

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FILER
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413
MARCH 7, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413 was held at the Filer Intermediate School, Filer, Idaho, on March 7, 2012 as provided in section 33-510 and 67-2345 et seq. Idaho Code.

Present at the meeting were Bruce Banks, Shirley Gailey, Fred Jaynes, J. Lea Smith, Aaron Williams, John Graham, and Kermit Leir when the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Williams.

Trustee Banks made a motion to approve the revised agenda presented. Trustee Jaynes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING SECTION

**School/Department Reports and Finance Committee Recommendations
(Also incorporating Community Input)**

FHS Teacher Susan Courtney on behalf of FHS Principal Leon Madsen, FMS Principal Gary Moon, FES/FIS Principal Matt Mahannah, HES Head Teacher Teri Peters, Special Needs Director Pamela Houston-Powell, presented their respective school/department reports, incorporating remarks on how the previous budget cuts had adversely impacted the students and programs at their respective schools or department. Susan Courtney specifically addressed how dual credit opportunities for FHS students had been severely diminished. A printed copy of her remarks is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Technology Director Brandon Hunt stated that the technology department was operating with one less full time person but that the number of computers in the district had increased to approximately 1,000. Maintenance Director Tracy Blackburn explained recent cost cutting efforts in lighting and the difficulties in maintaining facilities with a limited staff. FHS Athletic Director LaRell Patterson reported on the conclusion of winter sports, including the results of district and state tournaments, and that spring sports would now be starting.

Superintendent John Graham reviewed the financial shortfalls due to budget cuts over the past few years. Finance Committee Chairman Lindsay Hubsmith outlined the recommendations from the finance committee, including possible additional cuts and suggesting a supplemental levy election for \$300,000 for two years. Superintendent Graham then gave additional comments, including a recommendation from the administrative team that a supplemental levy of at least \$350,000 for two years be pursued.

Roberta DeKlotz of the Filer Music Boosters outlined her history with the Filer School District music program and presented a letter emphasizing the importance of arts and music in education. Her letter is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Community Input was incorporated as part of this portion of the meeting. Individuals who offered comments were as follows (Filer School District staff or board members are identified): Jeff Ackerman, Linda Eastman, Matt Stephens (FHS teacher), Kody Ketterling (FHS Girls Basketball Coach), Jody Ferrell (FES/FIS Teacher and Instruction Related Technology Implementer), Susan Courtney (FHS Teacher), Ken Young (FHS Teacher and Cross Country Coach), Jerry Mai, Jerry Fisher, Shirley Gailey (Board Member), Sara Lantz (FIS Teacher), Jerin Bowman, Jerre Tews and

Aaron Williams (Board Chair). Chairman Williams thanked all those who participated in the discussions.

A short recess was taken at 9:40 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m.

To allow members of the audience to leave before the action section and to let them know the action(s) of the board, Chairman Williams suggested any motion(s) regarding a supplemental levy election be made at this time.

Trustee Gailey made a motion to seek a supplemental levy election on May 15, 2012. Trustee Banks seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Trustee Smith abstaining.

Trustee Gailey made a motion to seek a supplemental election for \$350,000 for two years. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Jaynes made a motion to seek a supplemental election for \$400,000 for two years. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Banks made a motion to seek a supplemental levy election for \$500,000 for two years. Trustee Jaynes seconded the motion. By the following roll call vote, the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 1, with one abstention:

Trustee Bruce Banks		Yes
Trustee Shirley Gailey	No	
Trustee Fred Jaynes		Yes
Trustee J. Lea Smith		Abstained
Trustee Aaron Williams		Yes

With the above motion passing, the following resolution is hereby entered into and made a part of these minutes:

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413

RESOLUTION

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, as amended, the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, has determined there is a need for a supplemental levy in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$500,000.00), each year for two years for a total of One Million and no/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District during the 2013 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, and the 2014 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as follows:

- Section 1. That a supplemental levy election be held, and the same is hereby called to be held in Filer School District No. 413, on May 15, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District, the question set out in the form of the ballot appearing in Section 3.

Section 2. That on May 15, 2012, said election will be conducted by the Twin Falls County Elections Department pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code.

