



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2015

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 6:34 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Carol Sayles
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Barbara Leeds, Trish Duncan
Guests	Eian Harm, Sue Darden, Jill Wrem, Eric Heringer, Chelsea Porter, Troy Rice, Jason Skidmore, Chloe Skidmore, Sam Miller, Taylor Harp, Kim Harp, Greg Harp, Michelle Watson, Jenny Boan, Bryce Fox, Nick Witt, Mike Walling, Geoff Stands, Luke Wolf, Lynn Fehrer, Rick Thomas, Tim CoGovan, Porter Lacey, Aaron Olswanger, Tressa McLaughlin, Jared Sene, Laura Pearce, Drew Pearce, Deborah Harris, Steve Dalmas

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vuittonet

Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the removal of item #2 (first quarter financial report) under Discussion/Action (will be heard at the May 12, 2015 board meeting) and the addition of executive session to consider the disciplining of an employee per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b).
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Spotlight	Dr. Eian Harm presented an overview of the SAMR Model: From Digitally Enhanced to Personalized Learning. This model is being used by the district to convert classrooms from traditional to individualized learning environments. The journey begins in a traditional classroom with no digital tools, moves to digitally enhanced classrooms, onto blended learning models and finishes with a personalized learning classroom model. Teachers will harness technology to provide learning environments which are more engaging, effective and efficient. The district would like to use this model at the high school academies which is a great opportunity for those students.
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Consent Agenda

Trustee Sayles requested to have Item #3 moved to Discussion/Action.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed consent agenda with Item #3 moved to Discussion/Action. Approved items are as follow:
Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Kim Flynn, teacher, one (1) day;

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- Anne Moresco, nurse, two (2) days;
- Heather Morse, teacher, 2015-2015 school year;
- Lorraine Wikoff, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;
- Gina Williams, paraprofessional, four (4) days;
- Beverly VanArnem, secretary, three (3) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Dustin Barrett, Julie Benton, Sharon Borton, James Buschine, Jacob Chandler, Eian Harm, Joe Kelly, David Knife, Meggan Laughrey, Donell McNeal, Bobby Pangburn, Nicholas Parker, two (2) days to visit Summit and Leadership High Schools in San Francisco, California;
- Dustin Barrett, Julie Benton, Sharon Borton, Michele Bonneau, James Buschine, Laura Gilchrist, Eian Harm, David Knife, Donell McNeal, Nicholas Parker, Kim Zeydel, one (1) day to visit Innovations High School in Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Lee Brown, off contract, to attend the AP Environmental Science Workshop and Training in Farmington, Utah;
- Guy Bullock, off contract, to attend the AP Curriculum Design and Implementation for Environmental Science in Bellevue, Washington;
- Dr. Linda Clark and Cathy Thornton, two (2) days to attend the court proceedings at the Ninth District Court in Seattle, Washington;
- Dr. Linda Clark and Alex Simpson, two (2) days, to attend the bond rating meeting in San Francisco, California;
- Bruce Cornell, off contract, to attend the AP Summer Institute in Vancouver, Washington;
- Steven Curl, off contract, to attend the AP Physics I Workshop in Vancouver, Washington;
- Mike Dawley, off contract, to attend the AP US History Training in San Diego, California;
- Tonya Elmer, off contract, to attend the University of Northern Colorado AP Conference in Greeley, Colorado;
- Sara Grebe and Joe Peterson, two (2) days to attend the Train the Trainers Co-Teaching Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota;
- Laura Holt, off contract, to attend the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta AP Summer Institute in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Don Howell, four (4) days to attend the National DECA Conference in Orlando, Florida;
- Tara Kishpaugh, off contract, to attend the National HOSA Conference in Anaheim, California;
- Kristi Lee, off contract, to attend the French Language Immersion Retreat in McCall, Idaho;
- Scott Reynolds, three (3) days, to attend the 2015 National Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee;
- Donald Shearer, one (1) day, to attend the Training Course for Zero Robotics in Cambridge, Massachusetts;
- Trish Stokes, two (2) days, to attend the Idaho State Envirothon in Challis, Idaho;

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- Heather Ward, one (1) day, to attend the Art of Coaching Volleyball Clinic in Salt Lake City, Utah;

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New, for Keith E. Miner to teach English at Meridian High School;

NEW job description for Administrator of Digital Integration;

Requests to alter/improve school properties at:

- Meridian Middle School, Eagle Scout project to improve the shed and greenhouse that are part of the School Garden;
- Ponderosa Elementary, revision to the configuration of the equipment storage unit that was approved at the March 10, 2015 regular board meeting;

Bid for milk and dairy products to Meadow Gold Dairy in the amount of \$621,819.54;

Rejection of bid package 28, Victory Middle School food service equipment, commercial washer and dryer, and residential appliances for the family consumer science classroom; and to rebid the classroom components;

Reject bids for the condenser water upgrades at Lake Hazel Middle School;

Recommendation to approve the use of district documentation and data to highlight aspects of the *Pilot to Purchase* research project through the League of Innovative Schools;

Disposal of surplus equipment;

Disposal of outdated Personal Safety Curriculum.

Discussion/Action

Request to Seek Alternative Authorization for Keith E. Miner Approved (from Consent Agenda)

Barbara Leeds explained Mr. Miner is an English Language teacher, but also needs a certificate in English to teach in other classes, this is to meet HQT requirements. Trustee Sayles asked why in a content area as critical as English, they would get alternative authorization instead of looking for an English specialist and seeking the authorization for the English Language piece. Ms. Leeds explained the teacher would not be teaching general English students, just English Language students.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the request to seek alternative authorization for Keith E. Miner.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 Approved

Eric Heringer (representing Piper Jaffray) and Chelsea Porter (representing Hawley Troxel), presented details of the resolution authorizing the issuance and providing for the sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2015.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and providing for the sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2015.

Board Reports

Trustee Calinsky reported on her attendance at the Meridian Technical Charter High School board meeting and shared they are prepping for graduation.

Trustee Ritter reported she had attended a two day Idaho School Board Association meeting.

Chairman Vuittonet also attended the Idaho School Board Association meeting and reported they had reviewed legislation that had passed during the legislative session.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark shared:

- The first renderings of Hillsdale Elementary in conjunction with the YMCA and hopefully the Meridian Library. A two story building is planned with separate dedicated entrances for the school and the YMCA and library. The partnership will see savings to the district approaching \$2 million and the elementary school is set to be built on a fast track, opening in the fall of 2016. Library and physical education classes will be available within the current building while construction on the YMCA and library are ongoing.
- Shared a sample of the student report the district will receive from SBAC testing. The information, which will include the MAP testing report and progress beginning in the spring of 2011 in math and reading, will be mailed for every student.
- Meridian High School turf issue – first it is important to put the issue into perspective. The turf at Meridian High, Eagle High and Rocky Mountain High schools represented very generous gifts to the school district. The district signed no contracts for those fields, individual booster groups signed the contracts to purchase. Repairs have been paid for through district rental income and athletic budget monies.

Additional investigation into the Meridian High turf indicates repairs can be done at a maximum cost of \$12,000-\$13,000 with full assurance that the field will be safe for students. The cost of repair can be covered with rental income.

This is not a football issue, it is a facilities issue for the entire district. The turf fields are used by many other sports and organizations and Dr. Clark recommended the district convene a task force with the principal and athletic director from each high school and a representative from each group that currently uses the fields. The task force would be led by Joe Yochum and he will present to the

board no later than November on how to deal with this issue. That will give the administration time to make budgetary adjustments.

Trustee Ritter stated that all booster groups need to be clearly represented on the task force.

Trustee Dean asked if it was safe to repair the turf for one or two years, Mr. Yochum spoke with the installer and he will be visiting to inspect and decide if there is a possibility of more than one year.

Dr. Clark stated there won't be a decision until they look at the capital budget and hear the task force recommendation.

Trustee Calinsky asked if the warranty was for ten years or if the life of the turf is ten years? Mr. Yochum replied it was the life of the turf based on the information they have been able to find. Trustee Calinsky felt it was a wonderful idea for the users of the field to participate in this conversation.

Chairman Vuittonet stated he was glad they were taking the time to look at this more closely and hoped all stake holders would be part of the task force.

Dr. Clark asked that people interested in serving on the task force contact Joe Yochum and that board members recommend someone to serve on the task force as well.

Executive Session

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 8:06 p.m. to move into executive session to consider the disciplining of an employee per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b). Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

At the conclusion of executive session, the board reconvened in regular session at 8:09 p.m.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to take Employee "C" off of formal probation.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to uphold paid administrative leave for Employee "E".

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman

Clerk

Dr. Linda Clark, Superintendent