



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2016

Date, Place & Time	A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 12, 2016 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Chairman Tina Dean, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet, Dr. Philip Neuhoff
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Jackie Thomason, Troy Stephens, Michelle Sanders, Don Nesbitt, Cindy Sisson, Laura Gilchrist, Lori Gash, Bernadette Sexton, Ramona Lee
Guests	Elaine Eberharter-Maki, Sue Darden, William Jung, Richard McPherson, Rob Lamb, Evan Sprengle, JD Sexton

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE Chairman Dean

Amended Agenda Approved **Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded and the vote was unanimous “to not approve” item number 16, the bid to re-roof the District Office. The project will be re-bid. Justifiable reason to re-bid, the method for how the process of the re-roofing changed, the impacted cost of doing the work.
Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Trustee Sayles** seconded to place discussion item number 6 to discussion item number 1. Justifiable reason given was time restraints.
Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded and the vote was unanimous to remove item number 17 between Design West and the District, justifiable reason, the contract was not complete.

Spotlight West Ada Foundation, Bernadette Sexton and Randy Morgan, shared the positive projects West Ada provides to help students. The foundation is a nonprofit that contributions to housing stipends, pay to play, and basic needs many students in poverty are unable to afford. The foundation funds classroom projects, field trips and grants to teachers in the district. The recent Gala held by the foundation was a success. Donations to the foundation are eligible for a tax credit and can be donated directly to the classroom of your choice. The foundation invited the Board and patrons to participate in an upcoming golf tournament. The board expressed appreciation for all the support the foundation provides for students and teachers in the district.

Consent Agenda **Trustee Vuittonet** made a motion, to approve the consent agenda **Trustee Sayles** seconded, the motion, the vote passed unanimously to approve to consent agenda.
Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated March 1-31, 2016

P-card payments dated February 1-29, 2016

Monthly Budget Report

Minutes of the March 15, 2016 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Recommendation to approve NEW Principal at Galileo STEM Academy

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation to approve updated Job Descriptions for School and Nutrition:

- Administrative Assistant
- Bookkeeper
- Maintenance Tech
- Field Supervisor 1
- Field Supervisor 2
- School Nutrition Clerk 1
- School Nutrition Clerk 2
- School Nutrition Clerk 3

Special Services Contractual Agreement

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2015-2016 school year

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2016-2017 school year

Request to alter/improve school properties at:

- Chief Joseph, proposal to install a plywood panel mural to exterior of school building
- Desert Sage Elementary, proposal to install a projector in gymnasium
- Desert Sage Elementary, proposal for School Garden
- Eagle Elementary, proposal to install a Walking Labyrinth
- Eagle Hills, proposal to repaint the United States Map as part of an Eagle Scout Project
- Lake Hazel Elementary, proposal to install a projector in gymnasium
- Lake Hazel Middle School Beautification Project
- Meridian High School Professional-Tech Center, proposed storage facility
- Spalding STEM Academy, proposal to install three tether ball poles
- Star Elementary, proposal for School Garden Project
- Willow Creek Elementary, proposal to install an electronic reader board

Recommendation BID #607701: Reroof Spalding STEM Academy be awarded to Pro-Tech Roofing

Recommendation to approve low bid for Meridian Middle School auditorium upgrade

Recommendation to conduct research project "*Recognizing Effective Special Education Teachers (RESET)*"

Recommendation for the 2016-2017 budget hearing to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:00p.m.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment that will go to PC Recyclers

Recommendation to approve change order for Victory Middle School

Third Quarter Suspension Report for Middle School and High School

Recommendation for student expulsions

Personnel

Don Nesbitt, Regional Director, introduced Rob Lamb as the new Principal of Galileo. Mr. Lamb has been with the District for 10 years. Mr. Lamb will be an outstanding addition.

Discussion

Verizon Cell Phone Tower Land Lease Agreement

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, provided additional information collected. Mr. Yochum reviewed the Verizon contract with Mark Freeman, attorney for the district, and concluded the contract is solid and does benefit the district. The district can lease the land space for co-location cell phone tower user. Mr. Yochum prepared revenue information with the breakdown of the contract. Mr. Yochum recommended the board approve the Verizon contract.

William Jung and Richard McPherson, patrons of Eagle both expressed the aspect of the private sector would receive revenue instead of the school district. Both patrons were concerned about the longevity of the contract.

Mr. Yochum asked Doug Kofford, of Verizon, about the length of the contract. Mr. Kofford explained Verizon length is a typical contract obligation. If Verizon terminates the contract at any time Verizon is responsible for the removal of the cell phone tower and the replacement of the ground around the tower.

Policy Code No. 401.13, Certified Staff Personnel

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, provided several levels in the policy. He had meetings with principals and felt the policy represented

a reasonable number of staff from existing schools who can transfer to new schools when they open.

Textbook State of Affairs

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, gave a presentation to the Board about the district' textbook adoptions. Ms. Sisson provided a Powerpoint presentation and discussed a proposed six-year cycle, modeled after the state, for all curriculum. Ms. Sisson cited the age of the History books dated from when Bill Clinton was first elected president. Trustee Neuhoff asked Ms. Sisson the process used for AP material. Ms. Sisson explained we are required to update in order to offer the AP classes.

Textbooks for Hillsdale Elementary School and Victory Middle School

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, Curriculum Coordinators Lori Gash and Laura Gilchrest presented on the textbooks for Hillsdale Elementary and Victory Middle School. The proposed recommendation came from a committee. Ms. Gash assured the board the Health books, sometimes content controversial, were reviewed extensively. The budget had accounted for the textbook proposal at the two new schools.

New Textbook for Psychology II

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director and Curriculum Coordinator Lori Gash presented the proposal for a Psychology II, college-level textbook. The concurrent credit provider College of Western Idaho, required a more up to date book to teach the required curriculum. The proposed textbook is High School level appropriate.

Concurrent Credit Committee Proposal

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director addressed the revenue generated by teachers who are instructors in dual credit programs for the five universities in the area. Currently, the stipend goes to the district and is distributed back to the teachers to purchase classroom supplies. The Board requested, a committee of teachers to discuss how to use the stipends. Trustees expressed a concern of the ethical dilemma regarding teachers asking students to take concurrent credits. The committee proposed percentages to be distributed among all teachers including K-5.

Break 7:48p.m.-7:56p.m.

Process to interview candidates to fill vacant Trustee Zone 5

Trustee Neuhoff expressed the questioning process was fair. The process should be spelled out for both the board and the candidates who are interested in applying. Expectations of the process.

Trustees discussed the process for selecting a replacement for the Trustee vacancy in Zone 5. Discussion included timeline for the candidates and method to return the applications. Trustees wanted

applicants to know what to expect. Dragging out the application process would place the Board in a difficult position with the possibility of two other Trustees up for recall during the May 17th elections. The board is at risk of losing a quorum if a trustee do not appoint for zone 5 before the May 10th meeting.

Action

Policy Code No. 603.20. High School Credit & Graduation

Trustee Sayles made a motion, **Trustee Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 603.20

Policy Code No. 401.13. Certified Staff Personnel

Trustee Sayles made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoﬀ** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 401.13

Concurrent Credit Committee Proposal

Trustee Sayles made a motion, **Trustee Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Committee proposal

Textbooks for Hillsdale Elementary School and Victory Middle School

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New Textbook for Psychology II

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Verizon Cell Phone Tower Land Lease Agreement

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to approve the Verizon Cell Phone Tower Lease Agreement with the amendment for the monthly rent of 2,500 and 2 % annual increase, **Trustee Neuhoﬀ** seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimous to approve Verizon cell phone tower.

Special Meeting for Trustee Interviews

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to open up the application process for trustee candidates starting April 12th (or as soon as the staff could post the application on line) and close application process April 22nd at 5:00p.m., **Trustee Neuhoﬀ** seconded and the vote passed unanimous.

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to set a Special meeting on the April 26th to start the interview process, **Trustee Neuhoﬀ** seconded and the vote passed unanimous.

Since there is a regular meeting scheduled on the 26th of April, this meeting will be posted as a regular board meeting.

**Board
Reports/Assignments**

Trustee Vuittonet spoke about West Ada Foundation Gala event. Trustee Vuittonet was pleased to see all the community leaders supporting the event. This will lead to more contributions and support to the District. The students from Eagle Drama club did a great job.

Trustee Neuhoff attended the Leadership Administration Academy. The positive energy in the room was exciting. The self-reflection of leadership skills and challenges the District faces plays an important part of the direction the District would like to follow. Great discussion on assessment and how that is related to education process.

Trustee Sayles attended the West Ada Foundation Gala event and was pleased with the success. I agree with everything Trustee Vuittonet said.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ranells reported The Teacher of the Year event held this evening, for the Northern Region, was exemplary. Dr. Ranells thanked the committee and was excited to see the teachers honored for all their hard work and commitment to our students.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vuittonet mad a motion, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m.

Chairman

Clerk