

Special School Board Meeting
School District Administration Office
5 South Viking Avenue, Middleton, ID 83644
April 24, 2019
7:00 p.m.

1. Tim Winkle, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Middleton School Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Others</u>
Tim Winkle		Brenda Pickrel	Shannon Forrester	Peggy Ramsey
Marianne Blackwell		Stephanie Boling	Dave Stacey	Jami Fitzpatrick
Kirk Adams		Allexis Botini	Bri Hedstrom	Lori Buckway
Erica St. Michell-by phone				
Aleisha McConkie				

Darren Uranga, Director of Finance-Out
Becky Worley, Board Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Aleisha McConkie moved and Marianne Blackwell seconded a motion to approve tonight's Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Executive Session

Aleisha McConkie moved and Kirk seconded a motion in accordance with Idaho code 74-206 (b) **Executive Session** Idaho Code 74-206 (b) In accordance with Id. Code, the School Board will now hold an executive session to:

- a. Consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

At 7:03 p.m.

Tim Winkle-yes; Marianne Blackwell-yes; Kirk Adams- yes;
Erica St. Michell-yes; Aleisha McConkie- yes.
Motion carried unanimously

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April 25, 2019

Board of Trustees

Tim Winkle
Chairperson

Marianne Blackwell
Vice-Chairperson

Erica St. Michell

Aleisha McConkie

Kirk Adams

Becky Worley
Board Clerk

Middleton Board Statement:

The Middleton School District board of Trustees met on April 9th in executive session and reviewed the summary of the investigator's report. The investigator worked independently to select individuals who had engaged with the administration at differing touch points. The results of these interviews were the basis of the report. The conclusions of the report are as follows:

1. There is no factual basis to support the allegations by Mr. Merrill that he was bullied and harassed by either Dr. Middleton or Mr. Horning.
2. There is no factual basis to conclude that there is any institutional harassment that has occurred with respect to Mr. Merrill.
3. There is a factual basis to conclude that Mr. Merrill has improved the climate for students and many parents at the high school, but that he has created a dysfunctional system for many of the staff and some of the directors that must be involved with the high school.

We are working on a go forward strategy with Dr. Middleton and will be sitting down with Mr. Merrill the first part of May to finalize our plans for the 2019-2020 school year. We believe we will have a final determination at the board meeting on May 13th. Until then, the Board asks the patrons of the Middleton School District to join us in moving forward in a very positive manner that will best benefit the students of the Middle School District.

Sincerely,

Tim Winkle
Board Chairman
Middleton School District #134
Middleton, ID

Discussion – statement regarding findings from investigation.

Marianne Blackwell moved and Kirk Adams seconded a motion to **close executive session** at
at 8:55 p.m.

Tim Winkle- yes; Marianne Blackwell- yes; Kirk Adams- yes;
Erica St. Michell- yes; Aleisha McConkie-yes.
Motion carried unanimously

• **Possible action may be taken after executive session on executive session items.**

- a. Issue a statement by the Board concerning the investigation.

Aleisha McConkie moved and Kirk Adams seconded a motion to issue a statement by the Board regarding
the investigation. Tim Winkle- Yea, Marianne Blackwell- Nay, Kirk Adams- Yea, Erica St. Michell- Yea,
Motion carried.

5. Aleisha McConkie moved and Marianne Blackwell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting
at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Board Clerk

Attest:


Board Chairman