



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2016

**Date, Place & Time** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 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, and Steve Smylie

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Troy Stephens, Joe Yochum, Devan Delashmutt, Debbie Arstein, Joe Kelly, Miranda Carson, Eian Harm, Ramona Lee

**Guests** Tony Nelson, Tana Jons, Sue Darden, Ronda Hanson, Tanya Koyle, Brian Leisten, Holly Beech

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

**SPOTLIGHT** Miranda Carson, Transportation Liaison, reported that the buses, on average, have been on time 96% of the time. Cascade continued to work on hiring drivers. Ms. Carson reported that no parents went unnoticed, the turnaround response time needs to be quicker. Trustee Ozuna asked about the 4% of the buses that were not on time. Ms. Carson stated the 4% typically are the High School shuttle busses. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about the constant signage for bus drivers needed. Ms. Carson responded this is not a District problem but a nationwide problem. Trustees thanked Ms. Carson for her report.

**Amended Agenda** **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion to remove item #22, Recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School for \$89,998- Upgrade Campus to Inform Cast Paging and Clock System to discussion item #3 and action item #2. **Trustee Smylie** seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to remove from consent agenda.

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion to remove item #23, Recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School-Relocate Heat Pumps for \$27,773 to discussion item #4 and action item #3. **Trustee Smylie** seconded the motion and 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:

Payment of bill dated August 1-31, 2016

P-Card payments dated July 1-31, 2016

Monthly Budget Report

Minutes from:

- a. August 23, 2016, regular board meeting
- b. September 6, 2016, special board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation Angela Price for an Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist to teach Positive Behavior Intervention Special Education, (0.5 FTE) for Rocky Mountain High School

Recommendation Jami Hernandez for an Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New Certification/Endorsement to teach early Childhood Special Education, (1.0 FTE) for Desert Sage Elementary School

Recommendation for Jennifer Stuckel for an Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist Certification to teach in the Positive Behavior Intervention Classroom (1.0 FTE) for Heritage Middle School

Non-Student enrollment requests for the 2016-2017 school year

Recommendation to approve High School Academies Mastery Learning Attendance Model

Recommendation to approve the school resource officer agreement #1, between Ada County through the Ada County Sheriff's office and the West Ada School District for the 2016-2017 school year

Recommendation to approve the school resource officer agreement #2, between Ada County through the Ada County Sheriff's office and the West Ada School District for the 2016-2017 school year

Recommendation to approve Eagle Middle School to install a disc golf course on campus with a grant of \$1,021.00 from the City of Eagle

Recommendation to approve research project by Tana Jons at Eagle Middle School entitled "Attitudes about reading"

Consent Agenda cont.

Recommendation to accept memorandum of understanding between West Ada School District and The Meridian Library District (Available at Meeting)

Recommendation to approve the REVISED 2016-2017 School Calendars

Disposal of surplus equipment

Student Expulsions

Recommendation to install two Pacer Track signs on either sides of the shade structure on Ponderosa's playground from ASB money and a grant for a total of \$469.98

Discussion

**Revised Policy Code No. 501.90. Student Transfers**

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, presented changes to the transfer Policy 501.90. An important change to the document is the reduction of the class size. Trustee Ozuna asked Mr. Nesbitt if the policy for out of district transfers is just first come first serve. Mr. Nesbitt explained yes the policy is a first come basis, but the policy intent is to try to answer questions that had been addressed in the past. The revised policy will give clarity to parents when applying to the District. Trustees also questioned the money the District receives for the additional students. Mr. Nesbitt stated we do not get the property tax but we do receive ADA (average daily attendance) State Funding for the students, however transportation for these students is not provided by the District.

**Continuous Improvement Plan**

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented changes to the Continuous Improvement Plan. Mr. Exline removed two of the Idaho Reading Indicator graphs included in the previous document that included inaccurate data. Mr. Exline's addition of the Anchor Standards in Language Arts and the Core Standards Math progression in order to clarify the goal of the plan is to focus on the standards that will make students successful in school and beyond.

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, explained the 10% increase in student achievement as a District goal. Each school, and each teacher, will identify and set realistic goals. Mr. Nesbitt explained each teacher will have knowledge of individual students and the students' needs to move the standards towards the 10% goal. Mr. Nesbitt referred to Joe Kelly, Assessment and Accountability Administrator, for a breakdown of student achievement numbers. Mr. Kelly reported we would have to move 972 students from an Achievement Level of 1 or 2 to proficiency to see a 10% increase in Proficiency on the Mathematics ISAT District wide. Assuming we maintain proficiency with existing students we would need 18 additional students per school to achieve a proficient score. Mr. Kelly stated we would have to move 764 students from an

Achievement Level of 1 or 2 to proficiency to see a 10% increase in Proficiency on the English Language Arts ISAT District wide. Assuming we maintain proficiency with existing students we would need 14 additional students per school to achieve a proficient score. Trustees thanked Administration for the revised 2016-2017 Continuous Improvement Plan.

**Recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School for \$89,998- Upgrade Campus to Inform Cast Paging and Clock System**

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported the change order is considered a life safety issue. There are two independent paging and clock systems. The new remaining areas of the campus "Informacast" system for all new construction and the existing "Dukane" system for the remaining areas of the campus. At the time of the design of the building, there was an effort to try to tie the systems together. Achieving this has not been possible, requiring the old system to be changed.

**Recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School-Relocate Heat Pumps for \$27,773**

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported the demolition uncovered some heat pumps that serve portions of the building that are not currently being remodeled. The heat pumps need to be relocated to the area that is not currently being remodeled in order to continue to provide heat to these areas while the remodel continues. Trustees thanked Administration for the additional information provided.

**Action**

**Approve or deny the 2016-2017 Continuous Improvement Plan**

**Trustee Klopfenstein** made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the 2016-2017 Continuous Improvement Plan.

**Approve or deny recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School for \$89,998 - Upgrade Campus to Inform Cast Paging and Clock System**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the change order for Meridian High School for \$89,998 - Upgrade Campus to Inform Cast Paging and Clock System.

**Approve or deny recommendation to accept change order for Meridian High School-Relocate Heat Pumps for \$27,773**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the change order for Meridian High School-Relocate Heat Pumps for \$27,773.

**Board Reports/  
Assignments**

Trustee Klopfenstein reported the Ponderosa Elementary walking track will continue to impact students in the future. Building a strong foundation for students to continue a healthy life style.

Trustee Ozuna had no report for this meeting.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for Victory Middle School and Hillsdale Elementary. He expressed thanks to the community and thanks to the staff for the successful opening of the two new schools. He also reported meeting with two area senators to discuss additional ways to fund the construction of new school facilities.

Trustee Smylie reported working on legislative issues and his time spent at the state's school funding committee. Trustee Smylie testified, on his behalf, at the committee. Trustee Smylie also attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for Victory Middle School and Hillsdale Elementary School and was impressed with the community support.

Chairman Neuhoff reported on the ribbon cutting and the opening ceremonies. He reported how both of these schools were named after a one room school house that preceded them.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Ranells stated the Budget and Finance Department has completed the official budget document and provided it to the Board of Trustees. She wanted to thank Debbie Arstein and Gloria Rolland for the outstanding job. Superintendent Ranells also reminded the Board of the upcoming Idaho School Board Association meeting in November. She asked the Trustees to notify the Clerk, by next week, if they are planning to attend. Superintendent Ranells thanked the Board for their support and the continual confidence and trust they have in our District Staff and Administrators.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:14p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk