



# West Ada

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 23, 2015**

**Date, Place & Time** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 5:33 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho

**Trustees in Attendance** Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky (by phone), Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Carol Sayles

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Linda Clark, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline

**Guests** Brian Julian, representing Anderson, Julian and Hull

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Vuittonet

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call of the board at 5:34 p.m. to move into executive session to consider the charges brought against a public officer as authorized by Section 67-2345 (1) (b). Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, and Chairman Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened in regular session.

**Guests** Sue Darden, Jill Wrem, Angie Hickman, Donell McNeal

**Amended Agenda Approved** Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the deletion of item 5B, nursing software; and the addition of item 9, approval of a contract between West Ada School District and the Meridian Education Association pending ratification.

**Action Items from Executive Session** Trustee Calinsky made a motion to censure Trustee Sayles for violating the provisions of executive session and violation of the use of district email for campaign purposes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ritter and the vote was as follows: Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Dean voted no, Trustee Sayles voted no and Chairman Vuittonet broke the tie with a yes vote. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Trustee Ritter made a motion to rehire Dr. Clark and extend her contract by one year with the terms and conditions included in the current contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Calinsky and the vote was as follows: Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted no, Trustee Dean voted no and Chairman Vuittonet broke the tie with a yes vote. The motion passed 3-2.

## Consent Agenda

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

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Bryan Beddoes, psychologist, 2015-2016 school year;
- Amber Brown, teacher, 2015-2016 school year;
- Sheryl Miraya, school nutrition, five (5) days;
- Angela Samson-Janquart, one (1) day;

Requests for professional/activity leave for:

- McKenzie Berg, William Hessian, Sarah Wright, off contract to attend Project Lead the Way Introduction to Engineering Design Training in Ogden, Utah;
- Jack Blattner, Liz Russell, Will Schumaker, Trish Stokes, Steve Wilder, five (5) days to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky;
- Lynnea Shafter, off contract to attend Project Lead the Way Launch Training in Hillsboro, Oregon;
- Patricia Stokes, off contract to attend the State Ag Teacher Workshops in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Jessica Stone, off contract to attend the JEA Advisers Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada;

2015-2016 high school academy supplemental handbook;

Memorandums of agreements between Joint School District No. 2, Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School and the Meridian Technical Charter High School for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Food and transportation agreement (MMACHS/MTCHS);
- Accounting, payroll and personnel services agreement (MMACHS/MTCHS);
- Facility lease and use agreement – MTCHS;
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Bid awarded to Upson Roofing for the reroof and add alternate #1 at Meridian Technical Charter High School, in the amount of \$265,885;

Recommendation to rebid the reroof of Spalding STEM Academy in the fall (Bid #514601 came in \$200,000 over budget)

Proposed Leadership premiums for the 2015-2016 school year;

Disposal of surplus equipment.

Trustee Calinsky was excused from the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Discussion/Action

2015-2016 Proposed  
Budget Approved

Alex Simpson, budget director, reviewed the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Highlights of the presentation include:

An estimated increase of \$9.4 million in state funding:

- Based on a projected increase of 500 students for fall 2015
- An estimated increase in support units of 19.8
- Discretionary revenue increase of \$1,466.85 per support unit
- 3% increase to base salary for administration and classified
- 4.5% average salary increase for certified, based on career ladder funding
- Certified minimum increased to \$32,703 from \$31,750
- Certified staff currently at \$31,750 increase to \$33,200

The current fund balance is \$4.3M, we anticipate savings of \$4.8M for a total of \$9.1M estimated carryover from 2014-15 to 2015-16

The Emergency Levy is budgeted \$500,000 less than 2014-15 to begin the process of removing one-time funds from the general fund revenue.

The Supplemental Levy (2 years) passed in March of 2014: \$14M (expires after 2015-16)

Estimated designated funding sources for 2015-2016:

- State professional development fund - \$963,480
- State Leadership fund - \$1,972,969
- Advanced Opportunities (flow through) - \$484,946
- Safe & Drug Free schools - \$460,687
- Technology staffing - \$205,166
- Classroom technology - \$1,625,877

Estimated changes in general fund expenditures include:

- Addition of 31.73 FTE (certified staff, including 21.73 new FTE for growth and ten FTE recouped from under-staffing) - \$1,700,000
- Addition of 2.0 FTE (administrative staff) - \$200,000
- Addition of 3.5 interns (.5 per building) - \$175,000
- Increase of 4.5% average for certified staff - \$4,600,000
- Increase of 3% for Administrative staff - \$370,000 (flow through)
- Increase of 3% for Classified staff - \$675,000 (flow through)
- Building discretionary budgets – growth - \$30,000
- Health insurance premium increase - \$1,050,000
- Utility increase - \$75,000

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed 2015-2016 budget as presented.

2014-2015 Amended  
Budget Approved

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended 2014-2015 budget as presented.

Request to Raise Secondary Lunch Price for the 2015-2016 School Year Approved

Joe Yochum, region director, reviewed a request to raise the secondary lunch price to reach the average price per meal dictated by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The proposed increase of ten cents will raise the cost per meal from \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve an increase in the price of secondary lunches for the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Clark acknowledged the kickoff of the Healthy Meals summer lunch program. Officials from the USDA were in attendance and impressed with the outreach to all corners of the district.

NWEA MAP Testing Cycle Changes Approved

Dr. Clark shared the responses of a short survey principals participated in regarding a change to the testing cycle for NWEA MAP testing. There were serious concerns expressed regarding the number of minutes required for spring testing, as well as data and closure for teachers at the end of the year. The recommendation would be to change the cycle to a fall to fall cycle for one year, see if the new ISAT has delivered on a shorter test and then the issue could be revisited at that time for a change back to the fall to spring testing cycle.

Trustee Dean moved, and Trustee Ritter seconded the motion to move to a fall to fall cycle for NWEA MAP testing. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted no and Chairman Vuittonet voted yes. The motion passed on a 3-1 vote.

Policy Code No. 403.50, *Staff Conduct*, Receives Third Reading

Barbara Leeds, assistant Superintendent, reviewed revisions to the third reading of Policy Code No. 403.50. Trustee discussed continued concerns with teachers interacting with students in open public spaces, if emails and texts can be used by club sport coaches, how teachers will be informed of changes to district policies and effects on teacher evaluations. Suggested revisions to come to the board for a fourth reading.

Personnel

Barbara Leeds, assistant superintendent, recommended the following candidates for administrative positions:

- Kristen Thompson-Graber – Peregrine Elementary principal
- Cindy Marshall – Eagle School of the Arts principal
- Ramona Lee – Director of Special Education
- Devan Delashmutt – Director of IT
- Jackie Thomason – Chief Academic Officer
- David Moser – Region Director

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the candidates as proposed.

**Board Reports/Assignments**

Chairman Vuittonet – a patron had contacted him to say that his son had graduated from Renaissance High School, and the experience had been life changing.

Dr. Clark expressed thanks to Trustee Ritter for her many contributions to the district. Trustee Ritter stated it had been her pleasure. Chairman Vuittonet stated it had been a pleasure to work with her, she was always thoughtful and attentive to details and done what is good for the kids.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk