



# West Ada

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 12, 2015**

**Date, Place & Time** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 6:32 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, Dr. Mandy White, Joe Yochum, Don Nesbitt, Trish Duncan

**Guests** Amy Shumway, Dennis Hahs, Sue Darden

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Vuittonet

**Amended Agenda Approved** Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda as follows:

- Employment recommendations – change Geri Gillespy from Peregrine Elementary principal to Administrator of Digital Content at the DSC; and add a resignation from Alison Barber.
- Move revisions to the elementary, middle and high school handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year to Discussion/Action
- Add deliberations concerning labor negotiations to executive session

**Ada County Assessor Annual Report** Robert McQuade, Ada County Assessor, reviewed with trustee's current trends and property market values in the West Ada School District. Mr. McQuade estimates a total market value of \$20 billion within the district, with a taxable value after exemptions of \$15.7 billion. These figures reflect an estimated increase of 12% in the district over last year. New residential construction starts have decreased 6% since last year; and new commercial starts are off 39%.

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

Payment of bills dated April 1-30, 2015;

Associated student body reports;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Tiffany Ahlefeld, nurse, 2015-2016 school year;
- Lindsay Chavez, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;

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- Neemia Faafo, security, thirteen (13) days;
- Lacey Patrick, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;
- Stefanie Ratzlaff, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;
- Hailey Sackett, teacher, seven (7) days;

Requests for professional/activity leave for:

- Michael Aaron, off contract to attend the International Baccalaureate Chemistry Category 2 Diploma Program Workshop in St. Pete Beach, Florida;
- Jacqueline Allumbaugh, Lisa Austin, Eric Eschen, Karen Harr, Aliene Shearer, off contract to attend the Digital Promise Summer Convening in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Stephanie Billinge, off contract to attend the International Baccalaureate Biology Category 2 Diploma Program Workshop in St. Pete Beach, Florida;
- Jack Blattner, Alan Heikkila, Renee Peugh, Liz Russell, Will Schumaker, Shane Stevenson, Jason Tindall, Kya Vines, Steve Wilder, off contract to attend the State Ag Teacher Workshops in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Jack Blattner, Alan Heikkila, Liz Russell, Will Schumaker, Shane Stevenson, Patricia Stokes, Jason Tindall, Kya Vines, Steve Wilder, off contract to attend the Idaho FFA State Career Development Events in Moscow, Idaho;
- Dr. Linda Clark, Carla Karnes, and Cindy Sisson, two (2) days to attend the Future Ready Schools Denver Summit in Denver, Colorado;
- Keven Denton, two (2) days to attend the Idaho Education Technology Association Board meeting in McCall, Idaho;
- Shannon Drum, GayLynn Erb, Debra Line, Kris McGrath, Diane Olivia, Stephanie Reed, Denise Shumway, Olivia Tate, four (4) days to attend the Teaching, Learning, Coaching Conference in Denver, Colorado;
- Brendan Earle, off contract to attend the Gilder-Lehrman Institute in US History in Princeton, New Jersey;
- Mark Enger, and Greg Grove six (6) days; Clay Long, nine (9) days to attend the 2015 SkillsUSA National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky;
- Shana Hawkins and Staci Low, four (4) days; Justin Touchstone, six (6) days; and Sarah Wright, five (5) days to attend the National TSA Conference in Dallas, Texas;
- Alan Heikkila, three (3) days to attend the Idaho Forestry Contest in Careywood, Idaho;
- JulieAnn Horras, off contract to attend the National School Nurses Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Tera Hudson, off contract to attend the University of Idaho Dual Credit Training in Moscow, Idaho;
- Leta Kipper, off contract to attend Oregon Coast Culinary Institute Instructors Seminar in Coos Bay, Oregon;
- Lori Kennedy, Monica Kraack, Casey McGrew, Lisa Roper, Kelly White, off contract to attend the 2015 National HOSA Conference in Anaheim, California;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

- Todd Knight, off contract to attend the Project Lead the Way GTT Training in Ogden, Utah;
- Randy Mahler, off contract to attend the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Competition in Dearborn, Michigan;
- Dave Rhoades, off contract to attend the 20-Hour Automotive Instructor update training in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Shannon Phillips, off contract to attend the National FCCLA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.;
- Shawna Schneiderman, Malcolm Collie, James LeDoux, off contract to attend the ISU Annual Workshop for Early College Instructors in Pocatello, Idaho;
- Brian Secrist, five (5) days to attend the Cisco Live Seminar in San Diego, California;
- Eric Taylor, off contract to visit Whitworth College, Gonzaga University and Rockwood Sports Medicine Clinic in Washington State;

Job Descriptions:

- Coach – Special Projects;
- Story Teller – position required and funded by Digital Promise Grant;

Request from Heritage Middle School to work with a former student on his Eagle Scout project to plant twelve trees in cooperation with the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department;

Request from the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition to conduct the 2015 Drug Free Communities Support Program Evaluation of Core Measures Survey at seven secondary schools in the district;

Request from the Meridian FFA to use a school bus to transport FFA students to the Idaho FFA State DCE:s at the University of Idaho, June 1-5, 2015;

Construction management agreement with Russell Corporation for the construction of Hillsdale Elementary;

Award bids:

- Fresh produce to Grasmick Produce in the amount of \$4,988.24 (an average weekly cost using historic sample periods);
- Exterior paint at Meridian Elementary School to Color Craft, Inc. in the amount of \$25,219;
- Interior and exterior paint at Meridian Academy to Merit Professional Coatings in the amount of \$67,770;
- Interior and exterior paint at Pepper Ridge Elementary to Color Craft, Inc. in the amount of \$45,219;
- Interior and exterior paint at Meridian Middle School to National Coatings, Inc. in the amount of \$115,000;
- Interior and exterior paint at Central Academy to Merit Professional Coatings in the amount of \$74,980;

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- Interior and exterior paint at River Valley Elementary to Merit Professional Coatings in the amount of \$135,080;
- Acquisition, storage, and site to site distribution of USDA commodity Products, Frozen/Refrigerated products, and Dry Food Products to Food Services of America in the amount of \$1,837,707.28;

Special board meeting scheduled for Saturday May 30, 2015 between graduation ceremonies at Taco Bell Arena;

Recommended student expulsion.

**Discussion/Action**

First Quarter Financial Report

Alex Simpson, budget director, shared an overview of the first quarter financial report.

Fast Forward Funds Update

Amy Shumway, facilitator of advanced opportunities, reviewed the first year of Fast Forward funds accessed by students in the West Ada School District. A combined total of 1939 students used funds for dual credit, AP exams, IB exams and certification exams over the school year for a total of \$439,522.75. Plans for next school year include presentations in freshman cornerstone classes and in the future might include sharing the presentation with middle school students.

Dr. Clark reported 44 district students had received their Associates degree during graduation ceremonies at Idaho State University and there are 105 students in the pipeline to get their degree next school year.

Boundary Adjustments Approved

Eric Exline, community liaison officer, and Miranda Carson, transportation liaison, reviewed proposed boundary revisions that will clean up attendance lines that were approved in 2005. The proposal will have no effect on current students.

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed revisions as recommended.

Revisions to Policy Code No. 501.10, 501.30, and 803.22 Approved

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 501.10, *Secondary Attendance Policy*.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 501.30, *Elementary Attendance Policy*.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 803.21, *Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies*.

Policies Receive First Reading

Trustees discussed proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 403.50, *Staff Conduct*, Policy Code No. 504.81, *Sex Offenders*, and Policy Code No.

803.21, *Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies*. The three policies will return for a second reading at the next board meeting with suggested changes.

Board  
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Sayles – drove by Gateway and noticed they are offering an after school program for parents.

Trustee Calinsky – will attend the dedication of a disc golf course at the Meridian Technical High School in honor of Chris Housel.

Trustee Ritter – has been on conference calls regarding the ESEA reauthorization and school nutrition.

Chairman Vuittonet – met with the Meridian Foundation board, they are recruiting new members.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reported on the following items:

- ISBA resolutions for the next year are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Resolutions the district submitted are good for two years, so if they have something besides the phantom student bill, they will need to let the ISBA know.
- The district received approval for the IB certificate program, we will be in candidate phase with full implementation in 2016. Students currently in the health professions and engineering programs will be grandfathered in.
- The district is the recipient of a Digital Promise grant that allows for a one to one rollout at Meridian Middle School, Pathways Middle and Crossroads Middle schools. The grant will pay for the devices, part of the salary for two academic coaches and a story teller. The schools will receive android tablets and after two years, the devices will belong to the district.
- To answer a need for early childhood education, we are looking into the feasibility of offering either this year or next, a summer camp with an arts emphasis.
- The district has seen significant issues with the internet over the last two weeks between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. The IT department discovered there was a problem with the router, which was replaced last night. There has been no outage reported today. This has come at a bad time with all buildings involved in testing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 9:07 p.m. to move into executive session 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 student; and deliberations regarding labor negotiations. Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 10:11 p.m. and continued in regular session.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to affirm paid administrative leave for Employee "F".

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous for non-renewal of a Category II contract for Employee "G".

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to rescind probation for Employee "F".

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk