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**Shelley Joint School District No. 60
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sunrise Elementary – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2009**

Jamey Higham offered prayer. Board Chair Jamey Higham called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Higham, Vicki Johnson, Loren Lund, Scott Fredrickson, and Ken Kearsley. Superintendent Bryan Jolley was also in attendance.

Executive Session:

Moved by Scott Fredrickson, seconded by Loren Lund that the board approve the agenda. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

Moved by Vicki Johnson, seconded by Ken Kearsley, that the board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as allowed by Sections 67-2345 (1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of Idaho Code. Voting as follows: Jamey Higham – yea, Loren Lund – yea, Ken Kearsley – yea Scott Fredrickson - yea. Time: 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Higham called the public session to order at 8:05 p.m.

Consent Calendar:

Board Treasurer Ken Kearsley stated that he had looked at the bank statements and the bill lists and everything looked in order.

Moved by Scott Fredrickson, seconded by Ken Kearsley, that the board approve the consent calendar items which include: minutes from the September 17th board meeting, approval of September bills, Substitutes: John Baird, Andrea Kelley, Dawn Doman, Glenna High, Shelli Shurtliff, Micah Williams, Todd Sauter, Kjerstin Wittwer, New Hires: Shawna Price – Sign Language Interpreter. Voting was 5 to 0 in the affirmative.

Motions for Executive Session:

None.

Patron Input:

Jacqueline Wittwer addressed the board. She thanked them for letting the busses take the students to the pumpkin walk at North Bingham County Park. She asked the board that they continue to let the busses take the students out there. She feels it is a good safe activity for the students. She also asked what the volunteer plan was for parents concerning the Emergency Plan Policy.

Angela Balmforth addressed the board concerning school configuration. She said that she represented a group of parents who were unable to attend the other meetings and had 78 signatures supporting neighborhood schools. She stated that they would like to see K – 6 schools. She said she would like to see transitions lessened.

Superintendent's Report

Construction Update – Superintendent Jolley gave an update to the board on the new building. He stated that the building is coming along well, and the trusses will be going up within the week. Weather permitting the building will be closed by winter, which will allow work to continue on the inside. He mentioned that there have been few change orders.

He also noted that Stuart was getting some finishing touches. He mentioned that there are camera systems inside and outside for security. He said they had lowered the urinals in one of the bathrooms, and more work would need to be done in the bathrooms over Christmas break.

57 **New Business:**

58 Robald – Superintendent Jolley addressed the board concerning Robald which is the road that
59 runs into the High School. He said that the city has considered putting in a gate that the Scotts had
60 requested. Mrs. Scott said that the speed of the traffic is not the issue, but the amount of traffic is.

61 After much discussion the board decided that they would like to meet with the city to get a first
62 hand account of what the city intends to do. Jamey Higham and Ken Kearsley agreed to meet with the
63 city. The Superintendent will set up a meeting.

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65 Moved by Ken Kearsley, seconded by Scott Fredrickson that the board table the Robald issue
66 until next month's board meeting. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

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68 School Configuration – Board Chair Jamey Higham thanked the patrons for their time and input
69 for suggestions on school configuration. He encouraged patrons to support the board in their decision.
70 He then gave time to each board member to give their thoughts on configuration.

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72 Scott Fredrickson thanked all patrons for their input, he thanked all the teachers and said
73 regardless of their decision the students of Shelley will continue to receive the highest quality of
74 education. He then stated he preferred a grade level configuration. He thinks that team teaching and
75 collaboration will be at its best. AYP is a concern because then schools won't be equal. He said that
76 regarding transitions the kids would adjust, they are all moving together. He felt that Shelley was not yet
77 big enough to accommodate neighborhood schools.

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79 Ken Kearsley said that he appreciated all the input that he had received on this issue. He noted
80 that both neighborhood schools and grade configuration had pros and cons. He voiced a concern for
81 those students who would be in the transition zones if we went to a neighborhood school. He stated he
82 preferred grade level configuration. He mentioned that parental involvement, teacher involvement and
83 administration involvement was important in whatever configuration is chosen.

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85 Loren Lund stated that he had researched this topic extensively. He handed out copies of his
86 research that listed sources and people that he had been in contact with concerning school configuration.
87 He stated that transitions lead to lower grades and transitions are hardest on the disadvantaged
88 students, which leads to AYP. He stated that he was for neighborhood schools. He mentioned that
89 eventually we would have to go to neighborhood schools so why not go ahead and start now.

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91 Vicki Johnson stated she was for grade level configuration. She felt neighborhood schools divides
92 a community. She mentioned that the third grade already has parents choosing what school their child
93 attends. She said we are currently doing great things in Shelley, the test scores are high, why shake it
94 up? She also noted that she had talked to some fifth graders about configuration. She said their main
95 concern was that they wanted lockers; they also wanted to be able to move along with their friends to
96 the same school.

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98 Jamey Higham said that this had not been an easy process, and that he has gone back and forth
99 on this issue. He noted that you could find research to support either argument. He said that after
100 having kids attend both neighborhood schools and grade level schools he really doesn't feel one way is
101 better. He stated that Shelley is unique and good things are going on in our schools. He would like to
102 see us have grade level configurations.

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104 Moved by Vicki Johnson, seconded by Scott Fredrickson that the district configure schools with
105 regards to grade levels. Voting was 4 – 1 in the affirmative with Mr. Lund dissenting.

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107 Audit Review - Superintendent Jolley told the board that they would have to hold a special board
108 meeting to approve the audit review. He stated that a few of the reports had not been finished, but
109 would be ready in a week. Jamey Higham and Scott Fredrickson would be out of town but the other
110 three trustees would be available.

111 It was decided they would meet Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

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District Reports:

H1N1 update - Superintendent Jolley informed the board that the county was planning on giving free H1N1 vaccinations on October 29, 2009 at the High School Cafeteria. He said it was an open environment and the vaccines would be free to the public.

Academic Achievement Update

None.

Policies:

Emergency Plan – Superintendent Jolley stated that parents could help with this policy by making sure that kids have a place to go when we do have an emergency answering a question that a patron had asked concerning this policy.

Moved by Loren Lund seconded by Ken Kearsley that the board move the Emergency Plan Policy to the consent calendar. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

School Closure – This policy was updated to keep up to date with the Emergency Plan Policy.

Moved by Ken Kearsley, seconded by Scott Fredrickson that the School Closure Policy be moved to the consent calendar. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

Financial Policy - Superintendent Jolley informed the board that this policy had a few additions due to the recent audit. There was a little more clarification on Food Service Investments and credit card applications.

Moved by Vicki Johnson seconded by Loren Lund that the Financial Policy be moved to the consent calendar. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

Classified Personnel – This policy had a change to bring it in line with the Master Agreement. It changed the way that personal days are handled. It now matches how the Master Agreement reads.

Moved by Scott Fredrickson seconded by Ken Kearsley that the Classified Personnel Policy be moved to the consent calendar.

Action Item Recap:

- 1) Jamey Higham, Ken Kearsley and Superintendent Bryan Jolley will set up a meeting with the mayor and city council to discuss the Robald issue.
- 2) The Annual Audit Review will be held October 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) The Superintendent will work on the Emergency Plan with the Administrators.

Moved by Loren Lund, seconded by Vicki Johnson, that the meeting adjourn. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Time: 9:53 p.m.

Scott Hurst, Board Secretary