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**Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday October 3, 2006  
7:00 P.M. Main Building

**Present**

Martin Bautista - President  
Donna Myers  
Shawna Lown  
Mike Parish  
Joe Flugel

**Agenda**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Student Presentation** (rescheduled for the next session)
4. **New Board Member** Welcome to Karen Kuhn– motion passed
5. **Routine Items** – Joe Made a motion to accept all routine items except for old minutes – motion passed
6. **Donna** -\$65,000 will come out of the grant. We did not receive any state support this month but it is expected within days. \$413,000 is the net so far for the year. The auditor suggested moving some dollars to the State of Idaho Investment Pool which provides much higher interest rate than savings. Presented a check register for Sept. – motion passed.
7. **Administrative Report** – Jackie Collins  
I Have a Dream – The film is complete. Jan suggested establishing an email address for credits at the end of the film. Tracy is looking into DVD production it is estimated at \$1.59 each for 1,000 DVD's. Tracy is also working on brochures as the pictures are too dark and this will be corrected. The Charter grant was to cover \$5,000 for capital campaign but the estimate is 3 times that including DVD's, flyers, folders and a commercial for T.V. Shawna reported \$9,230 is budgeted for broad advertising. Jackie projects 2x that amount. Plans are underway to have a dinner and red carpet "Grand opening night" for the DVD to kick off events for the building campaign. Jackie requests Board approve increasing advertising funds as previous advertising had too may errors and can not be utilized. Joe made a motion to increase funding to \$20,000 to cover all costs associated with the I Have a Dream campaign to include \$15,000 for the I Have a Dream and \$5,000 for advertising the school. Since \$9,000 has already been approved the total additional expenditure will be \$11,000. The motion was passed.

**Northwest Accreditation** – We were accredited last year but will pursue Northwest Accreditation next fall. Student Support Services are required including a library media specialist.

**IBEDS** – Jackie plans to spend the next few days entering data re student demographics and teacher prep., ed., and training. We will receive funding in February based on this report.

**International Arts Conference** - Jackie and Jan to attend in Miami

**Graduation Credits** – Questions regarding arts credits – to include 8 performance and 4 theory are required. 8 performance credits must be in the focus area. Students can change their focus area but must take the courses. If a student chooses Dance, Choir and Drama they must take all 3 classes each year.

**Senior Projects** – studio time. Jackie and Jan are refining the plans for this. Seniors must have a capstone product but this has not been defined adequately.

**Cultural Diversity** – Sam Byrd was our guest speaker for the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> staff development.

**English Language Learners** – the state will look at our LEP data in Nov. Eccentra will be used which is a software from the Nampa School District. Belva went to Nampa for training. All files were searched for Home Language Surveys to ascertain the number of students speaking a language other than English at home. It = 20. Belva will test them this month and if they do not pass they will receive services.

**504 Committee** – This is a civil disability not special ed. Marie McGrath will head up this committee.

**Violence** – Joe questioned if there were any referrals for violent behaviors. Jackie reported 2 students were referred for in-school detention for stealing. Jackie clarified the policy re; alcohol use etc. Expulsion is district-wide and can not attend school for one year. Jackie clarified the procedure for in school suspension. Study carrels will be set up in the great hall and students will have an aide to monitor them while they complete school work. The next step is out of school followed by and appearance before the School Board.

**Charter School Grant** – We were awarded this grant.

**Ada County Realtor Grant** – Jackie and Carol have submitted a grant to replace interior doors with solid core locking doors due to recent Lockdown Procedure drill results indicating a need for them.

**Online Courses** – Jackie reported students may take 1 class per semester. Jackie recommends Virtual Academy and reports \$50.00 is allocated per student for this purpose.

**Arts Director** – Jan reported on the many ways teacher are incorporating the arts into the curriculum. \* See addenda

**Orchestra Performance** – Colleen Fox and the Key Club set up refreshments and the orchestra played. Up coming performances;

Choral – Oct. 17

Band Nov. 24

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 20

**Winter Show** – Plans are underway for Orchestra, Band and Drama to put on a Winter Show.

**Artists in Residence** – Pepper Shock Video – Students will write scripts for a school production by 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. A script writing team will submit stories for a 4 minute video. Stories will be requested after the next focused investigation.

**Middle & High School Planning** – Jackie reported that staff meets to plan during early release days to integrate Social Studies and plan focused cross curricular investigation. The next topic is the Depression.

## 8. Committee Reports

a. **Cammi** – excused on vacation

b. **Martin** –

**Cell Phone** - requested school business cell phone to replace his personal service as the volume of calls has dramatically increased. There will be a separation between personal and school calls and Martin will carry two phones. Jackie reported that a new phone could be added to her package. Motion passed.

**Strategic Plan** – Martin reported that a plan is necessary for a unified structural plan. Martin proposed November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Civic Center for this meeting. Rental will be 40% of \$20.00. This strategic plan will be used to write the business plan. This will provide for various committees such as grants, building etc. The Strategic Plan will be a five year plan.

**Board Training** – The Board will be trained by Kerry Picket on Oct. 21, 2006.

c. **Joe**

**PTO** – proposes matching funds up to \$600.00 per year to spend on teacher recognition and the barbeque etc. Motion passed.

**Auction** – proposes board members contribute services or goods for a silent auction to be held in the spring.

**Fall Carnival** – PTO requested teachers help and teams of two teachers per booth have volunteered. PTO needs to rent lights for outside booths. Motion passed to allocate funds for Tates Rents for outside light rental.

d. **Shawna - Grants** – A committee has been formed and members chosen. The first meeting will be Tuesday October 17<sup>TH</sup> at 7:30 at Moxie Java to develop a plan of action. Shawna has a lead for \$ at both Fred Meyers and Wells Fargo. Jackie reports that many charter schools are using U.S. Bank for financing.

e. **Mike – Business**

Mike is working with Shawna to set up a Business Plan with the help of a committee.

**Master contract** – This is in progress and Mike is working with Jackie and they will then seek legal advice and are consulting with other charter schools.

f. **Donna – Budgets and Audits**

Motion to allow Sheila and Jackie to write checks.

Donna will ask the auditor for advice. Joe suggested a cap on the system for a single check. Motion rescinded until the subject is researched further.

**Consolidating Accounts** – Donna requested that the social fund be eliminated as a separate fund as per auditors report. Motion passed.

Jackie reported there is a need for school bookkeeper and intends to have Sheila gradually take over this task.

Donna made official motion to move \$200,000 into the State Investment Fund. Joe proposed 75% of \$365,000 which would equal \$275,000. Motion passed.

g. **Joe/Karen**

**Building Committee** – Karen reported that the first meeting had 11 attendees. The primary need is for land. Karen proposes groups of teachers form building requirements to assist architect. Joe proposes a foundation be formed to head up

fund. Joe volunteered to head up this fundraising for land and a building. The basic requirements are 60,000 square feet at a cost of 7.5 million dollars. Jesse Hudson a parent has some leads on land donation. Martin proposes giving Joe the responsibility for forming these committees. Joe proposes consideration of Rick for architect and acceptance of outside bids.

**Homework and Attendance Policy** – Marie McGrath reports there is a small group of students who are not responsible and consequences need to be established. Teachers want an official Board policy outlining a sequence of consequences. Karen requests time for the Board to review the handbook re. homework.

**Attendance** – The handbook states 6 days and the Charter states 9 days/semester. Jackie requests that after 6-7 days a student must appear before the Board. Jackie reports 50-60 students may need to appear. Joe requests time for the Board to review handbook policy and possible amendments.

Board proposes the adopting the following sequence of events;

1. teachers make a referral to the board at 6 days per quarter
2. after 6 days absence possible probation by the board
3. following probation violation – release from school at 9 days
4. automatic release from school for no show in front of the Board

Motion made to adopt attendance policy with Mike to write the official policy prior to the next Board meeting. Board members will take reasons for absence into consideration. Motion passed

Homework policy to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:57 P.M. Motion passed.