



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **JANUARY 13, 2015**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 5:30 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Carol Sayles
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Barbara Leeds, Cindy Sisson, Lori Gash, Eian Harm
Guests	Nick Miller, Eric Heringer, Sue Darden, Alan Uhlorn, Fred, Wood, Zach Chastaine, Kylie Orr, Natalie Spencer, Loraine Hand, Jeff Shaw, Cory Johnson,

CALL TO ORDER

Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to add a request from Miranda Carson, transportation liaison, to allow the backing of a bus on W. Darkwood Street and/or N. Evelyn Way.
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Spotlight

6th grade Social Studies Tech book pilot - Bridget Cardwell, Sawtooth Middle School; Laudan Kirk, Heritage Middle School and Sue Darden, Galileo STEM Elementary, shared an online look at the social studies tech book through Discovery Ed. The tech book has features that keep students actively engaged, develops higher level thinking, is in line with the common core, and tasks can be submitted as a PDF to the teacher. The cost compared to a regular textbook would make it feasible to put digital content in the student's hands.

Chairman Vuittonet expressed the board's appreciation for their presentation.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated December 1-31, 2014;

Minutes of the December 9, 2014 special board meeting;

Associated student body reports;

Employment recommendations;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests for professional leave for:

- Andrea Baerwald and Randy Hawkins, three (3) days, to attend the 2015 NCCE Conference in Portland, Oregon;
- Ann Biason, Sara Grebe, Bret Heller and Joseph Peterson, three (3) days to attend the 2015 Professional Development Schools National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Lisa Bird, Karla Kakaria, Andrew Smith and Joseph Wax, two (2) days, to attend the Technology Student Association's Spring Leadership Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Dr. Jerry Reininger, two (2) days to attend the Organization for Educational Technology and Curriculum meeting in Portland, Oregon;
- Cirstin Zimmermann, two (2) days to attend the National Association of School Psychologist's Western Regional meeting in Orlando, Florida;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 school year;

REVISED job description – Registrar – High School;

Early graduation requests;

Request to pilot the new Presidential Youth Fitness program at Renaissance High school second semester of the 2014-2015 school year;

Student tour requests;

Request from Seven Oaks Elementary to improve their school site with the addition of a playground west of the YMCA portable; the project will be funded through the PTA;

Bids awarded at Victory Middle School:

- Site demolition to Qualitree, Inc. in the amount of \$44,800 (base bid plus alt. #2);
- Gravity irrigation to Alta Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000 (base bid);

Request from Dr. Dave Paunesku, Stanford University, to conduct a research study titled "Internet based classroom motivation and performance research: High School Transition Program";

Food service, transportation, accounting, payroll and personnel services agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and the Meridian Medical Arts Charter High school and the Meridian Technical Charter High School;

Recommendation for student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Resolution for Bond Levy
Election March 10, 2015
Approved

Loraine Hand, bond committee chair, reviewed a revised recommendation from the committee to run a bond election on March 10, 2015 for \$96,000,000 to build two (2) middle schools, one (1) elementary school, provide dollars to complete the Meridian high school remodel on a faster track and a reduced amount to purchase land for future school sites.

Eric Heringer, of Piper Jaffray, reviewed the bond structure and debt statistics for the bond (see attachment) and Nick Miller, of Hawley Troxell, explained the board would decide the amount, term and the language used to describe the projects that will be done.

Following discussion by the board, Chairman Vuittonet read the bond resolution and called for a motion.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the bond resolution as proposed.

Policy Code No. 402.40
Approved

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 402.40, *Fringe Benefits & Salary*.

Board Reports and
Assignments

Trustee Ritter has been in contact with the offices of Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Representative Labrador and Representative Simpson regarding the ESEA amendment that is being sponsored by both Senator Crapo and Senator Risch entitled "Local Leadership in Education Act"; she will lead a panel discussion at the Federal Relations Network sponsored by the NSBA entitled "Regulation Agitation: having an Impact on Policies that impact You"; the district has been asked to provide information on the reauthorization of the ESEA, the School Nutrition Act and effects of sequestration. This information will be used, in combination with districts from around the country, to provide guidance to the NSBA as it give input to Congress this session; and has been working with the ISBA on proposed legislation.

Chairman Vuittonet attended meetings with TVEP and the West Ada Foundation board. He and Dr. Clark worked with Nick Miller on a bond indebtedness bill, Mr. Miller will be writing a white paper for the district.

Superintendent's Report

The governor's budget recommendations for education were encouraging and she will be meeting with small groups of legislators throughout the session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk