



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 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, December 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, Joe Yochum, Devan Delashmutt, Debbie Arstein, Gloria Rolland
Guests	Buzz Splittgerber, Sue Darden, Mary Ollie, Brock Ducharme, Michelle Chavez, Katie Greenway, Ken Johnson, Sara Vanderloan, Torrie Prestwich, Ericson Gueck, R. Lundy, Johanna Tennyson, Kaylee Padair
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded to move item #12 to the discussion and action sections of the agenda. The vote was unanimous to approve Item #12 to be placed as discussion item #5 and action item #3.
Amended Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:
Consent Agenda	Payment of bills dated November 1-30, 2016 P-Card Payments dated October 1-31, 2016 Monthly Budget Reports Minutes of: a. November 8, 2016 regular board meeting b. November 29, 2016 special board meeting Associated Student Body Reports Employment Recommendations Summary of Leave Request

Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New to teach:

- a. Holly Clayton-Earth Science at Mountain View High School
- b. Daisey Horner-Earth Science (.16FTE) at Idaho Fine Arts Academy
- c. Kim-Sa Pham-Secondary Earth Science and Physics 6/12 Eagle High School
- d. Garrett Swaggart-Earth Science at Rocky Mountain High School
- e. Wendell Jepson-to add History 10 and History 11 to EL classes for Centennial High School
- f. Marianne Baker-Content specialist at Eagle Hills Elementary School

Recommendation to approve Professional Engineering Services (Civil) RFQs 613903 to KM Engineering and The Land Group for a period of two (2) years for projects with a service fee less than \$25,000

Recommendation to award Mountain Steel Fabrication as low bid for Pathways Middle School Steel Fabrication and Erection

Recommendation to award Professional Land Surveying Services to Idaho Construction Surveying for a period of two (2) years for projects with a service fee less than \$25,000

Recommendation to approve Russell Corporation informal bids from contractors for the purchase and installation of food service equipment at Hillsdale Elementary School

Recommendation to approve 2017-2018 school calendar

- a. Traditional 2017-2018 school calendar
- b. Modified 2017-2018 school calendar
- c. Renaissance High 2017-2018 school calendar

Student expulsions

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

Discussion

Revised Policy Code No. 802.52, Business Travel

Chief Finance Officer, Debbie Arstein, stood for question on the third reading of Policy 802.52. Trustees had no questions or concerns for Ms. Arstein.

Revised Policy Code No. 501.80, Foreign Exchange Students

Chief Communication Officer, Eric Exline, represented Assistant Superintendent, Don Nesbit, for any question on the third reading of Policy 501.80. Trustees had no question for Mr. Exline.

Discussion/Cont.

Revised Policy Code No. 704. Building Safety Program

Assistant Superintendent, Joe Yochum, presented the Building Safety Program. The revision included the changes of safety committee to Risk Awareness Committee. Trustee Ozuna asked if the insurance providers have representation on the committee. Mr. Yochum indicated yes. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about teacher representation on the committee. Mr. Yochum indicated yes. This policy will return for a second reading.

Long Range Facility Plan

Assistant Superintendent, Joe Yochum, began the presentation by introducing the parent, staff, and patron members of the facility planning committee. Mr. Yochum highlighted the history of school bonds in the district. He followed up with enrollment trends in the district and also the current enrollments and capacities. Chief Communication Officer, Eric Exline, presented the growth projections and timelines for potential future bonds and described the process used to determine which projects are included on bond proposals. Mr. Exline presented the elementary, middle, and high school enrollment projections. The projected growth data was used to estimate the timing of future school needs. These enrollment numbers materialize depends on the rate of construction and sale of proposed residential subdivision across the district. Mr. Yochum continued the presentation with information about the plant facility levy, its uses, and potential uses in the future. Mr. Yochum cited many plant facility categories in a typical budget year. The requests are analyzed and prioritized in a series of categories based on the most pressing needs and the estimated costs. Mr. Yochum outlined the future site acquisition for future schools. Mr. Yochum also expanded on the future capital projects slated for many of our current schools. The Trustees asked questions about the growth methodology, the plant levy, and future voter initiatives. A patron, Buzz Splittgerber, spoke to the turf projects included as plant facility projects over the next ten years. His testimony reinforced the need to replace the turf at Eagle High.

Recommendation to approve Russell Corporation informal bids from contractors for the purchase and installation of food service equipment at Hillsdale Elementary School

Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked for clarification from Assistant Superintendent, Joe Yochum, on the bid process from Russell Corporation. Mr. Yochum explained he discovered the error and deducted the costs of bids for cafeteria equipment at Hillsdale. This equipment had already been purchased. Mr. Yochum sought recommendation from legal counsel to get indemnification from Russell Corporation before asking the Board to approve the bid.

Russell Corporation provided this indemnification. Trustees thanked Mr. Yochum for this clarification.

Action

Approve or deny revised Policy Code No. 802.52, Business Travel

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy Code No. 802.52, Business Travel.

Approve or deny revised Policy Code No. 501.80, Foreign Exchange Students

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy No. 501.80, Foreign Exchange Students.

Recommendation to approve Russell Corporation informal bids from contractors for the purchase and installation of food service equipment at Hillsdale Elementary School

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Russell Corporation informal bids.

**Board Reports/
Assignments**

Trustee Klopfenstein conveyed sincere thanks for everything the staff does to help students every day in all our schools. He was at Meridian Middle School where he met a student who was so excited about his new clothes. He later learned Principal Lisa Austin had purchased the clothes for this student. The positive impact many make in the schools goes beyond words.

Trustee Ozuna attended a program called beyond middle school at Victory Middle School. Several of the presentations were about CTE programs. Two of the presenters stated students did not have time to eat lunch and many ate lunch on the bus. Trustee Ozuna wondered about how we are handling food for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and asked that district staff follow up to make sure these students are being taken care of.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on The West Ada Foundation initiative called Filling the Gap. The idea is to raise funds to support schools with resources to assist students with lunches or clothes for their students.

Chairman Neuhoff reported on his visit to the state's committee public funding committee. He also reported on attending the Eagle High accreditation process. He congratulated the Eagle High staff for their preparation for the accreditation process.

Trustee Smylie reported on the Meridian High girls' basketball team and the participation in the seven days' care event over the weekend. He expressed his appreciation for all the community work many of our young students participate in throughout the year. Trustee Smylie also

reported on the work of the state's funding committee and encouraged everyone to read the Office of Performance Evaluation's report on educational funding. He reflected on the outcomes of the committee's funding survey, which indicated most people believe that school systems manage resources effectively.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ranells reported on the state's school funding committee. Dr. Ranells congratulated the finance department for its 16th award for the Meritorious Budget document. Dr. Ranells wanted to make sure Trustees are receiving answers to questions in a timely manner. Most of the responses are provided in the weekly dialogue.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m.

Chairman

Clerk