

# Potomac Elementary School District #11

## Minutes – August 10, 2010

### Call to Order

Board Chair Robert O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those trustees present were: Gary Long, Victoria Richardson, Alicia Vanderheiden and Jim Wrobel. Jill Thornton, clerk, was also in attendance.

### Public Input

None

### Consent Agenda

Jim moved to approve the consent agenda. Alicia seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

### Audit Contract

Jim moved to approve the audit contract. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

### Biomass System

Julie Kies from the Montana DNRC sent information about a grant to fund a pre-construction study for a biomass system that would serve the school, community center and fire department. Alicia brought this grant to the board as it could give us a detailed analysis of the feasibility of such a system. Alicia would be willing to prepare the grant for submittal with the boards approval. She already has been told by the Blackfoot Challenge and the fire department that they will write letters of support for the grant.

The completed study would cost approximately \$25,000. The school would be responsible for a co-pay of 10%, which could be 'in kind', such as the application of \$25 per hour towards our commitment for those attending meetings on the subject.

Gary asked if this grant developed a specific design for the system. Alicia said the grant provided a pre-construction study that reviewed the feasibility of different specific system designs.

Alicia moved that the school board approve the writing of a grant for a pre-construction study in Biomass Utilization. Jim seconded the motion.

Jim asked about the feasibility of such a system for the school. Was the payback worth it? Alicia said she felt the payback timeframe, though it was too long for the original analysis completed by the Montana DNRC, was worth it for our valley and community.

Victoria asked if this would be the best use of the schools money as well as the time burden projects place on the board and administration. Alicia said the grant would be run through McKinstry as our contractor, or the CTA who originally analyzed the project. She further stated she would not have brought it to the board if she felt it was not in the schools best interests.

Chair O'Boyle asked for a vote on the motion on the table. **Passed 5-0.**

### FY 2009-2010 Trustees Financial Summary

Jim moved to approve the 2009-2010 TFS. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

**FY 2010-2011 Budget Report**

Alicia moved to approve the 2010-2011 Budget Report. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

**Credit Card Addition**

Victoria moved to approve a credit card for Tim Johnson. Alicia seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

**Missoula Area Education Coop Representative 2010-2011**

Alicia moved to appoint Tim Johnson as our MAEC representative for 2010-2011. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

**Bus Route Addition**

Jim moved to approve the additional 7 miles needed on our bus route. Alicia seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

**Special Board Meeting**

Chair O'Boyle stated the school boards prior plan to hold a meeting that has 'curriculum' on the agenda. This issue was held off until the board had their new principal so he could participate. Principal Johnson was not able to attend this meeting, so the question arose as to whether there should be a special meeting planned to discuss this.

Bob suggested that the restrictions imposed on the school board at meetings did not allow a free flowing discussion on the topic. With that in mind, he thought a meeting where Principal Johnson facilitated a separate meeting would be more successful in moving forward on any issues of concern.

Alicia thought it would be better for the board to hold the meeting, as that had been the original plan.

Chair O'Boyle said he would talk with all parties and get a meeting scheduled.

Alicia also submitted her resignation as Trustee for Potomac School, effective after the September board meeting. Bob said her time and all her efforts on behalf of the school were greatly appreciated. Alicia said even though she was leaving the board, she would still help where she could with grants and other projects.

The whole board thanked Alicia for her dedication and help over the last three and a half years.

**Adjourn**

Chair O'Boyle adjourned the Board meeting at 9:32 pm.

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Robert O'Boyle, Chair

Date

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Jill M Thornton, Clerk

Date