



Regular Board Meeting
11/15/2021 06:00 PM
 1303 East Central Drive

Meridian, ID 83642

Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. The Board will convene in regular session at 6:00 P.M.

In person attendance will be subject to seats available (60) in the Sawtooth boardroom. When all seats are full, patrons can view the board meeting broadcast live at this location: <https://www.westada.org/Page/35419>. We urge patrons to utilize this link.

Masks will be required in the boardroom. To accommodate patrons that do not want to wear a mask we provide a live broadcast of the meeting at this location: <https://www.westada.org/Page/35419>.

Public input on discussion items will be taken by submitting a written comment only: <https://www.westada.org/RemotePublicComment>. We value your input. For us to have time to review comments please submit your comments in advance. This allows trustees time to review your input/feedback. All messages will be shared with the Board and included in public record.

Attendees

Voting Members

Amy Johnson, Chair Zone 2
 Ed Klopfenstein, Trustee Zone 1
 Sheena Buffi, Trustee Zone 3
 Rusty Coffelt, Trustee Zone 4
 Rene Ozuna, Trustee Zone 5

Non-Voting Members

Derek Bub, Superintendent
 Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resource Officer
 Bret Heller, Deputy Superintendent
 Niki Scheppers, Communications (Temporary Clerk)
 Marcus Myers, Chief Academic Officer
 Jonathan Gillen, Chief Operations Officer
 Troy Stephens, System Administrator

Special Guest

Russel Duke, Central District Health (CDH) District Director (remote)

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Amy Johnson at 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dr. Derek Bub acknowledged and thanked newly elected trustees Lori Frasure (Zone 1 Trustee) and Angie Redford (Zone 3 Trustee) for their attendance and upcoming service to the West Ada School Community.

Dr. Bub expressed his gratitude to the community for the support and passing of the Supplemental

Levy sharing that the passing of the Supplemental Levy allows West Ada to continue to operate at the level we currently are.

Teaching and Learning: Dr. Bub shared his appreciation for West Ada teachers, acknowledging National School Psychology Week (November 8-12) and American Educator Week (November 15-19) taking a moment to intentionally recognize educators in the West Ada School District.

Finally, Dr. Bub honored Veteran's Day (November 11), recognizing and thanking employees and community members who currently serve or have served in the military - thanking them for their service. Dr. Bub shared his experience at the Eagle High School "Heroes Walk" appreciating the many heroes and frontline workers in our community.

Upcoming: Dr. Bub shared that he will be holding various stakeholder meetings with parents, teachers, students and classified employees. These meetings are aimed at gathering a pulse on where West Ada is and what our District needs are from area to area.

COVID-19 Update: Dr. Bub shared that vaccinations are now available in the Treasure Valley for children ages 5-11. Dr. Bub reviewed COVID school numbers in West Ada School District:

- Week of 11/07/2021 - 16 cases reported - average of 5.34 cases per 100,000
- Week of 10/31/2021 - 52 cases reported
- Week of 10/24/2021 - 59 cases reported
- Week of 10/17/2021 - 63 cases reported

Dr. Bub shared COVID community numbers - 6.9% testing positivity. St. Alphonsus - 35 active cases, St Luke's - 67 active cases. Treasure Valley reports sit at a 72% vaccination rate (ages 12 and older).

IV. West Ada School District Spotlight

A. Special Services

Yes I Can! Awards from the Council for Exceptional Children (2021):

- Sierra Nielson, Mountain View High School
- Harun Topalovic, Lowell Scott Middle School

National School Psychology Week:

- Echo Mansfield, recipient of the Idaho School Psychologist Association Distinguished Service Award. WASD School Psychologist at Spalding STEM, Christine Donnell School of the Arts and Hillsdale Elementary.
- Teresa Fritsch, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Idaho School Psychologist Association. WASD School Psychologist at Sawtooth Middle School (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program) and Owyhee High School.

West Ada Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Programs:

- Ponderosa Elementary School:
 - Kaycee Choate, Principal
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program teachers: Holly Ames and Brittany Orr
 - Currently the DHH has 19 students and 7 Kindergartners who are also a part of Idaho Education Services for the Deaf and Blind
 - ASL Interpreters:
 - Bria Martinez
 - Holly Kohler
 - Parent Testimony:
 - Stacey Trevino, daughter Sonya in 3rd grade

- Jannell McDonald, daughter Seren in 4th grade
- LaLaneya Henderson, son Landon in 3rd grade

Administration, teachers and parents representing the Ponderosa Elementary Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program shared their overwhelming gratitude and appreciation for the DHH Program and its faculty as well as their hard work and efforts. Parents expressed their gratitude for a program where their children are able to learn, succeed and be included regardless of disability as a result of the environment of love and learning at Ponderosa Elementary.

B. Community Appreciation

Superintendent Dr. Derek Bub honored the community heroes that responded to students in need on October 6.

On October 6, one of the West Ada Cascade Student Transportation buses was involved in an incident. The driver struck a tree near Ustick and Ten Mile roads in Meridian as the result of a medical emergency. The bus driver has recovered and is in good health. The students on the bus at this time were not injured. However, several were understandably upset and scared. Fortunately for the bus driver and the students involved, several fast-responding bystanders came to their aid. These community heroes are: Ken Olguin, James Whipple and Erin James. We are forever grateful to these community heroes as well as the first responders who assisted in reuniting students with their parents and providing a sense of security to children. We thank all of these heroes for their heroism and bravery and making our community a better place.

V. Discussion

A. 2022 Proposed ISBA Resolutions (Resolutions 1-3 and 5-9)

Chairman Amy Johnson introduced the topic and the ISBA resolutions (1-3 and 5-9) to the Board and explained how each trustee's vote counts towards the ISBA resolutions reviewed in the package.

B. Revised Policy 203.3, Patron Grievance (second reading) - Bret Heller

Deputy Superintendent Bret Heller presented West Ada Policy 203.3 - Patron Grievances in a second reading of the policy. Trustees Buffi and Coffelt were both on the committee for Policy 203.3. Changes were outlined in the document in red. Trustees Klopfenstein, Ozuna and Johnson made recommendations regarding the policy:

- Trustee Klopfenstein: The last paragraph could be more specific in stating "grievant" and defining a process for the grievant as well as possible actions once a grievance is filed
- Trustee Ozuna: Recommended using the term "feedback" as opposed to criticism
- Chair Johnson: Recommended that the process of filing a grievance be outlined more explicitly in the policy

Policy 203.3 will return to the Board for a third reading.

C. Revised Policy 502.60 (first reading) - Geoff Stands

North Region Director Geoff Stands presented West Ada Policy 502.60 - Interviews and Administrative Searches in a first reading. Director Stands explained that there were two additions to the policy; 1.) practices regarding law enforcement to ensure that policy matched building procedure and 2.) the definition of "reasonable suspicion". Chair Johnson requested that the policy be put through legal counsel prior to a second reading.

Policy 502.60 will return to the Board for a second reading.

D. Revised Policy 1003.2 (first reading) - Jonathan Gillen

Chief Operations Officer Jonathan Gillen presented West Ada Policy 1003.2 - School - Community Relations in a first reading. Mr. Gillen explained that there would be a change in process regarding rental agreements and practices. This change would ensure that rental costs were provided to prospective renters up front. Mr. Gillen shared that the policy was reviewed by legal counsel and is considered to be a more effective, transparent process for renters. Rates would not be published in policy, rather be put on Board "consent agendas" moving forward providing operations the ability to change rates based on market value but not the policy in its entirety. Trustees had no questions or revisions for the first reading of Policy 1003.2.

E. West Ada 2021 Fall Benchmark Data Review and Our Instructional Response - Marcus Myers

Chief Academic Officer Marcus Myers presented 2021 fall benchmark data in Early Literacy and Mathematics and reviewed the District's instructional response in both content areas. Mr. Myers shared grade level assessment data from both Early Literacy and Mathematics assessments and explained how each assessment provides a level of accountability to ensure that students are learning. Both assessments are utilized by the District as learning tools providing data for systemic use and informing stakeholders.

F. COVID-19 Protocols: Mask requirement triggers

The Board took a break at 7:45pm resuming open session at 7:53pm.

Guest Speaker: Russell Duke, CDH Director (remote)

Chairman Johnson began the discussion by explaining that one of the mask requirement triggers had been met: vaccinations for children ages 5-11 and asked Superintendent Dr. Bub for potential recommendations regarding masks in schools.

