**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 13th day of August, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M. Corbin motioned to approve the Agenda and July minutes as presented and Rene seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

Shannon from the ESD was present to discuss the Student Investment Account and give an update (see attached). Early Literacy money has bee added to this. She stated that staffing is an issue at the ESD,therefore, they will be discontinuing the consortia with the small rural schools for these funds, but will assist in writing the grant and gathering the data. The ESD will not be managing the grant or monies. It all operates on a biennium (we are now on the 2023-25) so nothing changes for this current year but it will change for next year. The ESD’s LSP is still going to offer BOB, etc etc. and Shannon is hoping that nothing changes.

October is our intent to apply and then December until April (??) is when the application opens. The rurals can have technical assistance from the ESD in filling out the application and can copy and paste from past grants. ODE has also had turnover of staff and Shannon is concerned that the history will be lost. What will change is now Carolyn and the board can choose what they want to do with the funds- it’s $118,000 approx.

Nevada is all for doing some things with this grant, but wants to spend time in the classroom utilizing the things that have already been purchased. The rest of the board agreed.

Shannon said that Outdoor Ed grant monies will end, so perhaps some of those experiences can be done out of this grant?

Nevada asked if Carolyn can add this to her plate? Can staff be paid to write/manage the grant etc. out of the grant monies? Shannon is checking on it and will get back to us. Carolyn said it might be a cut and paste from the old grant to fit our needs? Shannon stated that there will be two funding streams- SIA and Early Lit. This money is from the Corporate Activity Tax. Carolyn asked if the technical support could help via ZOOM or on the teacher/clerk schedule? Yes- but Shannon will double check and get back to the board.

There was also discussion about Ms. Fowler’s role as far as counseling students. Can a parent request a summary or update on their child? Shannon will ask Cheyenne and will get back to the board. She was asked that if there were any red flags, would they need to let the student’s parents know? Shannon agreed that yes they would let parents know. The board thanked Shannon for coming.

**PENDING/PAID BILLS**

Bills were reviewed and discussed. There was added mileage for Carolyn and a monthly invoice from Whit Worx. The board was asked for clarification on the 253 Fund vs the general fund expenses? After discussion, the board agreed to pay for summer school from the 253 Fund for this year. After this, only pay Teacher’s Aide salary and expenses from the 253 Fund. All supplies, etc. will need to come out of the general fund. Earlyna asked about the current VISA bill with mostly SRSA expenditures? The board said go ahead and pay those out of the general fund. If there’s any 253 funds left over, then re visit. Corbin motioned to pay the bills as discussed and Rene seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD MAINTENANCE**

The custodians are coming tomorrow to do the back to school start up cleaning.

Clint pressure washed everything. The ESD has printed some signs for the janitor door so those will be put up and one up on the yard maintenance shed. IPM will be doing “spot” checks and they won’t enter without personnel present.

Nevada talked with Hayden about the Frenchglen School sign outside, using the same kind of footprint: can be off the wall and a single layer- wouldn’t need painted or power coated. The price is $1200 made and installed. $800 not to install. It would be a 3x5 sign. Powder coated is about $600 more and seems exhorbitent. Corbin likes the $800 option with Corbin and Levi installing it. Corbin suggested he send a sketch of what it will look like and the board agreed to table this until they see the sketch.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

Rene opened two bank statements and performed Internal Control and checks were signed.

**POLICY UPDATES**-Tabled

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Carolyn is working with Austin to get the AutoLibrarian set up. That computer is old and very slow. Austin said that an onsite visit might be a good idea at this point. He could do a walk through and make sure everything is set up properly. He’s trying to come Thursday. If a new computer is needed, Earlyna will check and see if we can use the balance of the Library grant?

**TEACHER’S REPORT**

Summer school update: one student met with Ms. K 15 times and finished math books- they are now at grade level. Other students met with her also (see attached). Carolyn stated that the petty cash was used for learning how to make change and using it at the store.

No one completed the Reading Bags but two students did IXL and are going to the water park in Boise.

Heater in the gym update: Carolyn got Joe Baker some info.

Carolyn stated that pre-school will now be called “JumpStart to Kindergarten”. Corbin motioned to change the name and Rene seconded. AIF.

Ms. K asked Lyn Sears about littles and got some training that was helpful. There will be two three year olds and two four year olds starting after Fair.

Carolyn attended a county meeting in town that is discussing budget cuts within the county, including the Library. Due to budget issues, the county is going to be changing some of the funding. The Library Foundation does fund a portion of the library and has a large amount of funds. Carolyn will keep the board posted.

Ms. K has attended: the IPM meeting in Ontario; Summer Institute- frontier training on databots; narrative writing training (this was great- she’ll do this again in Fall and Spring and go further into it); training on classroom management etc; this last week training in Burns and yesterday was rural back to school inservices.

A school nurse has been contracted through the ESD – Maddye Woodworth. She did a great presentation on epi pens, Narcan, forms that need to be signed, etc. Training was very good and full of lots of good info.

Ms. K will ask Cheyenne about signing forms every year.

Division 22- TAG plan discussion- Carolyn would like to use the one from the ESD. Shannon will add Frenchglen to the TAG plan.

The state is asking us to have minutes and Agendas on the website. Carolyn will put minutes on the website.

The teacherage needs a new dryer (this was asked for and approved at a previous meeting). There was discussion about pricing and saving money by going out of town. Nevada will be going to Bend and volunteered to pick one up and deliver it back to the teacherage. Corbin motioned for Nevada to get a dryer and Rene seconded. AIF.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Broken post on fence- Rene will get to this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nevada went to US Bank to get a debit card and was told that they do not do debit cards because the school is a government entity. She will check to see if ACORNS can take the school’s credit card.

The next board meeting will be Sept 12th at 6:00.

There was discussion about the boys restroom. Nevada would like to see the most power to the parents, then local and then state. Younger kids are coming in and those discussions need to happen at home. The board is unanimous that they want changes made, and will take responsibility for those changes. Corbin motioned that the board will discuss any concerns with immediate family members of students and that any products/supplies needed will be made available upon request. Rene seconded and AIF.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Corbin stated there is nothing yet from the state regarding the transfer of property to the school district. He will continue to reach out via email. Keep the “Acorns” Investment account “check in” with Nevada on the Agendas.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Rene motioned to sign budget resolutions and Corbin seconded. AIF. Final 24-25 budgets were handed out.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earlyna Hammond, Clerk