



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 9, 2016

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

Trustees in Attendance Trustees: Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Ed Klopfenstein, and Steve Smylie, Chairman Phil Neuhoff (by Phone)

Staff in Attendance Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Troy Stephens, Debbie Arstein, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Joe Yochum, Dave Moser, Ramona Lee. Devan DeLashmutt, Miranda Carson, Joe Kelly, Geoff Stands, Cindy Sisson, Michelle Sanders

Guests Shana Hawkins, Mary Ollie, Michelle Swift, Bunny Malmin, Rob Lundgreen

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE Vice-Chair Vuittonet

Spotlight (Miranda Carson) Miranda Carson, District Transportation Liaison, updated the Trustees on the improvements made to transportation for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Carson informed the board on the communication system upgrades. Route and stop information has been sent out 3 ways: Printed list to schools, PowerSchool accessible by district staff and parents, and Elink accessible by general address information to anyone. Ms. Carson had budgeted the use of 163 busses (9.99 million) currently we will run 143 with the possibility of 157 busses after all registrations have been completed. Ms. Carson projects this will cost 9.86 million and will be a savings to the District. Dry runs have occurred on any major route changes this summer.

Alan Braun from Cascade updated the Trustees on the staffing progress. Mr. Braun felt Cascade is in good shape, Cascade will continue to recruit year round. Trustees requested Ms. Carson give them an update for the first month on the number of routes and the amount of time students spend on the bus. She will e-mail the Trustees this information on Fridays.

Spotlight (Joe Kelly) Joe Kelly, Administrator of Assessments and Accountability, presented a power point that outlined performance data which includes the following:

- Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI)

- Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)
- Preliminary Standards Achievement Tests (PSAT)
- Standards Achievement Test (SAT)
- High School Graduation Rate
- District "Go On" Rate

West Ada School District performed above State and National Benchmarks in all areas.

Trustees thanked Mr. Kelly for all the information and would like patrons of the District to have access to this information. Trustee Ozuna requested the results from individual schools so she could see the comparison.

Spotlight (Cindy Sisson)

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Michelle Sanders, Facilitator of Advanced Opportunity, presented Advanced Courses-College Credits Earned. Ms. Sisson compared data from 2009-2016 on the following:

- Concurrent Credits earned and the Universities credits transferred to
- Advanced Placement Data
- International Baccalaureate Data
- Total IB, AP, Concurrent Credits Earned

The data showed West Ada students take advantage of the programs to enhance the progression of their college education and decrease the amount of student debt.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:

Payments of bills dated July 1-31, 2016

P-card payments dated June 1-30, 2016

Monthly Budget Report

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Request

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

Recommendation to approve bus routes for the 2016-2017 school year

Consent Agenda Cont.

Recommendation to approve water agreement between Mary McPherson and City of Meridian

Recommendation to seek a second year Renewal Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New to coach teachers of English Learners for the West Ada School District, from the State Department of Education for Jenny Mundy-Castle

Recommendation for a Renewal Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New Certification from the State Department to teach Resource Room (1.0) Meridian High School for Mary Sue Messinger

Recommendation for a Renewal Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New Certification from the State Department of Education to teach in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Classroom (1.0) Sawtooth Middle School for Lauren Goold

Recommendation for renewal of an Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist from the State Department of Education:

- a. Nicholas Comberlango to continue to teach Extended Resource Room (1.0) for Eagle Middle School
- b. Abbie Sutherland to teach in the Positive Behavior Intervention Classroom (1.0) for Siena Elementary School
- c. Terri Wright to teach in the Extended Resource Room (1.0) for Meridian Elementary School

Recommendation for 2016-2017 Contractual Agreements for Special Services

Recommendation to approve bid for Chiller Replacement at Chaparral Elementary School to go to American Chiller Service in the amount of \$72,234

Recommendation for student expulsion

Discussion

Draft of Continuous Improvement Goals

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Continuous Improvement goals. Academic Success focused on career and college success goal at every level. Mr. Nesbitt believes career success and college readiness should start as early as kindergarten. Educating the parents and encouraging them to engage with their student. Every student has an opportunity for a varied academic and personal success. Mr. Nesbitt stated the Regional Directors will engage the principals of each school and identify areas to increase student success according to the schools identified goals.

Policy Code No. 604.00. Schools of Choice (second reading)

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, addressed the changes Mr. Exline made in the policy. Trustees requested Mr. Exline to present at the next board meeting the number of siblings that get into the School

Discussion Cont.

of Choice. Policy 604.00 (third reading) will be presented at the next board meeting.

Policy Code 501.10, School Attendance Policy (first reading)

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommended the change to the policy 501.10 to address juniors be eligible for one release period per day. Students qualification included the following:

- Enrolled in six or more advanced placements, International Baccalaureate, and/or Concurrent Credit courses.
- Completion of twenty-eight credits by the end of the tenth grade
- Completion of all ninth and tenth grade requirement
- Scored proficient or advanced on all portions of the ISAT test.

Trustees requested Ms. Sisson to reword the document to clarify the release period. Ms. Sisson agreed the wording could be changed to convey clarity. This Policy will return for another reading next board meeting.

Policy Code 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation (first reading)

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Lori Gash, Curriculum, addressed the proposed changes for Policy 603.20. The recommended change would occur in the section addressing the Academy High Schools and Rebound School of Opportunity. Ms. Gash explained the History requirements, need to satisfy the State requirements, provide clarity for parents and staff to assure students meet the History credit requirements. Ms. Sisson addressed the other change in Policy 603.20 would occur in the section addressing the Renaissance High School graduation requirements. Ms. Sisson recommendation to change the Health requirement. The requirement would be met by a class called Health Professions 1/Sports Medicine 1 A&B and a 70% on the EOC. Trustees had no questions and Policy 603.20 will return for second reading at next board meeting.

Design development of Pathways Middle School

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Trustees on the design development progress of Pathways Middle School. The additional information Mr. Yochum presented included the addition of exterior doors from the classrooms so students could deescalate. The Principal, Eric Eschen, felt this was an important feature to offer students. Trustees questioned the final bid on the Pathways project. Mr. Yochum explained one the bid would be without the two additional classroom and one bid with the additional classroom. He would then represent to the board when those bids are confirmed. Trustee Klopfenstein asked Mr. Yochum if the traffic would increase around Pathways. Mr. Yochum addressed the issue stating we already have a hawk light and crosswalks and the ACHD would not require a traffic study.

Action

Approve or deny the design of Pathways Middle School

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the design of Pathways Middle School.

Reports

Trustee Smylie reported he had a productive visit with the City of Meridian and was very interested in opening the dialog about the SRO program. Trustee Smylie also stated he had attended the PLC workshop and was impressed with the amazing staff and teacher involvement.

Trustee Ozuna had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Klopfenstein attended an aeronautic and space engineering event. He was introduced to several kids for the West Ada District, but would like to see West Ada teachers involved in the program. Trustee Klopfenstein also attended City Growth in July with the City of Meridian.

Vice Chair Vuittonet had attended the ISBA training and found it refreshing

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:34p.m.

Chairman

Clerk