



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 1, 2016

**Date, Place & Time** A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 1, 2016, at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

**Trustees in Attendance** Trustees: Chairman Tina Dean, Dr. Russell Joki, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Trish Duncan, Mandy White, Troy Stephens, Wendy Spencer, Michelle Conger, Marcene Blunck, Ramona Lee

**Guests** Elaine Eberharter-Maki, Sue Darden

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE** Chairman Dean

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Chairman Dean took a roll call of the board: Trustee Joki voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes Trustee Vuittonet voted yes and Chairman Dean voted yes, at 5:05 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:

The board recessed from executive session at 6:37 p.m. and continued in regular session at 6:43 p.m.

**Trustee Sayles** made a motion to revise the recommendation of the Discipline and Attendance Committee. Revised recommendation for Student "A" A stay expulsion and attend Rebound School of Opportunity for the second semester ending June 3, 2016 with conditions outlined to parents. **Trustee Joki** seconded, the vote passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda** **Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Sayles** and passed unanimously. Approved items are as follow:

- Proposed RFQ Procedures
- Resignation from Taylor Garner

**Discussion** **Revised Policy Code No. 201.30, Terms of Office Vacancy**  
**Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 210.30, Terms of Office Vacancy as presented. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Sayles** and passed unanimously.

**Revised Policy Code No. 402.41, Vacations, Holidays, Absences and Leaves**

**Trustee Joki** made a motion to approve the revision of Policy Code No. 310.30, Vacations, Holidays, Absences and Leaves as presented. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Vuittonet** and passed unanimously.

**Interview qualified candidates for vacant seat in Zone 4**

The board interviewed candidates as listed:

- Jennifer Drewett, parent of two
- David Bell, Engineering consultant
- Steven Givens, former West Ada School board member
- Steven Purvis, retired accountant
- Phillip Neuhoff, parent of two, retired educator
- Doug Gochnour, withdrew his application

Chairman Dean had five candidates in a panel-style, public format. Each candidate took turns answering the same question from trustees. Candidates responded to questions on the impact and contributions each candidate would offer West Ada School District and the School Board. Growth, curriculum, retention of teachers, experience, and knowledge of different programs offered at West Ada were asked by Trustees. Candidates responded in diverse ways. After an hour of questions Trustee Dean asked for a ten (10) minute break. At 8:38 p.m. the Trustees continued to question candidates on qualification, Common Core, classified employees and what they would do if appointed to fill Zone 4. Trustee Vuittonet expressed all candidates responded with impressive answers.

**Action**

**Trustee Sayles** made a motion to conduct a special recall election on May 17, 2016. The approval to hold election is contingent on a court ruling scheduled for March 9 that will determine if the requirements to hold a recall election have been met. **Trustee Joki** seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to postpone the appointment of a qualified candidate to fill vacant seat in Zone 4. Motioned died lack of second. **Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion to select the top two candidates to narrow down choices. Motion died lack of second.

**Trustee Joki** made a motion to appoint Phillip Neuhoff to fill the vacant seat in Zone 4. He demonstrated his strong involvement in school programs and understood the districts issues. **Trustee Sayles** seconded the motion. **Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion to consider Steven Purvis to fill the vacant seat in Zone 4. Motion died lack of second. **Chairman Dean** had a motion and second to appoint Phillip Neuhoff. **Chairman Dean** called for the vote and the motion passed three to one with **Trustee Vuittonet** casting the opposing vote to appoint Mr. Neuhoff to the seat in Zone 4. Welcome to the board.

**Trustee Joki** made a motion to remove action item three (3) from agenda. **Trustees Sayles** seconded and vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Sayles** made a motion, **Trustee Joki** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk