



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **March 10, 2015**

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 5:36 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, Barbara Leeds, Dr. Jan Horning, Trish Duncan, Jackie Thomason, Jeff Dodds

Guests Suzanne Stampke, Sue Darden, Loraine Hand

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Vuittonet

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda by moving Item #10, recommendation for annual meeting date, to discussion/action; and add the need for a special meeting pending the results of the school bond election.

Consent Agenda Following discussion, Trustee Ritter asked that Item 8c be moved to discussion/action. Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended agenda as proposed. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated February 1-28, 2015;

Minutes of the February 10, 2015 regular board meeting;

Associated Student Body reports;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Jill Avalos, school nutrition, two and one-half (2½) days;
- Katie Delgadillo, signing assistant, one (1) day;
- Sarah Doughty, ERR para, three (3) days;
- Sarah Doughty, ERR para, one (1) day;
- Tiara Keener, teacher, three (3) days;
- Heather Pinder, teacher, six (6) days;
- Wanda Telin, teacher, two (2) days;
- Beverly VanArnem, secretary, two (2) days;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Pamela Arriola and Lisa Roper, off contract, to attend the Northwest Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium in Spokane, Washington;
- Lisa Austin, two (2) days; Jennifer Alias, Lisa Bray, Lori Gash, Janet Gates, Diane Grahek, Dennis Hahs, Kate Hunter, Jason Leforgee, Debann Rippey, Bernadette Sexton, Kellie Taylor, Laurie Wright, three (3) days; and Kathy Crowley, four (4) days to attend the Northwest Educational Technology Conference in Portland, Oregon;
- Maria Ayla-Marshall, three (3) days to attend the Northwest Council for Computer Technology Conference in Portland, Oregon;
- Jack Blattner, Alan Heikkila, Liz Russell, Renee Peugh, Will Schumaker, Shane Stevenson, Trish Stokes, Jason Tindall, Kya Vines, Lorraine Wikoff, Steve Wilder, three (3) days to accompany students to the Idaho State FFA Leadership Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Jeanne Buschine and Donna Decker, two (2) days to attend the Idaho State Prevention and Support Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Dr. Linda Clark and Bernadette Sexton, two (2) days to attend a meeting of the League of Innovative Schools in Vancouver, Washington;
- Eric Exline and Barbara Leeds, three (3) days to attend the Education Week "Leaders to Learn From" event in Washington, D.C.;
- Brendan Earle, off contract to attend the Phillips Exeter Humanities Institute in Exeter, New Hampshire;
- Denise Florian, off contract, to attend the AP Statistics Conference in San Diego, California;
- Carlene M. Foruria, three (3) days, to attend the SHAPE America National Conference for PE and Health Teachers in Seattle, Washington;
- Julie Hill, five (5) days, to attend the Business Professionals of America National Competition in Anaheim, California;
- Julie Hill, off contract, to attend the High School of Business Training in Columbus, Ohio;
- Staci Low, one (1) day; and Sarah Wright, two (2) days to attend the State Technical Student Association Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Renee Peugh, off contract, to attend the National Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.;
- Rob Rois, two (2) days to attend the Annual International Teacher Teaching with Technology Conference by Texas Instruments in Fort Worth, Texas;
- Scott Stuart, one (1) day to attend the 2015 USA Football National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Joseph Wax, five (5) days to attend the Technology Student Association National Summer Conference in Dallas, Texas;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school year;

NEW Job Descriptions for:

- Programmer Analyst
- Teacher – ESY Lead

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests to alter/improve school properties at:

- Andrus Elementary, proposal to launch a school garden, funded through grants and plant sales;
- Eagle Elementary School of the Arts, request to improve the visual look of the campus with the following projects:
 - * Project 1: Mosaic Tile Wall: The Flora & Fauna of Idaho;
 - * Project 2: Character Wall;
 - * Project 3: Chain Link Art;
- Meridian Middle School, installation of an additional gate on the fence line along Camellia Lane, funded through the district Rendezvous account;
- Ponderosa Elementary, permission to plant a tree to celebrate Arbor Day with the Meridian Parks Department;
- Ponderosa Elementary, purchase and installation of a 10x12 equipment storage unit, funded through grants and the school's ASB account;

Request from Suzanne Stampke, a teacher at Seven Oaks Elementary, to take students on an overnight trip to "Snooze at the Zoo" at the Boise Zoo;

Recommendation to close Mary McPherson, Siena Elementary and Lake Hazel Middle School to in-district and out-of-district transfers;

Request from Alan Heikkila and Jason Tindall to drive buses to transport students to the FFA State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho;

Recommendation to approve a Stipulation to Terminate Agreement between DBSI Tanana Valley, LLC., Kastera, LLC., and Vip Investments, LLC. And Joint School District No. 2 for property listed in the Tanana purchase and sale agreement dated August 6, 2006;

Disposal of surplus district equipment;

Recommendation for student expulsion.

Discussion/Action

Eagle Scout Project at Mary McPherson Elementary

Trustees discussed the Eagle Scout project at Mary McPherson to install doggie refuse containers and what plan is in place to make sure the refuse bags are available for refilling the containers. Administration will contact the school principal for clarification and a plan for the bags prior to placement on the April 14, 2015 board meeting.

Annual Board Meeting Scheduled for July 7, 2015

Trustees discussed alternate dates to the proposed July 21st date. Trustee Ritter made a motion to change the date to July 14, 2015, the motion was withdrawn. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to schedule the annual board meeting on July 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Service Center.

Special Board Meeting
Scheduled for March 19,
2015

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to set a special board meeting for March 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the District Service Center pending the results of the bond election.

Teacher Observation
Software Review

Barbara Leeds, assistant superintendent, updated the board on the process and training of administrators on the new observation software. Jeff Dodds was commended on his work to design the new software which matches the Danielson model, and the observation can be completed anytime and anywhere. The software was piloted with a group of principals and revised with their input. Today the software was sent out to the assistant principals at schools that were part of the test group for their feedback.

Trustees discussed teacher's thoughts on the evaluation and if it is perceived as a more equitable way of scoring their work. Barb stated there should be no surprises as feedback is immediate throughout the process. The employee has the option for rebuttal and discussion with the evaluator. Every employee is evaluated by at least two people during the school year and district staff works with a number of schools to provide the second "set of eyes".

Overview of Assessment

Jackie Thomason, provided an overview of assessment for the board.

- SBAC and ISAT are the same test
- Grades 3-8 and 10th grade will take tests in Mathematics, English Language Arts
- The State Board of Education is debating whether testing should be done at the 10th or 11th grade level. If this is a college readiness test, 11th grade would be too late.
- The testing window will be open the end of March through the third week of April
- Administration of the ISAT and MAP testing will take 9 hours of instruction time
- Grades 5 & 7 will take the Science ISAT, grades 10-12, Biology or Chemistry
- There will be no Star Rating, no growth score and schools will be ranked by the percentage that score proficient. The State Board has ruled 10th graders will be scored only on participation.
- The new graduation cohort groups show significant changes to the graduation rates. For Federal reporting purposes, this is based on four years attendance, but Idaho would like to report a fifth year graduation rate based on student attendance at academies.

REVISED Policy Code No.
402.10 and 402.11
Approved

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approved revisions to Policy Code No. 402.10, *Definition of Classified Personnel*, with a change to the wording on line 7 from "such as" to "including but not limited to".

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code NO. 402.11, *Qualification and employment*, as proposed.

**Board
Reports/Assignments**

Trustee Sayles:

- Attended two negotiation meetings
- Attended and testified at the House Education committee hearing today, there were lots of teachers and parents in attendance and testimony was extended into the afternoon.

Trustee Dean:

- Attended Day on the Hill and was pleased with the tone of the legislators
- Family received text message reminder to vote, that system is working well
- Saddened to see that Cathy Thornton is retiring from the district.

Trustee Ritter:

- Attended ISBA executive board meeting
- Attended Day on the Hill and was invited to go to the Leadership Dinner with the speaker of the house
- Made seven school visits and talked about budgetary issues
- Direct TV has offered up to 10,000 hours of volunteer time for two schools in the district
- Eagle Elementary School of the Arts and River Valley Elementary were invited to get free books from the Eagle Library book sale.

Chairman Vuittonet:

- Attended an ISBA government affairs committee meeting
- Attended the hearing in House Ed today
- The flooring bill needs some modifications and they will need to get with Rep. Daly on that
- The bond bill was pulled back by Rep. Moyle following a question on the distribution of the funds
- Will be going to the NSBA convention in a couple of weeks

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark:

- Has been policing our two bills at the legislature. Cautiously optimistic they will make changes heard at hearing before bringing the career ladder bill out of committee.
- The IEN final accounting for the temporary fix is \$1.3 million savings over the original contract. We were able to engage the provider we use for K-8 at a savings of \$450,000. Jerry applied for E-rate money and we will qualify for that. The savings do not show the support needed to keep the program running.
- We received a check for \$604,000 from a settlement between Dairy Queen and the State Insurance Fund for dividends that were not paid. The money will be deposited to our revenue account.
- Bond effort has been tremendous and kudos to the MEA and IEA who stepped up with their support and ran five separate phone banks. Thanks to Mayor Tammy for the mayoral support in blogs, tweets, participation in the press conference and her public support of the bond. Both the Meridian and Eagle Chamber have sent out letters, as have individual companies.

- During capital budget process, a request was received from a school for replacement of the turf in the amount of \$330,000. The original agreement with the schools was the district would not be responsible for replacement of turf when it wears out. There appears to be serious safety and liability issues when the seams on the field are worn out that need to be addressed right away. Dr. Clark asked the board to think about this issue as there will be other fields ready for replacement soon. Trustees requested cost comparisons between the turf fields and regular fields on irrigation, mowing, use of facility by other groups and data on student injuries on grass vs. turf. Patron Loraine Hand reminded the board that contractors and developers were glad we put in turf so they didn't have to gift more property to the district. Water issues are a big issue as well as use by other groups on a field that does not have turf.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk