



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2015

Date, Place & Time	A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 5:30p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Tina Dean, Dr. Russell Joki, Dr. Julie Madsen, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet
Staff in Attendance	Joe Yochum, Trish Duncan, Denise Shumway, Karel Olsen, Ramona Lee, Jackie Thomason, Troy Stephens
Guests	Breck Seiniger, Elaine Eberharter-Maki, Marcene Blunck, Sue Darden, Bret Heller, Rosemary DeMond, Michelle Sanders, Ronda Hanson, Carla Phillips, Mary Ollie, Rob Lundgren, Deb Schrader

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Dean

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Sayles made a motion to move into executive session to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (a); 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 school student as authorized by Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (b); and to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (f). The motion was seconded by Trustee Madsen. The chair called for a roll call of the board. Trustee Joki voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Madsen voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes and Chairman Dean voted yes. The board convened in executive session at 5:40 p.m.

Trustees In Attendance Chairman Tina Dean, Dr. Russell Joki, Dr. Julie Madsen, Carol Sayles, and Mike Vuittonet

EXECUTIVE SESSION Discussion was held regarding personnel matters, threat of litigation received by the District, and discussion with legal counsel pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a), (b), and (f).

The board recessed from executive session at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened in open session.

Chairman

Temporary Clerk

Consent Agenda

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Joki seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve board travel to the Idaho School Board's Association Annual Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Discussion/Action

Interim Superintendent
Named

Chairman Dean stated for the record the superintendent has left her post, which will not be dealt with at tonight's meeting, but will be addressed at a future meeting. This issue has required the board to search for an interim superintendent very quickly. The board looked at available and willing candidates and has completed interviews. Trustee Sayles made a motion to appoint Joe Yochum as interim superintendent, the motion was seconded by Trustee Madsen and was approved unanimously. Chairman Dean thanked Mr. Yochum for his willingness to take on this position and stated they realize they are asking a lot of him and know he is quite capable. Mr. Yochum has informed the board he is very happy in his current position and has asked for a guarantee that he will be able to return to that position once a permanent superintendent has been named.

Professional Services Coach
Search Tabled

Trustee Joke made a motion that this item be tabled, the motion was seconded by Trustee Sayles. Trustee Vuittonet requested that if they go forward with the position, a job description be created. Chairman Dean called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Search
Process

Chairman Dean stated they will need to begin this process quickly. The board does not intend to delay this process, the first step in their search process will be listening, and looking for input from staff, students, and patrons of the district on items they should be looking for. Chairman Dean read the following comment, "Beginning immediately we will be asking for your help in determining parameters and search criteria for a superintendent. Please begin considering now the skills, qualifications, education and demeanor they should be looking for. The first step is listening, so if anybody has any information they would like to share, they can contact the trustees directly by email or share with our interim superintendent Mr. Yochum, any of the regional directors, or building administrators. She will be asking them in the future to share that information with the board. The board will have a more structured plan, we will be reaching out to the community and having more formal avenues for input on our superintendent search process."

Board Newsletter
Summarizing Public Forum
on Supplemental Levy

Trustee Madsen is seeking the board's approval of an email via the district email system in the next couple of days to summarize for those patrons who were not able to attend the discussion two nights ago on Tuesday. It would be a brief summary of the presenters, the content of their presentation to inform folks the myriad of issues that the supplemental levy involves and give them appropriate information as they go to the polls. She would like to draft such a document so they

could distribute it within the community email. Trustee Vuittonet agreed this was a good idea and asked if the board would be able to review prior to distribution. Trustee Madsen will make a copy available to the board on Friday.

Personnel Contract Actions Trustee Madsen made a motion to accept a notice of retirement from Barbara Leeds, assistant superintendent, effective December 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joki and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Joki moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk