

Underhill I.D. School Board

Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Tuesday, 23 February 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Underhill ID Elementary School, Jericho

Present: Robert Letovsky (Chair), Valerie Banschbach, Jessica Dion, Tari Santor, Superintendent Jim Massingham, and Principal Cindy Mackin.

Public: Leah Rowe

1) Public Comment

School board's work on containing tax rates while maintaining educational quality is appreciated.

Cindy Mackin brought up ambiguity in Annual Report, where some teachers who are moved from being employed in multiple schools to being employed only by ours, will appear to be cut from the program, because they are not individually assessed, even though their salary is still reflected in the summary.

2) Principal's Report

Enrollment unchanged, NECAP data very positive – 92% of students proficient or proficient with distinction in both math and reading. Of 8 special ed students, 75% scored proficient or proficient with distinction in math, 62.5% in reading – this reflects positively on the teams serving these students. Various enrichment and community activities are ongoing and planned for this spring.

3) Superintendent's Report

- Governance Study Committee: Two different efforts in VT house and senate to address governance.. House's is in response to Peter Pelt's initiative – create an incentive to merge districts by minimizing tax increases for 4 years. Senate has a different strategy.. process ongoing.
- Minor correction to data in annual report

4) Consent Agenda

- Minutes of 26 January 2010: no changes.
- Approval of monthly bills for \$19,423.46.
- CESU Committee reports on Consent Agenda: Executive Committee reviewed all budgets, drafted calendar – MLK day now an in-service day, ½ days for conferences were eliminated. Next CESU-wide meeting March 11, 2010, in lieu of regular 4th Tuesday district meeting. Topic "policy governance". Negotiating Committee's work is ongoing. Severance package offering was reviewed.

Robert Letovsky moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Jessica Dion seconded.

Action: Approved.

5) "Golden Apple" award

Discussion moved to executive session in order to preserve surprise element.

5) Prepare for Annual Meeting

Board members assigned duties and discussed topics to be covered, including community events, student achievement, NECAP results, governance status, tax rate explanation, budget overview, and negotiations.

9) Other business

Discussion about recruiting for open board position. Possibility of existing stipend to cover childcare.

10) Executive Session: Title I, sec 313(a)1,3 Personnel, Negotiations

The UID Board entered into executive session for discussion regarding personnel and negotiations at 8:10 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:36 p.m.

Robert Letovsky moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.; Valerie Banschbach seconded.

The next UID Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 March 2010 at MMU.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Dion