



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 24, 2021

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| Date, Place & Time | The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. The board will convene at 6:00 p.m. The entire audio content of the meeting is posted on the West Ada website at www.westada.org |
| Trustees in Attendance | Trustees: Amy Johnson, Rene Ozuna, Ed Klopfenstein, Sheena Buffi, and Rusty Coffelt. |
| Staff in Attendance | Dr. Derek Bub, Bret Heller, Troy Stephens, Cheri Newbold, Char Jackson, Marcus Myers, Dave Moser, Dave Roberts, Geoff Stands, Jonathan Gillen, Lisa Hahle, Buffy Roberts, Devan DeLashmutt. and Jason Warr. |
| Guests | Sign In sheets |
| CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE Consent Agenda | Chairman Johnson Trustee Coffelt made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda. Minutes of the August 10, 2021, regular board meeting Employment Recommendations Leave Requests Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist a. Abigael McKnight for Elementary Education b. Hailey Weber Special Education Teacher Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New a. Sara Donaldson as a Special Education Teacher b. Lurinda Long for GT 3rd grade self-contained Approve SRO contract with Ada County Sheriff's Office for the 2021-2022 school year Approve ACHD Landscape License Agreement-OHS |

Consent Cont. [Approve Valley Office System lease addendum-new copier](#) for District Service Center

[Approve bus routes for the 21-22 school year](#)

[RHS 2021-2022 school year bell schedule adjustment](#)

[Approve ESSER spending plan](#)

[Disposal of Personal Property Notification](#)

Discussion [Back to School Safety Protocols](#)

Medical Information Medical professional Dr. Souza, St. Luke's, and Dr. Bramwell, St. Luke's Pediatric Emergency Medicine, shared the medical capacity for care of COVID-19 in the hospital setting. Masking will be helpful in the mitigation of the spread. What is the priority when you make your decision? Is this to keep the kids in school continually? If this is your top priority, we would recommend requiring masks for all staff and students to start school. The masks requirement might be a short-term solution. Move away from the requirement when the current surge is in control.

Superintendent Options Superintendent Bub provided a PowerPoint for the Board of Trustees to review with three options outlined. The goal of West Ada and The West Ada Board of Trustees is to have all students in person learning five days a week. Dr. Bub cited data from the 20-21 school year. Dr. Bub presented CDH information and the American Academy of Pediatrics information. Data provided from the summer school programs and the athletic programs provided details of quarantines and positive case. The following were options outlined by Dr. Bub:
Option 1- The superintendent makes decisions regarding COVID-19 mitigating measure which include but not limited to mask requirements
Option 2 - A mask requirement is implemented for all or for a limited group of students or staff (K-6, K-8, 7-12, K-12 staff)
Option 3 - A mask requirement is implemented for all or for a limited group of students/staff (K-6, K-8, 7-1,2 K-12 staff) parent is given the option to opt out. Quarantine Procedures were also outlined in the proposal. Please refer back to the back-to-school safety protocols for detailed information. [Back to School Safety Protocols](#)

Patron Comments Patrons were given the opportunity to provide public testimony for 90 minutes. Concerns from patrons about safety of students and staff and the protection of parental freedom and choice were all discussed. For the entire public testimony please go to board meeting recordings: [Board of Trustees / Board Meeting Recordings \(westada.org\)](#)

Board Discussion Trustee Coffelt stated he supported mask optional as we go forward. He stated we are not a medical board. Local data indicated this is not impacting students, but this is an impact on student academics.

Vice Chairman Ozuna appreciated the volume of participation, and the love parents have for their kids. She stated the medical community is asking for our

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help. We want our kids in school 5 days a week. She indicated it is important to allow choice and make sure our kids are being kind to each other.

“Trustee Buffi does not support mask options for K-6 at this time, until parents have an opportunity to have kids vaccinated and right now the numbers are high.”

Trustee Klopfenstein wants to follow the guidelines from CDH.

Chairman Johnson made it clear no promises were made. Flexibility and keeping kids in school five days a week learning is important. She agreed with the statements made by Vice Chairman Ozuna.

Action

Possible Action on Back-to-School Protocols

Trustee Coffelt made a motion to adopt option three that allows for parents to opt out, Chairman Johnson asked if that was k-12/ Trustee Coffelt stated yes. **Vice Chairman Ozuna** seconded. Chairman Johnson: Thank you it has been moved by Trustee Coffelt and seconded by Trustee Ozuna that we adopt option three a mask requirement that is implemented for k-12 for students and staff and that parents are given an option to opt out. Is there any discussion? The vote passed 3-2 with Trustee Klopfenstein a Nay vote and Trustee Buffy a Nay vote, Chairman Johnson voted Aye.

Trustee Coffelt made a motion that we approve an alternate quarantine policy, and we go with the policy that if a person who is exposed, but wearing a mask or vaccinated, maintains their school and work activities that pertains to all sports; it would require they symptom check, wear a mask for 10 days, and/or show proof of vaccination, or a negative test at the five-day mark.

Reworded the motion: I move that we approve the quarantine policy, that the person who tests positive will quarantine for ten days at home. The person that is exposed in the classroom setting, but wearing a mask and/or vaccinated, maintain their school and work-related activities. Students would be required to complete a ten-day symptom check, and mandatory masks requirement for ten days, or a negative test at the five-day mark. Students who are exposed in the classroom setting, but not wearing a mask would be required to wear a mask for a ten-day period and can maintain their school and work-related activities so long as they are symptom free.

Trustee Buffi seconded to allow for discussion because additional clarification was needed. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about the vaccination portion. Trustee Coffelt asked about the conversion rates of quarantines.

Vice Chairman Ozuna wanted to give Dr. Bub the ability to make those changes quickly.

Chairman Johnson called for a vote. **Trustee Coffelt** voted aye; the motion dies for a lack of a second 1-4.

Trustee Coffelt made a motion that we change our quarantine policy so that a person that is exposed in the classroom setting, but wearing a mask and/or vaccinated, maintain their school and work-related activities. Students would be required to complete a ten-day symptom check, and mandatory mask requirement for ten days, or provide a negative test at the five-day mark. **Vice Chairman Ozuna** seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action Cont.

Trustee Coffelt made a motion to give the authority to the Superintendent to make changes to this on an individual basis as needed. Individual school level as needed. The authority is already in place today to make this adjustment. This language has not been removed from the policy. Dr. Bub still has the authority in the policy today. No motion is needed.

Enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To 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;

Trustee Buffi made a motion to move this item to the next regular board meeting. **Vice Chairman Ozuna** seconded the vote was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Buffi** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 11:31 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk