



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 23, 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 23, 2016 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

**Trustees in Attendance** Chairman Phil Neuhoff , Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Ed Klopfenstein, and Steve Smylie

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Troy Stephens, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Joe Yochum, Dave Moser, Ramona Lee, Cindy Sisson, Shana Hawkins

**Guests** Rob Lundgreen, Mary Ollie, Sue Darden, Tanya Kayle

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE** Chairman Phil Neuhoff

**Amended Agenda** **Trustee Ozuna** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded to pull item #8, Recommendation to accept memorandum of understanding between West Ada School District and The Meridian Library District to discussion item # 5 and action item #4. The vote was unanimous to remove from consent agenda.

**Trustee Smylie** made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded to pull item #5, Recommendation to approve Interagency Governmental Agreement for Waiver of Costs and Fees between West Ada School District and the City of Meridian Idaho to discussion item #6 and action item #5. The vote was unanimous to remove from consent agenda.

**Trustee Smylie** made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded to pull item #9, Recommendation to approve the YMCA preschool agreement with West Ada School District to discussion item #7 and action item #6. The vote was unanimous to remove from consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda** **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:

Consent Agenda Cont.

Minutes of the:  
July 26, 2016 regular board meeting  
August 9, 2016 regular board meeting

Employment recommendations

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation to approve Cooperative Agreement between Idaho  
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and West Ada School District

Recommendation to approve the updated Idaho Special Education  
Manual (2016)

Recommendation to approve an Emergency Provisional Certification  
for the 2016-2017 School year for Kelci Lester from the State  
Department of Education to teach High School Math, 9th grade at  
Renaissance High School

Disposal of surplus equipment

Change order, Victory Middle School, FC #14 replacement of defective  
music storage cabinets, liners, and door in the amount of \$44,771.80 to  
Allwood Interiors Inc.

**Discussion**

**Policy Code No. 604.00 Schools of Choice**

Eric Exline, Communication Officer, presented a detailed report which included the numbers of students who were enrolled and the number of seats filled by siblings of current students. The comparison report outlined how many in each grade level and the number of students on a waiting list. The other change purposed by administration clarified which schools the policy applies to. Trustee Klopfenstein questioned the lottery system for the high schools. Mr. Exline explained the wait list at Renaissance High School typically has a long list of students wanting to attend Renaissance High School however; during the summer students and parents change their minds. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** expressed the incoming sibling is typical in all schools.

**Policy Code 501.10. School Attendance Policy**

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. Trustee Klopfenstein wanted clarification on the percentage of students this policy would affect. Ms. Sisson explained only a small audience and most of those students attend Renaissance High School.

**Policy Code 603.20. High School Credits & Graduation**

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the High School Credits and Graduation policy. Ms. Sisson noted the changed in the US history requirement and the changes to the Theory of Knowledge Graduation Requirements at Renaissance High School.

Discussion Cont.

Trustee Smylie expressed concerns about the broad range of online courses students are able to take for credits. Ms. Sisson explained the online programs must be accredited by AdvanceEd in order to count as a credit toward graduation. Trustee Ozuna questioned the courses recorded on the high school transcripts from an 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Sisson explained if the course is a High School course the students by law have to have the grade recorded on the high school transcript, however, if the grade is not what the student wants on transcript the student can retake the class as a high school student. Trustee Ozuna wanted to make sure parents are aware of this. Ms. Sisson assured Trustees parents and students are informed by counselors and letters sent home.

**Continuous Improvement Plan**

Communication Chief Eric Exline and Assistant Superintendent Don Nesbitt presented this year's Continuous Improvement Plan to the Board for consideration. The plan set forth, as required by Idaho Statute, specific data-driven goals in three areas; Family, Staff and Community Engagement; Safe and Supportive Schools; and Academic Success. The Board discussed the goals presented, and about the methodology behind the development of the goals. The final Continuous Improvement Plan must be approved by the Board in time to submit it to the state prior to October 1. Mr. Exline and Mr. Nesbitt will work on a few minor details and represent to the Board September 13<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

**Recommendation to approve Interagency Governmental Agreement for Waiver of Costs and fees between West Ada School District and the City of Meridian Idaho**

Trustee Smylie recommended this item to be pulled to clarify ongoing agreement has been adjusted to address the addition of the new schools. Trustee Ozuna wanted to know what the dollar amount would be that is waived. Mr. Yochum did not have a dollar amount. Mr. Yochum stated this document has been in place for three years and just need some minor additions added.

**Recommendation to accept memorandum of understanding between West Ada School District and The Meridian Library District**

Trustee Ozuna pulled item because administration wanted more time on this contract and to work on the agreement. Mr. Yochum expressed some technical issues that need to be corrected, but the agreement would be presented at the next board meeting. Mr. Yochum stated this agreement is for the 2016-2017 school year and would address safety issues for Hillsdale students. Trustee Smylie asked Mr. Yochum what would happen if the Library Bond failed. Mr. Yochum stated the space would convert into classrooms if necessary.

**Recommendation to approve the YMCA preschool agreement with West Ada School District**

Trustee Smylie questioned the relationship between the YMCA and West Ada. Mr. Yochum stated the YMCA has been providing before and after school programs to West Ada families for some time.

**Action**

**Approve or deny Policy Code No. 604.00 Schools of Choice**

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 604.00, Schools of Choice

**Approve or deny Policy Code 501.10, School Attendance Policy**

Trustee Smylie made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 501.10, School Attendance Policy

**Approve or deny Policy Code 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation**

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation

**Recommendation to approve Interagency Governmental Agreement for Waiver of Costs and Fees between West Ada School District and the City of Meridian Idaho**

Trustee Smylie made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Interagency Governmental Agreement for Waiver of Costs and Fees between West Ada School District and the City of Meridian Idaho

**Recommendation to accept memorandum of understanding between West Ada School District and The Meridian Library District**

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to table. Chairman Neuhoff would like to postpone action. Vice Chairman Vuittonet withdrew motion and motioned to postponing action, Trustee Smylie seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the postponing action between West Ada School District and The Meridian Library District.

**Recommendation to approve the YMCA preschool agreement with West Ada School District**

Trustee Smylie made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the YMCA preschool agreement with West Ada School District.

**Board Reports/  
Assignments**

Trustee Klopfenstein nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Ozuna wanted to express her appreciation to all the West Ada staff work to make the first day of school successful.

Trustee Vuittonet had nothing to report at this time.

Chairman Neuhoff reported the amazing kick-off event featuring Jamie Vollmer. This event set the positive tone for the start of the school year. Chairman Neuhoff also reported his appreciation of the Education Foundation of West Ada golf tournament. The money raised (30 thousand dollars) will help kids in the West Ada School District.

Trustee Smylie had the best two weeks in years. He wanted to praise Superintendent Ranells on the well-organized professional learning community workshop. Trustee Smylie also wanted to compliment principals at many of the schools he had the opportunity to visit. Mike Dudley, Gretchen Hart, Tony Nelson, Marcus Myer, Mike Hirano, Doni Davis, John Ursillo, and the counseling staff at Rocky Mountain High School.

Superintendent's  
Report

Superintendent Ranells appreciated Trustee Smylie and all his kind words. Dr. Ranells reported that Micah Lower has been selected to receive Presidential award for Science and Math Teaching. Micah is a science teacher at Heritage Middle School. Dr. Ranells invited Trustees to tour the ISU facility on September 6, 2016 and then have a special meeting if needed.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Neuhoff needed a motion to enter into Executive session. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, *per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) 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;* **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Neuhoff took a roll call vote at 7:49 p.m. to move into executive session. Trustee Klopfenstein, Trustee Ozuna, Vice Chairman Vuittonet, Chairman Neuhoff and Trustee Smylie all voted yes to move into executive session.

The Board took a ten-minute break and moved into executive session at 8:00p.m.

The board recessed from executive session at 8:24p.m. and continued in regular session.

**Action**

**Recommendation to approve or deny placing Employee A on probation for the 2016-2017 school year**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** moved and **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to place Employee A on probation for the 2016-2017 school year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Ozuna** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:26p.m.