Dr. Bub presented a "West Ada Decision Criteria Matrix" to the Board outlining a green, yellow and red procedure for school based decisions based on COVID percentages from the West Ada Covid-19 Dashboard. Dr. Bub reviewed each color, the universal precautions and quarantine procedures associated with each color on the matrix with the Board. The proposed matrix was then opened to the Board for questions. The Board discussed the current community spread in Ada County and asked for verification from Mr. Russel Duke, guest speaker. The Board shared their desire to keep operational decisions at the discretion of the Superintendent, providing Dr. Bub the ability to adjust any policy. The Board shared their concerns regarding the "red" category and contact tracing done by school personnel stating that this would be a large undertaking for school sites. The Board recommended that any policy regarding mask requirements should still inform parents of positive COVID cases in classrooms. The Board clarified and reviewed with Mr. Duke the availability of vaccines for children ages five to eleven in Ada County and reviewed the timeline for a child to be fully vaccinated with both doses of the vaccine and the required inoculation period. Mr. Duke reviewed with the Board the efficacy of vaccinations. The Board discussed possible timelines for putting a mask optional requirement in schools based on the vaccine availability for children ages five through eleven, should families choose this option for their children.

1. Russell Duke, CDH District Director, available for Board questions (remote)

Phone call ended at 8:42pm

VI. ACTION ITEMS: the Board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify, or postpone action on any of the items listed below

A. 2022 Proposed ISBA Resolutions (Resolutions 1-3 and 5-9)

The Board support items 1-3 and 5-9.

Motion made by: Ed Klopfenstein

Motion seconded by: Rusty Coffelt

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. COVID-19 Protocols: Mask Requirement Triggers

Transition to a mask optional environment for students and staff in District facilities, while maintaining current positive case notification procedures, starting November 29.

Motion made by: Rusty Coffelt

Motion seconded by: Rene Ozuna

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VII. CONSENT AGENDA: All items on Consent Agenda are considered action items. The Board may approve all of the following items by a single motion and vote – unless any member of the Board asks that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and action later in the agenda.

Approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Ed Klopfenstein

Motion seconded by: Sheena Buffi

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

A. Board Expense Report / Payment of Bills: October 1-31, 2021

B. Board Report / PCard Expenses: September 1-30, 2021

C. Finance & Operations Monthly Reports: October 1-31, 2021

D. Meeting Minutes of :

1. October 25, 2021 Regular board meeting

2. October 13, 2021 Special board meeting

E. Associated Student Body (ASB) Reports

F. Employment Recommendations: New Hires, Changes and Separations

G. Leave Requests

H. Alternative Authorization - Teacher to New:

1. Angela Badger to work as an ERI Teacher

2. Michael Hagadone to work as a Special Education Teacher

- I. Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist: Joseph Willard to teach Science
- J. Recommendation to approve Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculum
- K. Recommendation to approve Chukar Ridge Temporary Construction Easement
- L. Recommendation to approve Chukar Ridge Permanent Easement for Emergency Vehicle Access
- M. Recommendation to approve the appraisal of the Idaho Fine Arts Academy (IFAA) portables
- N. Recommendation to approve the sale of Idaho Fine Arts Academy (IFAA) portables
- O. Recommendation to approve Keller Associates as Civil Engineer for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
- P. Recommendation to approve Oaks North License Agreement
- Q. Recommendation to approve Student Tours, Excursions and Overnight Trips:
 - 1. Owyhee High School Surge Dance Team to attend USA Dance Nationals competition in Anaheim, CA leaving March 23 and returning March 27, 2022
 - 2. Centennial High School "Sweet Liberty" Dance Team to attend USA Dance Nationals in Anaheim, CA leaving March 23 and returning March 27, 2022
 - 3. Centennial High School annual Choir trip to attend Disneyland in Anaheim, CA leaving March 2 and returning March 6, 2022
 - 4. Rocky Mountain High School "Diamond Dancers" to participate in Dance Team Union (DTU) Nationals competition in Orlando FL, leaving February 16 and returning February 21, 2022
 - 5. Owyhee High School "Storm Spirit" Cheer team to attend USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, CA leaving February 23 and returning March 1, 2022.
- R. Disposal of Personal Property Notification
- S. Non-Resident Student Enrollment Requests for the 2021-2022 School Year
- T. Suspension Report for the First Quarter of the 2021-2022 School Year

VIII. Work Session

Due to technical difficulties, the Board could not proceed with their Work Session. The Board elected to complete the Work Session remotely via shared document.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- Appoint Clerk of the Board

X. Adjournment

Adjourn at 9:20pm

Motion made by: Ed Klopfenstein

Motion seconded by: Sheena Buffi

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Clerk