



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2013

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 5:31 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 South Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Loraine Hand, Reid Olsen, Anne Ritter
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Barbara Leeds, Trish Duncan, Kate Hunter, Laura Gilchrist, Alex Simpson, Cindy Sisson, Joe Yochum, Kevin Leishman, Sue Darden
Guests	Melissa Thomas, Katie Peden, Jenny Allred, Melissa Carico, Holly Beech

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vuittonet

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 5:32 p.m. to move to executive session to discuss personnel and legal. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened in regular session.

### Personnel

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to ratify the superintendent's recommendation to place certificated employee "E" on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation.

### Consent Agenda

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended consent agenda items as they appear below:

Payment of Bills dated February 1-28, 2013;

Minutes of the February 26, 2013 regular board meeting;

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Sarah Barker, teacher, five (5) days;
- Gary Chambers, bus driver, six (6) days;
- Holley Dryden, teacher, 2013-2014 school year;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

- Judith Engle, paraprofessional, twenty-five (25) days;
- Lynette Fogg, teacher, 2013-2014 school year;
- Mary Schmidt, teacher, eleven (11) days;
- Jackie Shipp, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Sherry Shipp, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Donald Weatherhead, bus driver, one (1) day;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Michelle Conger and Wendy Spencer, five (5) days, to attend the PowerSchool User’s Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Paul Durham, six (6) days; Stephanie Wheeler, four (4) days to attend the Business Professional of America 2013 National Leadership Conference, in Orlando, Florida; (attendance based on student placement at State finals)
- Gay Lynn Erb, four (4) days to attend the National Science Teachers Association Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Forum and Expo in St. Louis, Missouri;
- Laura Gilchrist, four (4) days, to attend the “Creating an Impact School” Workshop in Lawrence, Kansas;
- Vern Hickman, three (3) days, to attend the American Culinary Federation Western Regional Conference in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho;
- Julie Hill, four (4) days, to attend the National Business Professionals of America Competition in Orlando, Florida;(attendance based on student placement at State finals)
- Tobey Jossis, three (3) days, to attend Virtual Leadership Training in Orlando, Florida;
- Kristy J. Keaton, three (3) days; Sharon Muniz and E. Gene Yundt, two (2) days, to visit various post-secondary schools in the Los Angeles, California area emphasizing the hospitality and tourism industry;
- Lisa Knight, four (4) days, to attend the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute Instructors Seminar in Coos Bay, Oregon;
- Don Nesbitt, four (4) days, to attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas;
- Barbara Oldenburg, four (4) days to participate in the University of Idaho music education program audit, Moscow, Idaho;
- Zach Rehwalt, five (5) days to attend Cisco Networkers Training in Orlando, Florida;
- Patricia Stokes, two (2) days to attend the Idaho State Envirothon in Challis, Idaho;
- Cathy Thornton, three (3) days to attend the National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities in Long Beach, California;
- Joe Yochum, two (2) days to attend the League of Innovative Schools meeting with the IDEO team in San Francisco, California;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years;

Recommendation to seek a Provisional Certificate from the Idaho State Board of Education for Corey Fuller to teach extended resource classes at Meridian High School;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

Recommendation to set the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees for Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the District Service Center;

Improvements to district property at:

- Chief Joseph Elementary, purchase and installation of a storage shed, funded through building plan facilities dollars;
- Heritage Middle School, construction of a school garden, funded through grants, donations and fundraising;
- Lake Hazel Middle School, installation of electricity to the concession stand and sod on each baseball infield. Southwest Ada Little League will cover costs associated with these improvements;
- Lowell Scott Middle School, a new mural will be painted on a school wall based on the participation of the Mixed Media class of the Visual Art portion of the Primera Arts Enrichment program in the GoOn Foundation grant;
- Meridian High School, placement of an 8x8 storage shed donated by Stor-Mor Sheds on the concrete slab next to the new tennis courts;
- Rocky Mountain High School, removal of sod and installation of a concrete pad, permanent steel poles, and tin roof for picnic shades near the baseball field, funded through Jeff Lamping, Greg Barney and the RMHS Baseball Association;

Request by Centennial High School A Cappella and Concert Choir to attend the 2013 Spring Choir Tour in Anaheim, California, April 4-7, 2013 (as required by Policy Code No. 503.7, *Student Tours, Excursions and Overnight Trips*);

Bids awarded to Buss Mechanical for Meridian High School central plant mechanical equipment in the amount of \$386,800; and to Enterprise Electric for Meridian High School central plan electrical in the amount of \$12,600;

Sanitary sewer, water and recycled water main easement with the City of Meridian on the north side of Franklin Road between Linder and Ten Mile Road (2645 square foot parcel south end of transportation property);

Permanent gas line easement with Intermountain Gas Company over the existing gas facility at Meridian High School;

Disposal of surplus property in accordance with Policy Code No. 803.21, *Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies* and Idaho Code 33-601, *Real and Personal Property – Acquisition, Use or Disposal of Same*;

Recommended student expulsions.

