



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2015

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6:32 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, Trish Duncan

Guests Sue Darden, Amy Armstrong, Khristie Bair, Sherry Dismuke, Angie Brusseau

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Vuittonet

Spotlight Dr. Clark introduced Amy Armstrong, the librarian at Heritage Middle School. Ms. Armstrong has started a maker space in the library reorganizing part of the space to host monthly STEM theme maker nights. During the year they have hosted a circuits theme, a coding theme, and an art and design theme night. They have worked with the STEM teachers and science teachers to provide a correlation between the content being taught in class and expanding on that in the maker space. The library has become a safe place to invent and play and hopefully will draw in a new population.

Grants to fund this space include the West Ada Foundation for \$1200; Micron Foundation for \$1000; and Donors Choose (Chevron) for \$1800.

Because of their initiative in creating a maker space, Heritage has been chosen as one of two public schools to participate in the Make It Idaho pilot program this school year. Staff has received training, robot kits, Arduinos, and a 3D printer.

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to delete #3, *Idaho Fine Arts Agreement*, from discussion/action and postpone it to another meeting.

Consent Agenda Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated March 1-31, 2015;

Consent Agenda cont. -

Minutes of the:

- January 8, 2015 special board meeting;
- February 20, 2015 special board meeting;
- March 10, 2015 regular board meeting;
- March 19, 2015 special board meeting;

Associated student body reports;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Candice Adams-Asroui, nurse, five (5) days;
- Lyndie Bohning, para-professional, one (1) day;
- Aaron Boswell, teacher, seven (7) days;
- Dianne Fickes, teacher, four (4) days;
- Mary Fortmeier, para-professional, intermittent;
- Susan Gomes, assistant secretary, ten (10) days;
- Joshua Kern, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;
- Anthony Lewis, teacher, one (1) day;
- Clay Long, teacher, one (1) day;
- Dona Orr, special project facilitator, three (3) days;
- Summer Radke, teacher, three (3) days;
- Wanda Telin, teacher, two (2) days;

Requests for professional/activity leave for:

- Malcolm Collie, two (2) days to attend the United States Academic Decathlon National Finals Competition in Garden Grove, California;
- Cindy Dorian, Jamie Dobson, Lynnea Shafter, off contract, to attend the Project Lead the Way Launch Training in Missoula, Montana;
- Eric Frost, four (4) days to attend the Cisco Live Seminar in Redmond, Washington;
- Karla Homes, two (2) days; Quayann Kerby, off contract to attend the Idaho State Prevention and Support Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Jeffrey Hoseley, off contract, to attend the Southern California AP Institute in Palos Verdes Peninsula, California;
- Tera Hudson, Sharon Muniz, off contract, to attend the High School Instructors Seminar at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute in Coos Bay, Oregon;
- Christin Kaminsky, Stacy Lacy, off contract, to attend the AP Summer Institute in Bellevue, Washington;
- Robbie Kolman, off contract, to attend the ASL Teachers Association Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota;
- Staci Low, Angie Low, two (2) days to attend the Idaho State University 2015 Education Career Fair in Pocatello, Idaho;
- Veronica Martinez, William Swartley, off contract, to attend the Advanced Placement Summer Institute in Psychology in San Diego, California;
- Joel Segraves, Lynette White, off contract, to attend the Pacific Lutheran University AP Summer Institute in Tacoma, Washington;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Rick Stoddard, two (2) days, to attend the Team America Rocketry Challenge Nationals in Washington, D. C.;
- Glen Tiderman, off contract, to attend the Advanced Placement Summer Institute in Vancouver, Washington;

Requests to alter/improve school properties at:

- Joplin Elementary, a school garden, funded through a grant from the Department of Education;
- Lowell Scott Middle School, a mural designed and painted by the students from the Mixed Media class;
- Mary McPherson Elementary, installation of a solar-powered monument display sign, funded through local businesses and the PTO;
- Mary McPherson Elementary, the placement of 2-3 doggie refuse containers as part of an Eagle Scout project;

Request from Galileo STEM Academy Rocket Group to attend the National Team American Rocketry Challenge in Washington, D.C.;

Recommendation to approve Ada County Highway District requests for road and sidewalk improvements;

Award bids for:

- Replacement lockers at Lowell Scott Middle School to SBI Contracting in the amount of \$52,530;
- Purchase of eight new portable classroom buildings to Pacific Mobile Structure, Inc. in the amount of \$103,291 per building, for a total of \$826,328;

Request from Boise State University to conduct a research study titled *Inquiry into Practice Years One and Two*;

Disposal of surplus equipment;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Bond Update

Dr. Clark shared an update of the upcoming bond sale:

- Zion's Bank will serve as the investment planner during the sale
- Alex is working with Dr. Gestrin on a build out schedule
- The big firms have been put on notice that we will be looking for investment opportunities
- Dr. Clark and Alex will travel to San Francisco to meet with the bond rating agencies. They anticipate a stable rating from the agencies.
- The bond sale is tentatively set for May 13th.
- The bids for the construction of Victory Middle School came in below what was anticipated, the elementary site will require more site improvement, specifically tiling of ditches

Board
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Sayles asked that the teacher application process be reviewed to ascertain if the length of the process is pushing possible applicants away from the district. Mrs. Leeds explained that 50-60 applications are received each day through the Applitrack system and help is available for any prospective employee through the human resources department.

Trustee Calinsky attended the Meridian Technical Charter board meeting. Everything is going fine at the school and she reported their long time secretary is retiring and will be greatly missed.

Trustee Dean contacted the mayor to thank her for supporting the bond and was invited to meet with her regarding concerns with the district's support of the bill on impact fees. They also discussed the district's recommendations on new subdivisions and their impact on schools in the district. Dr. Clark clarified that information regarding new subdivisions and their impact on local schools is shared with the city. She stated the district has never felt they should be in support or denial of subdivisions.

Trustee Ritter shared a review of her trip to the National School Board Association convention including her election to the executive committee. She participated in a teleconference with the Pacific region members, and listened to tweets from the Senate hearing room regarding the ESEA reauthorization.

Chairman Vuittonet also attended the National School Board Association convention and shared his visit to one of the districts in the area. The district mirrors our district with growth and the need for building schools, but operate on a much larger budget. The board will be receiving invites to the Foundation gala. The flooring bill which died in committee, will be reintroduced next year by Representative Daly.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reported on the following items:

- The legislature has gone home and it has been a good year for education. We will pass a significant increase in salary to the staff this year which will be the start of a five year process with the career ladder.
- She and Cathy Thornton attended the district's appeal of a special education case at the Ninth Circuit court. The case could have far reaching implications and the insurance company is willing to take to the Supreme Court if necessary.
- Shared her concerns about testing with the State Department. The law is creating an adversarial relationship between district's and parents. The State Department is working hard to submit revisions to the waiver that center around specific requirements that were put in place by the previous state superintendent. If successful, school district will have much more flexibility on items that have been mandated.
- Discussed the safety issues and possible replacement of turf at Meridian High School. The board requested more information

regarding cost, safety and what a plan for replacing the turf at the other high schools would look like.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:46 p.m. to move into executive session to consider the disciplining of a public school student. Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

As there was no further discussion regarding matters for executive session, the board reconvened in regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to confirm paid administrative leave for Employee D.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the resignation of Holly McNeel.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk