

**WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting
2959 JOHN ADAMS PARKWAY – AMMON, ID
May 21, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order – Chair Burrows called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call Director

- Chair Burrows – present
- Vice-Chair Stevenson – present
- Director Carvo – present
- Director Eddington – excused
- Director Leonard – excused
- Director Rubio – present
- Director Schweinsberg – present

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Crisler

3. Welcome visitors –

Mr. Clarke, Mr. Crisler, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Landon, Mrs. Jones,
Mr. Graham, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Erica Johnson,
Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Plummer, Ms. Wood, Mrs. Rainsdom, Mrs.
Johnston, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. Gorecita, Mrs.
Buddenbohm, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hunt

4. Approval of agenda –

M/S Director Carvo/Director Rubio – approve the agenda with no
changes – motion passes.

I. Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Primary Goals (3 minutes) – Mr. Clarke

II. Public Input – Public input will provide an opportunity for any board member, administrator, staff member or student to raise issues of interest. The Board will receive input without comment, except as to germane questions of those speaking. Comments should be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will take no action relative to any items during the meeting, but will address the items in a subsequent board meeting or in writing.

- Letter in Board mail box – re: fact-based responses to sexual education next year.
- Letter in Board mail box – re: proposal that families adopt areas around the school for landscaping to provide volunteer hours.
- Mrs. Day (teacher) – Teachers met and sent a letter to the Board regarding issues at WPCS. After submitting the letter a variety of rumors were spread. Several teachers attended the Board meeting to show unity

that they are not whining, but rather believe the issues identified are real and should be addressed. The teachers would like a response from the Board. Teachers would like to have representatives attend the Board meetings.

- Mrs. Jones (teacher) – Her class took first, second, and third place at the PSB regional young writers contest. Mrs. Jones also commented that regarding the teacher letter that was submitted to the Board, some teachers do not agree with every issue represented.
- Mrs. Johnson (parent) – would like to see 6th grade placed in the elementary, not the middle school. Presented some statistics from a Duke University study associated with placing 6th graders in a middle school environment. She stated that most schools in the area include 6th grade in the elementary school.
- Mrs. Johnston (teacher) – The only certified teacher that works with every student (kindergarten and P.E.) feels that middle school lacks a middle layer, i.e., children are either excelling or are lagging. She supports Mrs. Johnson's position regarding placing 6th graders in the elementary school. She also mentioned that the teacher meeting resulting in the letter to the Board largely related to communication among administration and the staff (e.g., which administrator is in charge of what). She feels that the expansion effort could be impacting communication among administration and the staff. Also, need better instruction and mentoring to maintain the focus on Core Knowledge.
- Mrs. Jones (teacher) – there are raised beds for plants on the south side of the building.
- Chair Burrows – Attended a simple machines fair in Mrs. Day's class today. Also heard about a core knowledge play in Mrs. Morgan's class and an experiment to prevent eggs from breaking during a fall in Mr. Graham's class. The Board appreciates the teachers' efforts right through the end of the school year. Happy birthdays to Mr. Crisler and Mr. Clarke.
- Vice-Chair Stevenson – Announced her resignation from the Board. She and her family will be relocating to the Portland area.

III. Pending Business (5 minutes)

- a. Policy JLCF Contagious or Infectious Diseases (2nd Reading) – no comments received during the public comment period
M/S Director Schweinsberg/Director Rubio – approve Policy JLCF, Contagious or Infectious Diseases – motion passes.
- b. Policy JRE Video Surveillance (2nd Reading) – no comments received during the public comment period

M/S Director Rubio/Director Schweinsberg – approve Policy JRE, Video Surveillance – motion passes.

c. Policy JGAG Student Code of Conduct

M/S Director Carvo/Director Rubio – post Policy JGAG, Student Code of Conduct, and examples of violations for each category, for a 30-day public comment period – motion passes.

IV. Consent Calendar – (5 minutes)

- a. Approval of April Financials
- b. Approval of April Board Minutes

M/S Director Rubio/Director Schweinsberg – approve the consent calendar – motion passes.

V. Administrator Report (5 minutes)

- a. See Board Report

VI. Regular Business (15 minutes)

- a. Teacher Contracts

M/S Director Carvo/Director Rubio – issue teacher contracts with a 3% salary increase for the 2015-2016 school year – motion passes.

- b. Board Letter –

Mr. Clarke – the administration is forming a variety of committees to address teacher concerns. A school calendar has been created for the next school year that includes planned fire drills, lock down exercises, staff meetings, and professional development. The calendar also includes a shorter school day on Wednesdays to allow for adequate teacher planning and collaboration time. Mr. Crisler will spend time in classrooms on Tuesdays and Mr. Clarke will spend time in classrooms on Thursdays each week. Attempts will be made to hold classroom sizes to the lower number in the class size range in the charter. Mr. Clarke recommends reviewing the charter in work sessions during the summer to maintain familiarity with it. Mr. Clarke stated that there was a clerical error made in regards to the attendance and tardy letters this year. Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Day attended Core Knowledge training and will search for ways to disseminate the information and strive for consistent understanding and implementation of Core Knowledge elements to the rest of the staff. Mr. Clarke would like to conduct professional training for the office staff using the book “The Disney Way.”

Chair Burrows – What is the typical tardiness and absence level? The overall averages for this school year were close to average; however, there were also increases in some areas, such as in middle school.

Mrs. Treat – Title 1 also needs to be addressed – the students need their own space, preferably a room of their own. Chair Burrows shared that this

was a topic of discussion at the last Board meeting. Mrs. Landon stated that it looks like the State requirements will likely change for the upcoming school year. They are recommending instructional coaches as opposed to parent aides. Mrs. Day stated that, in general, the children do better with an aide in the class room and no movement of children. In the past the teachers have received aides for both math and reading, but that was not the case this year.

Director Carvo recommended that the Board develop a formal response to the teachers.

Mrs. Graham recommended that Board members drop by the school to visit various classes to observe the teachers in action.

Mrs. Treat – Showed appreciation for the Special Education staff this year for fulfilling IEP requirements for special needs children.

Mrs. Buddenbohm – Parents ask about student to teacher ratios and number of aides in the classroom. This is an important consideration for parents when selecting a school for their children.

Chair Burrows - Tasked Mr. Clarke with making sure communication lines remain open. If you need resources please come to the board.

VII. Upcoming Meeting and Agenda Items

- a. Board Work Session – June 5 at noon – Snake River Landing
- b. Board Meeting – June 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn

M/S Director Schweinsberg/Director Rubio – adjourn the meeting – motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.