**Discussion/Action**

Second Quarter Financial Report

Alex Simpson, finance director, reviewed general fund, plant facility, and all district funds with trustees for the second quarter of the 2012-2013 school year.

Mandarin Chinese Textbook  
Adoption Approved

Kate Hunter, schools of choice coordinator, presented a textbook adoption proposal for immersion Mandarin, grades 1-3 at Gateway School of Language and Culture. These texts will serve as primary language resources in those classes that aim to build language skills through the study of other academic subjects and include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – *Ni Hao*. Fredlein, F., & Fredlein, P. (2011), 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Brisbane, Australia: Chinasoft;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – *Easy Steps to Chinese 1*. Yamin, M., & Xinying, L. (2012), Beijing, China: Beijing Language and Culture University Press;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – *Easy Steps to Chinese 2*. Yamin, M., & Xinying, L. (2011), Beijing, China: Beijing Language and Culture University Press;

The total cost for the textbook adoption would be \$2,600 and funds come from the Schools of Choice textbook budget.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended textbook adoption for grades 1-3 at Gateway School of Language and Culture.

Common Core  
English/Language/Arts  
Review

Laura Gilchrist, language arts coordinator, shared a review of Common Core state standards for English, language, and arts including background, structure of the standards, structure of the assessment, impact on students, what it will mean instructionally and what we have done to implement.

Ms. Gilchrist continued her presentation with an overview of MyOn Reader explaining the site is an online digital library with reading material from pre-kindergarten to high school. A majority of texts are informational and can be accessed either at school or on a home computer. The program began with at a pilot at seven (7) elementary schools and has expanded to include all elementary schools in the district. Students have read over 131,000 books so far this school year.

REVISED Policies Approved

Dr. Bruce Gestrin presented revisions to Policy Code No. 401.12, *Salary Schedule Placement for Out-of-District Teaching Experience*. Dr. Gestrin explained how difficult it was for district staff to establish what a year of college experience encompassed with the varying number of classes and semesters taught at that level. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revisions as proposed.

Joe Yochum, region director, continued with recommended revisions to Policy Code No. 501.10, *Secondary Attendance Policy*. Mr. Yochum reviewed the proposed modifications and trustees suggested the addition of wording that would explain what the attendance standard is for each level. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the policy with suggested changes.

Mr. Yochum continued with proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 501.30, *Elementary Attendance Policy* and stated the suggested changes

would put this policy in alignment with the secondary policy. Habitual truancy language was changed to match State Code. Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revisions as presented.

Mr. Yochum reviewed changes to Policy Code No. 602.70, *Accreditation*. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the changes are presented.

Proposed revisions to a second reading of Policy Code No. 1001.40, *E-mail and Electronic Communications Use* were discussed and trustees thanked Mr. Yochum for the revisions that were made to the policy following the first reading. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and vote was unanimous to approve the revisions as presented.

**Board Reports/Assignments**

Trustee Ritter continues with her work on the governor's task force; spoke with a University of Idaho class on ethics and the Professional Standards Committee; spoke with a group in Eagle on the proposed laws in the legislature and attended ISBA Governmental Affairs committee meetings.

Chairman Vuittonet is working with Diane Oliva, EL Family Support Coordinator, and the Mexican consulate to find ways to partner with them on literacy programs in our schools.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Clark reported on her attendance at the League of Innovative School meeting where she presented a workshop on our 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom pilots. Trustees were encouraged to contact their legislators to support a new house bill that had been introduced earlier in the day regarding property tax exemptions. Support will protect the market value for future levies, and the effect to the district will be minimal with an increase in our assessed valuation. Bad news from the State Department of Education is that the flooring bill that protects districts against reductions in student enrollment from the previous year went into effect this year. Small school districts came to the legislature in 2012 and were successful in passing legislation that draws monies from growing districts for a pool that will support reductions. Our district lost 4.1 support units which cost the district \$330,000. Dr. Clark will meet with the chairman and vice chairman of North Star Charter School on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>; she will update the board following that meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk