



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 14, 2016

Date, Place & Time	A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 14, 2016 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Chairman Phil Neuhoff, Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Ed Klopfenstein, Steve Smylie
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Eric Exline, Troy Stephens, Dave Roberts, Cindy Sisson, Jeff Dodds, Gloria Rolland, Debbie Arstein
Guests	Sue Darden, Mary Ollie, Tayna Koyle, Jolene Gunn, Marsha Smylie, Kendra Wisenbaker
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Neuhoff
Reorganization	Oaths of office were administered to Ed Klopfenstein and Steve Smylie by the board clerk
Amended Agenda Approved	<p>Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modify Item G. Action Item Number 2 to read as follows: Recommendation for acceptance of resignation letter from Employee B. The reason for modification of this agenda item is that the administration just received the resignation of Employee B this afternoon.• To add Item G. Action Item Number 3 as follows: Recommendation for acceptance of resignation of Employee C. The reason that this agenda item was not included in the original agenda is because the administration was not aware of this pending resignation and just received the resignation today.
Consent Agenda	<p>Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:</p> <p>Payment of bills dated May 1-31, 2016</p>

Consent Agenda - cont.

P-card payments dated April 1-30, 2016

Monthly Budget Report

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

NEW Job Descriptions:

- a. Systems Support Specialist
- b. Program Support Analyst

Recommendation for approval of the students listed to receive diplomas at the end of the summer session

Recommendation to approve the Proposed Revision to the 2016-2017 calendars

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation to approve MTI contract for Star Middle School

Recommendation to approve new storage units at Lake Hazel Middle School

Recommendation to replace Parking Lot & Playground at Pioneer Elementary, BID awarded to Knife River in the amount of \$440,000

Recommendation to approve professional surveying firms for Star Middle School for service fees less than \$25,000 (documents available at meeting)

Recommendation to approve engineering firms for the next two years for projects with a service fee less than \$25,000 (documents available at meeting)

Recommendation to approve request from Meridian Technical Charter High School for facility improvements

Recommendation to approve the Buddy Benches at Gateway Elementary

Suspension report Fourth Quarter

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

Recommendation for student expulsions

Discussion

Budget Hearing-Debbie Arstein

Chief Financial Officer Debbie Arstein presented the amended budget for the 2015-2016 and the proposed budget for 2016-2017 school year.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Increase in total revenue of \$10.3 million in state funding
- The cost of opening two new school of \$1.8 million

Discussion - cont.

- Increases for Administrative staff of 3%
- Increase for Classified staff of 3%
- Increase for Certified staff of 4%
- Course fees of \$600,000
- The addition of sports programs in the middle schools, increase in the fuel and utilities with the addition of two new schools of \$1.5 million
- Increase in health insurance costs of \$1.1 million

The two year \$14,000,000 Supplemental Levy that covers 9 instructional days was recently renewed in November 2015 for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

School Plant Facilities Levy expires at the end of 2016-2017. The District is planning to ask voters to renew this levy in March 2017.

A copy of the budget presentation is available on the District's website at www.westada.org.

Revision to Policy Code No. 603.22, *Advanced Opportunities Program*

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented the policy and stated the revisions were made based on changes in Idaho Code made by the legislature last legislative session. Trustees asked questions on how the money for the programs is currently being collected and dispersed to parents and programs. Ms. Sisson explained the process is on-line, a portal connection with the State Department, so we are not collecting nor distributing money at the district level. The Fast Forward program provides every student attending an Idaho public school an allocation of \$44,125.00 to use towards Advanced Opportunities in grades 7-12.

Revision to Policy Code No. 601.30, *Class Size & Load (Joe Yochum)*

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented Policy Code 601.30. Revision suggested would be to strike the automatically sunset out of the policy. The standard used to determine maximum enrollment in regular classrooms was modified. Trustees had concerns removing the sunset clause. Keeping the clause in would allow this policy to be revisited each school year. The increased class size should not be the standard. Trustees requested Mr. Yochum and administration to revisit policy.

Jolene Gunn, a 4th grade teacher from Galileo addressed the Board with her concerns with the large class size. Ms. Gunn stated this decreases space, movement, and small group interaction. Large classrooms reduce the interaction time teachers have with each student. Parents don't understand if a levy is passed why the class size continues to remain high.

Mary Ollie, a retired school teacher addressed the Board with safety concerns in a science lab. Ms. Ollie stated safety, liability, grading time spent on each student and health issues were major concerns.

Action

Approve or deny to adopt amended 2015-2016 budget

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote passed unanimous to adopt amended 2015-2016 budget. Trustee Smylie and Trustee Klopfenstein abstained due to the fact they were not Board members at the time of the budget workshop.

Approve or deny proposed 2016-2017 budget

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Vuittonet** seconded and the vote passed unanimous to approve the 2016-2017 budget. Trustee Smylie and Trustee Klopfenstein abstained due to the fact they were not Board members at the time of the budget workshop.

**Board
Reports/Assignments**

Trustee Vuittonet shared he will continue to serve on the West Ada Foundation Board.

Trustee Ozuna appreciates all the hard work that went into Rendezvous this year. The staff did a great job when the event was cancelled due to rain.

Chairman Neuhoff expressed how honored he was to attend the 11 graduations and experience all the musical talent we have in the district. Chairman Neuhoff requested administration to present the video *Don't Fail Idaho, A Students Perspective*.

Trustee Smylie thanked the District staff for all the support he has received. He would like to establish a relationship with city council, ACHD and developers of new subdivisions so we can all address the growth in West Ada.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ranells welcomed the new Board members and was pleased to have a full Board.

Executive Session

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded motion. Chairman Neuhoff took a roll call vote of the board at 7:28 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 office, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b)

Action

Approve or deny to place Employee A on probation for the 2016-2017 school year

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to place Employee A on probation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Recommendation to approve resignation letter from Employee B

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Vuittonet** seconded the vote

Action – cont.

was unanimous to accept the resignation letter from Employee B.

Recommendation to approve resignation letter from Employee C

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded the vote was unanimous to accept the resignation letter from Employee C.

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman

Clerk