakey.

Executive Session

Moved by Trustee Farrens to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345, Section B, for the purpose of discussing personnel; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried by voice vote at 7:43 p.m. as follows: Trustee Farrens—yes; Trustee Petitmermet—yes; Trustee Clark—yes. Present in executive session were the previously mentioned board members, Mr. Schumacher, Mrs. Lakey-Campbell, and Mrs. Lakey. The board discussed personnel and returned to regular session at 7:13 p.m.

Additional guests present for regular session were Kim Vowell, Phil Dubose, Barb Ertel and Jeri Bemis. Trustee Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent and Confirmation Agenda

Moved by Trustee Farrens to approve the current agenda; the minutes of the January 21, 2013, regular meeting; the February payables; and the financial reports as presented; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

Special Reports

Superintendent Schumacher mentioned some ideas for presenting district uses of the iPads at Idaho Leads and on the district website. There has been an instance of inappropriate use of the iPad by a student. Law enforcement has been contacted and the teachers have implemented a plan for checking out the device to the student only when necessary. Trustee Petitmermet suggested that students be given a course on internet safety as part of homeroom. Beginning next year, the sixth grade will be learning math using a conceptual math model using books that were recently purchased. Over the summer, the district will purchase the seventh grade books, and the year after the eighth grade will convert. Mr. Schumacher attended the Superintendent's Network meeting last week where a discussion was held on what schools are doing to prepare their communities for the Common Core standards. Idaho belongs to the Smarter Balanced assessment group, which has a component of mini-assessments and also requires a written component. The new assessment is supposed to be available for use on iPads. Mr. Schumacher mentioned that the district is considering whether or not to continue to teach keyboarding. Since the majority of data entry is while students are composing, it appears that touch typing may not be a viable skill. He will be looking into this issue over the next few months. Another topic of discussion at the meeting was what makes students succeed. Mr. Schumacher has approached the Governor's Task Force about

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providing alternate funding for effective practices in-lieu of pay-for-performance. Teachers are continuing to train on the Danielson model and have started to implement the ideas into their teaching. The district will be undergoing a federal programs review in March. When the cell tower was sold to American Tower, some of the specifications were changed, which conflicted with some city ordinances. The city will be holding a public hearing and American Tower will be required to meet the ordinances. The district received a letter from State Superintendent Luna congratulating the elementary school on being rated as a four-star school.

Principal Lakey-Campbell also mentioned the staff has been doing staff development on the Danielson model. Teachers are working on strategies for preparing students for the Smarter Balanced assessments. One aspect of this is developing text structured questions to ask students. Our culture is increasingly dependent on information, so the district needs to develop students who are learners as opposed to being learned. Teachers are also exploring some of the shifts coming with the new standards. Basketball season is over. The girls qualified for state and lost the consolation game by one point. The cheerleaders will be competing at the district meet this month and have a chance to compete at state in March.

Mrs. Ertel reported the Foundation has been granted non-profit status by the IRS. Since the iPad project is financially mostly complete, the Foundation is prepared to assist the district with other expenses. The group will be sending in the annual report and will begin working with staff exploring other projects, such as field trips. No fund raisers are planned over the summer unless a pressing need arises.

Trustee Farrens reported that Idaho Power employees recently met with TVCC to discuss the need for trained workers. Emphasis is starting to be placed on training students to work in-lieu of preparing students for a four-year college degree. There may be an opportunity to partner with local businesses to help train students. Trustee Farrens also suggested the district hold a career day to expose students to other options. Trustee Petitmermet mentioned that some of the staff seem to be a little frustrated with outside activities interfering with class. He also commended Mrs. Lakey-Campbell for doing a good job running the girls' district tournament and Mr. DuBose for the pep band performances. Trustee Clark wished good luck to the cheerleaders.

Unfinished Business

District Policy Review Section #512 and Section #900. A second reading was held and it was moved by Trustee Petitmermet to adopt changes to #506.5; #543; #551; and #570;

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and table #578; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried. Section #900 was reviewed and no changes were recommended. Trustee Farrens questioned whether or not Policy #902 was necessary. After discussion, deletion of the policy was recommended.

Legislative Review. It appears the legislature is fully supportive of reinstating legislation to make districts whole for the 2012-2013 school year. The big issue seems to be the personal property tax. One proposal is to let the exemption already on the books kick in and see what that does. Some bills on collective bargaining have been printed and are similar to the recommendations of the board. A decision needs to be reached on teacher contract categories. It appears the cursive writing law will move forward.

School Safety. A vendor looked at the district to see if there was a possibility of putting in a keyless entry. The cost at the elementary would be about \$5,000 including replacing the front doors. Codes would be assigned by the high school office and a one-time use code could be used for visitors. Resources would need to be available before any change could be made. Use of wasp spray to stop an intruder was discussed. The sheriff's office recommended the use of tasers instead, so Superintendent Schumacher will pursue this avenue. There may be some instances where pepper spray would be useful.

New Business

Emergency Closure Day. Moved by Trustee Petitmermet to declare January 10, 2013, an emergency closure day due to weather; seconded by Trustee Farrens; motion carried.

Alternative Authorization for PTE Math Instructor. Moved by Trustee Farrens to approve the request for alternative authorization for Mrs. Moran to teach math; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried.

2013-2014 School Calendar. When looking at the calendar for the next school year, staff recommendations were to start a little later, not hold school on January 2, and come back for 2.5 days after Memorial Day. The staff has agreed that Memorial Day would not be a paid holiday. The board thanked the staff for making this concession. Mr. Schumacher will research if holding graduation before the end of school would affect seniors' minimum hours and will present a final draft at the March meeting.

Moved by Trustee Farrens to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Petitmermet; motion carried at 8:49 p.m.

Board Chair

Business Manager