Mr. Holmes began with an overview of district office personnel. Nancy Carner will be taking on more responsibilities relating to the Business Office Manager position until further notice. Kellie Braaten will take on payroll responsibilities. The district is posting a 4 hour per day, 210 day per year position for clerical support in the district office. This person will help in various roles and will assist the personnel specialist. Eventually the Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent position will be filled.

Keith Bloom gave an overview of the progress on the new middle school. The project has been delayed due to clean up of soil. Permits are on hold until the Department of Ecology issues final comments next week. The Army Corps of Engineers’ final report is in internal review, which is a 2 to 3 week process. Once the final report is complete, they will issue a clean-up permit. Then the clean-up project will be advertised. The hope is to do this in October during dry weather. If it is not dry, then the clean-up project will have to wait until next spring.

The district will advertise for a general contractor from the second week in October until Thanksgiving week. Prices per square feet have risen. Original estimates for the building was $380 per square feet. For comparison, Kalama’s new building has cost $430 per square feet.

The hope was to start building for an opening in September 2020. Rather than trying to get the building done within 9 months for a December 2020 opening, Todd Jones commented that it may
be best to start building in May with a 14-16 month build time. A longer building timeline will be better in the long run regarding costs and building quality.

In the meantime, other work continues with finding fill and Clark Public utilities is close to moving power lines.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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