



Potomac Elementary School

School Board Minutes

for
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*"Potomac School equips each student for his/her future
within a culture of excellence that values the small community experience."*

Call to Order

Board Chair Robert O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those trustees present were: Jeff Hahn, and Jim Wrobel. Tim Johnson, principal and Jill Thornton, clerk, were also in attendance.

Public Input (for issues not on the agenda) None.

Consent Agenda

Jim moved to separate the consent agenda into:

1. Business Card, Petty Cash & Extracurricular
2. Minutes
3. Warrant List

Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Jim moved to approve the Business Card, Petty Cash & Extracurricular. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Jim moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

1. Remove the fiscal year dates on page 7 – dates not in original motion.
2. Add the committee Bob nominated right after the Principals Report.

Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Jim moved to approve the warrant list. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Principals Report

Community

- Fire department dinner April 21st
- 3 on 3 basketball tournament (Chance Thompson/Boosters coordinating)
- Pioneer Festival will be August 4th; fun runs for children and adults, parade with antique cars, barn dance in the evening, activities, BBQ contest, etc.
- PAC meeting was well attended (6), next meeting April 26th

School

- 5th day survey from conferences: Friday is preferred day off
- 4 -day school week update:
 - Scheduling decisions regarding time allocation underway finalized this month
 - 5th day options: B & G club will be able to provide structure for day; looking at augmenting this through the University - modeling it after the Flagship program, very attractive option according to Nancy Mara director of student teacher placement.

- NAESP conference update – an important conference for Tim. Administrators discuss; what to do to get schools to perform at a higher level and interactions with community. An interesting talk was from a Chinese professor. He says China is analyzing our culture to see how to increase creativity and problem solving in the Chinese classrooms. The development of critical thinking skills is the for us.
- Nutrition expert taught Health/Nutrition over 2 days
- PTC purchased 200 new library books
- Alvin Windyboy spoke to Davis' Elective regarding Native American topics
- Latin course finishes with Spanish course beginning
- Conferences well attended – PTC provided food both nights! Thank you PTC.
- MontCAS testing finished; MAP and AIMSweb in early May will look at Math.
- Library automation system under consideration and support from PTC
- Centennial Celebration (Pre-centennial) planning well under way; Meeting this thursday
- Potomac selected as a VISTA member site!
- Efforts continue to strengthen U of M connection for Fine Arts, Technology through Office of Civic Engagement, School of Music, etc. (goal)
- WMCSPT Technologist Diane Woodard will be scheduled two more times with our staff April 19th (google); and during the day May 17th as well as that night for Potomac U Night at 7pm (Handheld devices for parents) (goal)

Activities

- 2nd-4th grade students made it to the state meet for wrestling
- Track season cancelled

Vision Impact

- Revisit by Tamara Fischer who is highly trained in independent study and the Polson Gifted and Talented coordinator. She is coming out to see how students are doing in our math program.
- Tim is speaking at AGATE conference regarding math and other Potomac initiatives regarding relational education practices at our school.

Clerks Report

Due to the suit brought against Montana for its lack of required school funding amounts, the state has increased per pupil payments by 2.5% for the 2012-2013 school year. The new budget amount will be calculated by the next board meeting.

School Board – Professional Development

Jeff attended the volleyball games and tournament, went to the monthly PAC meeting, and organized the 8th grade clean-up of Cullys after their fundraiser Chili Feed.

Jim is reviewing past contracts in preparation for the upcoming contract negotiations and meetings with PACE, PEA, the Clerk and the Principal. He is waiting for information on our new MUST insurance for the coming year.

School Policy Manual

Jim moves to postpone review of the School Policy Manual until a future meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Election

With one nominating petition submitted for one trustee position, Jeff moved to declare an election by acclamation. Bob seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Representative from Blackfoot Challenge

Tim was approached by a representative from the Blackfoot Challenge who wished to discuss the use of a Biomass system that could be shared by the Community Center and Fire Station. This representative was unable to attend the meeting. In the future, this item will be in the Principals Report.

Personnel

Tim recommended Kristina Davis and Abby Stitt be given tenure with the 2012-2013 school year contract.

Jim moved to give Kristina Davis and Abby Stitt tenure with the 2012-2013 school year contract. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Tim recommended offering contracts to Kristina Davis, Brenda Harrold, Terri Klein, Nancy Linnell, Sarah Schmill, Abby Stitt and Janelle Wells for the 2012-2013 school year. He said he can't say enough about what these teachers have given and how much extra they have worked for the school this year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Jim moved to offer contracts to Kristina Davis, Brenda Harrold, Terri Klein, Nancy Linnell, Sarah Schmill, Abby Stitt and Janelle Wells for the 2012-2013 school year. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0.**

Adjourn

Chair O'Boyle adjourned the Board meeting at 8:22 pm.

Robert O'Boyle, Chair	Date	Jill M Thornton, Clerk	Date
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