Section 3. That the ballot language will be prepared by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees and will be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413,
TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO,
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

Shall the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), each year for two years for a total of One Million and no/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District during the 2013 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, and the 2014 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

For supplemental levy of \$500,000.00 each year for two years: YES _____

NO _____

Section 4. That the Clerk of the Board of Trustees will convey to the Twin Falls County Elections Office the official ballot and the Notice of Election, appearing in Section 6, for publication pursuant to Idaho Code.

Section 5. That the County Commissioners will act as the canvassing board pursuant to Idaho Code and will convey the results to the Filer School District Board of Trustees.

Section 6. NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413
TWIN FALLS COUNTY IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that a special replacement supplemental levy election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in the Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00am - 8:00pm for the question "Shall the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$500,000.00), each year for two years for a total of One Million and no/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District during the 2013 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, and the 2014 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code.

Passed and approved this 7th day of March, 2012.

/s/ Aaron William _____
Chairperson

Attest:
/s/ Kermit Leir _____
Clerk

FEA Intent to Negotiate

Ken Young and Susan Hamby of the Filer Education Association presented a letter expressing the FEA’s intent to negotiate for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. They also presented an independent third party count indicating 60 FEA members out of 81 total certified teachers and principals thereby giving FEA the authority to negotiate.

CONFERENCE SECTION

Clerk’s/Business Manager’s Report

Minutes and Monthly Expenditures

The minutes of the February 2, 2012 regular meeting, the February, 2012 monthly expenditures, and the February, 2012 General Fund Revenue and Expense Summaries were presented to the Board for approval.

Superintendent’s Report

Resignation of Staff

Tom Losser FHS Teacher—Retirement effective 8-31-2012

Hiring of Staff

Ryan VerWey	FHS Volunteer Baseball Coach
Chance Elam	FHS Volunteer Baseball Coach
Brad Silvester	FHS IDLA/Plato Paraprofessional
Jerold Guthrie	FMS Half-Time Track Coach
Quentin Jones	FHS Volunteer Baseball Coach
Pat Ferrell	FHS Volunteer Softball Coach
Eric Parrott	FHS Volunteer Softball Coach

Board Training: Hiring Committees and Board Participation, Etc.

Superintendent Graham and Trustee Smith discussed: legal recommendations that board members should not be on hiring committees; proper protocol for board members handling parent/patron concerns; polling the board for decisions; and revisions to the board agenda once it has been publicly posted.

Community Input

Community participation covered above.

ACTION SECTION (PART I)

Minutes and Monthly Expenditures

Trustee Gailey made a motion to approve the February 2, 2012 regular meeting minutes and the February, 2012 monthly expenditures submitted. Trustee Banks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

February General Fund Revenue and Expense Summaries

Trustee Jaynes made a motion to approve the February, 2012 General Fund Revenue and Expense Summaries. Trustee Banks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FEA Intent to Negotiate

Trustee Gailey made a motion to approve the FEA Intent to Negotiate. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Trustees Shirley Gailey and Fred Jaynes volunteered to serve as board negotiators.

Finance Committee/Administration Recommendations

This was completed in the Hearing Section.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTION TO RECESS FROM AN OPEN MEETING
INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman announced that the next order of business would be the consideration of the Board recessing into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

After a full and complete discussion, upon motion duly made by Trustee Gailey and seconded by Trustee Smith, the following resolution was presented:

BE IT RESOLVED. That the Board of Trustees of School District No. 413 recess from an open meeting into executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345 (a), Idaho Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the executive session the Board will reconvene in public session for purpose of conducting further business or for adjournment of the meeting.

Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

Bruce Banks	Yes
Shirley Gailey	Yes
Fred Jaynes	Yes
J. Lea Smith	Yes
Aaron Williams	Yes

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the Chairman declared said resolution adopted.

Following a short recess, the board went into executive session at 10:57 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session at 11:25 p.m.

ACTION SECTION (Part II)

Resignation of Staff

Trustee Jaynes made a motion to approve the retirement resignation submitted. Trustee Banks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring of Staff

Trustee Banks made a motion to approve hiring/appointing the staff presented. Trustee Gailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Aaron Williams
Chairman

Kermit Leir
Clerk/Business Manager