**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 10th day of July, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.**

**Board Present:** Nevada Miller, Rene Villagrana, Debbie Webb. Corbin and Mary were absent.

**Others Present**: Earlyna Hammond, Clerk, Carolyn Whitney, teacher.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

**\*Beginning of Year Duties\***

Debbie motioned to continue on for the new year as follows (keeping everything the same): Nevada as board Chairman and Debbie as Vice-Chairman.

Earlyna will remain school deputy clerk with Julie Opie as Budget Officer/preparer.

Official Auditors will be Millington & Co. CPAs (formerly Brian Richins CPAs) located in Fruitland, ID.

The regular monthly board meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month (provided there is a quorum) at 6:00 P.M. until Fall and then changing to 5:00 P.M.

The US Bank and the Local Gov’t Pool will continue to be the depositories of the district.

Legal Counsel will be through PACE and OSBA.

Rene seconded this motion and AIF.

Rene motioned to approve the Agenda and Debbie seconded. AIF.

Rene motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Debbie seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

 There were no visitors.

**PENDING/PAID BILLS**

 The board reviewed bills as presented: The VISA bill was added and an invoice from Whit Worx. Earlyna will request Library monies after paying the visa. Debbie motioned to approve the bills and Rene seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD MAINTENANCE**

 Carolyn reported there had been a water issue outside at the well where the pipe connects to the well head. This pipe broke and more than likely was caused by tree roots. There were quite a few. Rene said it happened Saturday and Carolyn called Great Basin Plumbing on Monday and he came Monday about 5:00 and fixed it.

 Everything else is going well. Grass has been planted by the merry go around and the teeter totters have been fixed and painted.

 Nevada stated that there is a brand of fertilizer called “Sunday” that is safe for kids and pets and she’s been really happy with it so far.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

 Rene opened the bank statement and performed Internal Control. Checks were signed.

**POLICY UPDATES**

 Tabled.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

 None.

**TEACHER REPORT**

 Carolyn will be attending an IPM training tomorrow in Ontario. Then she’ll be going back on Sunday for Summer Institute M-W. Thursday is mentor training. REN is paying for Wednesday night room and the school will be paying for the other nights.

 Extended learning is going well. It could be going better for one of the math students.

 The boys are doing well with summer learning: counting change, etc.

 One student may be moving out of the district in early Fall. This will leave two students.

 There are four preschoolers possible: Frannie, Rex, Harley, and Cadyne’s sister. The board agreed they must all be potty trained and it will start with one half day per week in the afternoon. Carolyn’s hope is that it could be tied in with music. Conlan might be interested in helping with music this coming year. Ms. K is thinking of starting preschool the end of September-ish, then play it by ear until Christmas and see if we need to add another half day in per week?

 Carolyn feels like dynamics in schools have changed and are very different than when she first came. At this point, she doesn’t feel like it’s the best idea to only have one adult in the school. She would feel more comfortable if the board kept an aide. Another small school in the county is now in legal action for a board member touching a student on the shoulder. Debbie asked if we could put cameras in the classroom? Could Brittnee Kaelin (parent) do student teaching on pre-school days? Carolyn said that she’s doing some student teaching over at the high school. There was discussion about keeping Sheri if we can afford it with SRSA grant monies. Part of it could be funded by the general fund if there’s not enough in the grant. Everyone agrees that it would be best to have two adults in the school for now.

 Stephanie Volle in town can be a resource for preschool for Carolyn if needed.

 Earlyna will send Sheri an email and let her know we would like her to be the aide even if there’s only two students.

 Ms. K said there’s a training the first week in August in town with Lyn Sears. Carolyn would like Sheri to attend the first three days? The board agreed. The district will pay an hourly wage to Sheri.

 In August Carolyn will also go to rural inservice for one day.

 The Library Grant has been extended to September 30th, however there is nothing more that is needed so Earlyna and Carolyn will close it out. Carolyn provided a document for Prayer Certificate/Assurance that Frenchglen is in compliance with the rules and Nevada signed it.

 Registration packets will be going out at the Jamboree or Carolyn will send them if the students are not there.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE/PEST MANAGEMENT**

 Rene: he thinks the fire danger is high and that he can get fence posts from right in Frenchglen on the hill. There are chain saw restrictions currently so he doesn’t know when he will get to it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

 The board agreed to meet the second Tuesday in August at 6:00 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

 The playground update can be deleted from the Agenda and the ACORN investment account should be added back on.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

 There was no correspondence.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earlyna Hammond, Clerk