



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 8, 2021

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 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 (by phone).
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Derek Bub, Bret Heller, Troy Stephens, Cheri Newbold, Char Jackson, Marcus Myers, Dave Roberts, Geoff Stands, Jonathan Gillen, Dave Moser, Ramona Lee, Buffy Roberts, and Lisa Hahle
Guests	Sue Darden, Alyssa Gallagher, Kristen Schneider, Anna Feccia, Lori Herron, Sam Perez, Brenda Barker, Carmi Schelher, Nicole Fish, Shana White, Chris Galvin, Bobbie, Jo Scholz, and Rebecca
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Johnson
Superintendent Update	<p>Superintendent Bub stated the COVID-19 pandemic has forced West Ada to be flexible going into the current school year. The goal was to begin as normal as possible and to allow our students to stay in person learning five days a week. The Delta variant is disrupting the daily operations. As cases increase and hospitalizations are near record high, it is necessary to make the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Ada is temporarily requiring all staff, students, and visitors to wear masks when in the classroom and/or when social distancing is not possible, thus suspending all mask opt outs.• This applies to all grades K-12 beginning September 10.• The temporary masks requirement will be reviewed September 22 to determine if the mask requirement can be lifted and opt-out restored.• West Ada will continue to evaluate conditions and look at data from the school district and health care system.• Athletics, band members, and all students involved in indoor and outdoor extracurricular activities, including the coaches, should social distance if possible, but will not be required to wear a mask. <p>Superintendent Bub encouraged support from our families, students, and staff to keep schools open. Compassion and respect for each other during these times is appreciated.</p>
Discussion	<p>Revised Policy 602.20, Academic Freedom & Teaching Controversial Issues (second reading) Marcus Myers, Chief Academic Officer, indicated the changes were made as</p>

Discussion Cont.

suggested from the last meeting. Trustees had no questions or changes for Mr. Marcus.

[Revised Policy 403.80](#), Title IX-Nondiscrimination Policy (second reading) Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resources Officer, adjusted the policy with the policy committees and Trustees recommendations. Trustees had no questions or changes to the revised policy.

[Levy Discussion](#)- Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen discussed the Supplemental Levy timing and levy rate request. Trustees and Mr. Gillen had a healthy discussion on the timing for this to be on the ballot. November ballot would allow time for budget planning, and if the levy does not pass would allow West Ada to run this again in March. The March ballot would allow a longer time frame for communication to voters on the impacts of the levy. Trustees discussed both options and all agreed they could support running the Supplemental Levy in November.

[Continuous Improvement Plan](#) (CIP) (first reading)

Marcus Myers, Chief Academic Officer, presented a PowerPoint that contained the draft information on the Continuous Improvement Plan for 2021-2022. This document is required by the State each year. This information identifies academic achievement and proficiency Statewide on ISAT, IRI, Graduation Rate, and SAT. Mr. Myers stated the document is a reporting tool from the previous year's data and a one-time communication tool for stakeholders that identifies the "product" of the year. The CIP committee will return this document on September 27 for approval.

L2 Tax Certification Form

Jonathan Gillen outlined the L2 form inputs, changes from the previous year and Levy Rate Estimates.

Action

Supplemental Levy timeframe

Trustee Buffi made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to run the Supplemental Levy in November.

Supplemental Levy language

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Buffi** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the Supplemental Levy Language.

L2 Tax Certification Form

Vice Chairman Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the L2 Tax Certification Form.

Trustee Buffi made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

[Payment of bills dated August 1-31, 2021](#)

[P-Card payment for July 1-31, 2021](#)

[Monthly Reports](#)

[Minutes of the August 24, 2021, regular board meeting](#)

[Employment Recommendations](#)

Consent Cont.

[Leave Requests](#)

Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist

- a. [Megan Allen](#) for Elementary 4th grade
- b. [Robyn Brooksher](#), Elementary Teacher
- c. [Camille Martin](#) Special Education Teacher
- d. [Mariarosa Martin](#) 6th, 7th and 8th grade Teacher
- e. [Jessica Pace](#) to teach Math I and Math II
- f. [Adam Sisson](#) to work as a Special Education Teacher

Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New

- a. [Jennifer Christianson](#) to obtain her K-8 certification
- b. [Amy Dutchover](#) to work as a Special Education Teacher
- c. [Donna Held](#) to teach GT Facilitator for Virtual School House
- d. [Marcy Pishl](#) to obtain her K-8 certification
- e. [David Schaefer](#) to work as a Physical Education and Health Teacher
- f. [Kevin Shinoda](#) as a High School Math I Teacher for Middle School

Disposal of Personal Property Notification

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2021-2022 school year

Future Agenda items

Cascade bus situation

Action

Trustee Buffi made a motion to 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 Klopfenstein** seconded. **Chairman Johnson** took roll call. **Trustee Coffelt** Aye, **Trustee Buffi** Aye, **Vice Chairman Ozuna** Aye, **Trustee Klopfenstein** Aye, and **Chairman Johnson** was Aye.

**Executive Session
Open Session**

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.
The Board returned to regular open session at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk