



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2015

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustee, West Ada School District, convened at 5:31 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, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Cindy Sisson, Kate Hunter
Guests	Dr. Shana Hawkins, Dr. Diane Oliva, Dr. Angie Neal, Meghan McDonagh, Angie Hickman, Brian Leisten, Andy Folk, Richard Hall

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Vuittonet

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the addition of a resignation of John Rhode to employment recommendations, to move a recommendation to change the NWEA MAP testing to a fall to fall cycle to discussion/action and the addition of personnel to executive session.

Spotlight Dr. Clark introduced Dr. Diane Oliva, Dr. Shana Hawkins and Dr. Angie Neal, staff members who received their doctoral degrees from NNU this spring. An overview of their dissertations were shared with trustees.

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

Payment of bills dated May 1-31, 2015;

Minutes of the:

- April 8, 2015 special board meeting;
- April 14, 2015 regular board meeting;

Associated student body reports;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Tiffany Ahlefeld, nurse, the 2015-2016 school year;
- Amy Anderson, counselor, the 2015-2016 school year;
- Shane Gallo, signing assistant, 6.75 hours;
- Suzanne McDaniel, teacher, the 2015-2016 school year;

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- Paige McDonald, teacher, the 2015-2016 school year;
- Kelsey Reynolds, signing assistant, 2.75 hours;
- Kimberly Tucker, teacher, the 2015-2016 school year;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Eva Bailey, off contract to attend the 2015 HOSA Conference in Anaheim, California;
- Brenda Carpentier, three (3) days to attend the 21st CCLC Fall meeting in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho;
- Dr. Linda Clark, three (3) days to attend the Superintendent’s Digital Seminar in Washington, D.C.;
- Jean Dean, four (4) days to attend the National Food Service Management Institute “Team Up for School Nutrition Success”: Western Region meeting in San Diego, California;
- Jean Dean, five (5) days, Elsa Mendoza, off contract, Vicki Young, six (6) days to attend the School Nutrition Association Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Geri Gillespy, two (2) days to attend the Future Ready Schools Denver Summit in Denver, Colorado;
- Geri Gillespy, four (4) days to attend the Digital Promise Grant training in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Alan Heikkila, three (3) days to attend the Idaho Forestry Contest in Careywood, Idaho;
- Vern Hickman, five (5) days to attend the Culinary Workshop at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute in Coos Bay, Oregon;
- Vern Hickman, eight (8) days to attend the FCCLA National Conference in Washington, D.C.;
- Jessica Hild and Vicki Pill, four (4) days to attend the 2015 Horizon User’s Conference in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Mike Hirano, one (1) day to chaperone the RMHS Choir spring tour to Portland and Astoria, Oregon;
- Tera Hudson, off contract, to attend the University of Idaho Dual Credit Course Training in Moscow, Idaho;
- Laudan Kirk, off contract, to attend the Discovery Education Summer Institute in Washington, D.C.;
- James LeDoux, off contract, to attend the Writing Senior Project Essays Training in Albuquerque, New Mexico;
- Emily Malek, two (2) days, to attend the Behaviors for P-K Students training in Pocatello, Idaho;
- Renee Peugh, five (5) days to attend the Idaho FFA State Career Development events in Moscow, Idaho;
- Shauna Schneiderman, off contract to attend the *Write-by-the-Lake* Writer’s Workshop and Retreat in Madison, Wisconsin;
- Caya Snethen, off contract to attend the 2015 Lifetouch Yearbook Workshop in Santa Cruz, California;
- Scott Stuart, four (4) days to attend the 3 Dimensional Coaching Training Conference in Kansas City, Missouri;
- Shantel Tavoian, off contract to attend the FCCLA National Competition in Washington, D.C.;

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- Eric Taylor, off contract to attend the Idaho Athletic Trainer Association meeting in Pocatello, Idaho;

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

NEW Job Descriptions:

- Supervisor – Medicaid;
- Academic Coach;

Request to install a shaded picnic/viewing area next to the varsity baseball field at Rocky Mountain High School. Labor, parts, and equipment will be provided by Gregg Barney, Justin Buchanan, Bucks Bags and the Rocky Mountain Baseball Association;

Request for the use of West Ada School District protective football equipment for summer camps at Centennial, Eagle, Meridian, Mountain View and Rocky Mountain High Schools;

Rocky Mountain High School student travel to the JEA National High School Journalism Convention November 12-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida;

Recommendation to change vendors for Windows student laptops and desktops to Hewlett Packard;

Adoption of gifted/talented curricular, qualification measures and Mandarin Immersion supplemental curricula in Grades K-5;

Bids awarded:

- Paper goods for School Nutrition to Gem State Paper and Supply in the amount of \$174,004.85;
- Meridian High School remodel – Phase 3B, 4, 5, and 6 to:
 - Selective Demo/Saw cutting to Talisman Construction Services in the amount of \$391,613;
 - Concrete to Landon Enterprises in the amount of \$497,910;
 - Polished concrete finishing to Consurco in the amount of \$45,560;
 - Reinforcing steel to Harris Rebar in the amount of \$53,753;
 - Masonry to Alpha Masonry in the amount of \$78,820;
 - Structural steel to Rule Steel in the amount of \$1,578,000;
 - Architectural woodwork to Dura-Top Industries in the amount of \$520,891;
 - Roofing and metal siding to Upson Company in the amount of \$1,168,500;
 - Doors, frames, hardware to D&A Door Specialties in the amount of \$196,900;
 - Storefronts, window, glass to Architectural Glass in the amount of \$629,465;
 - Skylight assemblies to the Masonry Center in the amount of \$391,174;

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- Finishes: framing, drywall to Summit Wall Systems in the amount of \$1,654,200;
- Tiling to Creechley Tile in the amount of \$124,996;
- Floor covering to Great Floors in the amount of \$440,247;
- Painting to Colorcraft in the amount of \$214,629;
- Specialties to Intermountain Design in the amount of \$163,584;
- Metal lockers to Intermountain Design in the amount of \$98,467;
- Audio-visual equipment to Intermountain Design in the amount of \$32,456;
- Window covering to Window Covering Outlet in the amount of \$9,777;
- Fire suppression to Treasure Valley FP in the amount of \$182,500;
- Mechanical to Buss Mechanical in the amount of \$2,034,896;
- Electrical to Tri-State Electric in the amount of \$2,564,000;
- DDC Controls to Clima-Tech in the amount of \$195,074;
- Site work and excavation to IRA-MAC in the amount of \$292,500
- Ustick Elementary playground and parking lot replacement to Capital Paving Company in the amount of \$705,000;

Water main easement (as part of the Meridian High School renovation project) between West Ada School District and the City of Meridian;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Boundary Adjustment Agreement Approved

Mr. Richard Hall is requesting a boundary adjustment for property adjacent to Discovery Elementary and Pathways Middle School. Mr. Hall explained his desire to purchase a corner of district property to expand his parcel in the Summerfield Subdivision. Trustee Dean asked if Mr. Hall had signed statements from his neighbors showing their support of his request and Mr. Hall stated he had spoken with the neighbors twice and will include signed statements in his request to the City of Meridian. He will hire a surveyor and legals will be adjusted per law.

Trustee Dean moved to approve the agreement for a boundary adjustment between West Ada School District and Richard R. and Michelle M. Hall for property located at the southeast corner of district property near 1855 E. Heritage Park Lane, Meridian, Idaho pending approval by the City of Meridian. The motion was seconded by Trustee Calinsky and passed unanimously.

Recommendation to Move NWEA and MAP Testing to a Fall to Fall Cycle Held Over to Next Meeting

Dr. Clark explained there have been a number of issues with the testing, some have been addressed with the use of lap tops and additional computer labs, but the calendar has been oppressive and she has had many requests to do something. At the time the agenda was posted, it seemed the solution was to eliminate the spring MAP test, but during meetings with principals, it has become clear that solution is not supported by all principals. Concerns are with the summer loss in fall to fall testing and the results that are part of the evaluation process.

Trustee Ritter asked if Dr. Clark knew how the ISAT will be adjusted next year. Dr. Clark replied they have no idea about that and have not as yet received the ISAT results. The hardship would diminish with less time required for the testing.

Trustee Dean stated her appreciation of what the principals have said about the growth measure, as the students need to come first and she is concerned about the amount of testing, especially at the elementary level. We might want to look at the change at another time, but there need to be other options so we don't over test our kids.

Trustee Ritter – since teacher's evaluation has that component, how would you give the evaluation without that piece? That component only applies to staff who teach reading, math and English. This is an opportunity to find a new model. The law says one-third of the evaluation must be based on student achievement but does not specify the measures to be used. There is currently a district committee working on formative assessment to meet this requirement.

Trustee Sayles asked if this has to be fall to fall, could it be another part of the year, like February to February. The NWEA only provides norms fall to fall or spring to fall testing. There is no winter comparative data.

Trustee Dean asked that Dr. Clark continue to collect input from principals, parents and staff about spring testing. Dr. Clark will survey principals and the results will be available at the next meeting.

Change to the 2015-2016
Middle School Start Time
Approved

Joe Yochum, region director, reviewed a request to move the start time for middle school from 8:35 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. for the 2015-2016 school year. The requested change would alleviate student athletes leaving school early to travel to an away school, and teacher/coaches leaving school early to travel with athletes and other teachers on prep covering their classes. Impact to busing has been studied and the change will have students arriving at schools closer to their bell times, which would reduce staff supervision until school starts; and middle school and elementary runs could be paired more efficiently. Shuttle issues at Discovery should improve the time difference.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to move the start time for traditional middle school from 8:35 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Revisions to Policy Code No.
403.50, *Staff Conduct*,
Receive Second Reading

Trustees reviewed revisions to Policy Code No. 403.50 with Barbara Leeds, assistant superintendent. Discussion continued on interaction with students in open public spaces, issues that teachers feel they need a private space to discuss with students, windows that remain covered following lock down drills and what is covered in the teacher's code of conduct.

Angie Hickman spoke to her concerns about adults interacting with students. She is a special education teacher and is worried about her work with students in restrooms.

Trustees discussed the addition of wording to address her concerns and will revisit the policy for a third reading at the next board meeting.

Revisions to Policy Code No. 501.92, 504.81, and New Policy Code No. 603.22 Approved

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 501.92, *Dual Enrollment*.

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 504.81, *Sex Offenders*.

Cindy Sisson, curriculum director, reviewed revisions to the new policy with trustees and requested additional changes to line 54, which should now read "*8 in 6: This program is intended to allow students to complete two years of middle school, high school and the first two years of college...*". Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the policy with the revisions stated by Ms. Sisson.

Personnel

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation to hire Joe Yochum as the Chief Operations Officer for the district.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Calinsky - this will be her last official meeting as a trustee. She thanked everyone for the honor of serving the district for the last 8 years, it has been an incredible job. Chairman Vuittonet thanked Trustee Calinsky for her time and wished her the best.

Trustee Dean - loved the graduations and appreciated principal's allowing them to hand out diplomas.

Trustee Ritter - attended two state board meetings on restricting school finance.

Chairman Vuittonet - ISBA has formed a committee to restructure representation on government affairs.

Superintendent's Report

The pre-engineering program has been chosen as the outstanding secondary Professional Technical Education program in the state. The program will be recognized in July.

She and the trustees have attended eleven or more graduations this spring. She has been struck by the number of scholarships awarded to students that totaled into the millions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 8:04 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 8:31 p.m. and continued in regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk