



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2013

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 5:30 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, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Dr. Bruce Gestrin
Guests	Amy White, Nick Miller
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Vuittonet
Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Ritter moved and Trustee Calinsky seconded a motion to add legal to executive session and to schedule a special board meeting for Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 5:32 p.m. to move into executive session for legal, negotiations and personnel. 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 6:54 and reconvened in regular session at 7:01 p.m.
Guests	Sue Darden, Tina Dean, Holly Beech, Gloria Rolland, Dave Roberts, Doni Davis, Bill Suggs, Brian Smith, Katrina Little, Joe Yochum, Kevin Richert, Jim Miller
<b>Good News</b>	Dr. Clark recognized outgoing trustees Reid Olsen and Loraine Hand for their service to the district and expressed her gratitude for their hard work and dedication to the students and staff during their tenure.
<b>Consent Agenda Approved</b>	Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented. Approved items are as follow:  Minutes of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 1, 2013 special board meeting;</li><li>• May 14, 2013 regular board meeting;</li><li>• May 22, 2013 special board meeting;</li><li>• May 25, 2013 special board meeting;</li><li>• June 5, 2013 special board meeting;</li></ul>
<b>Consent Agenda – cont.</b>	Employment recommendations;

Request for leave without pay from Mark Bevel, bus driver, five and one-half (5½) days;

Request for professional leave for Mary Jo Latham to attend the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute Instructors Seminar in Coos Bay, Oregon;

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New, for Sylvie Maria Lea Carbajal to teach Spanish at Meridian Middle School;

Recommendation to seek an Alternative Authorization renewal for Angela Larsen to teach Special Education at Seven Oaks Elementary;

REVISED Job Descriptions:

- Behavioral Intervention Professional;
- Database Engineer;
- Homebound Instructor;
- School Psychologist;

Recommendation to increase elementary school lunch prices to \$2.55 for the 2013-2014 school year;

Improvements to district property at:

- Centennial High School, construction of an indoor hitting facility for the baseball and softball teams, funded through the Centennial High school Baseball Group;
- Hunter Elementary, placement of a wood shed to be used for PTA storage, funded by the PTA in the amount of \$1,063.00;

Bid awarded for Extended Resource Room restroom improvements at Spalding STEM Academy to Excelsior Construction in the amount of \$27,500.00;

Bid awarded for Extended Resource Room restroom improvements at Joplin Elementary to Excelsior Construction in the amount of \$25,300.00 (base bid – ERR bathroom only);

Permanent easement at Sawtooth Middle School to Idaho Power Company for work associated with the installation of a cell phone tower.

## **Discussion/Action**

### Budget Hearing

Alex Simpson, budget director, guided trustees through an overview of the district's revenue and expenses beginning with the 2009-10 budget through the 2013-14 proposed budget (see Attachment A).

### 2013-2014 Proposed Budget Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as presented.

2012-13 Amended Budget  
Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

North Star Charter School  
Response to Letter of Defect

Jim Miller, chairman of North Star Charter Schools board of directors, described the main points of the forbearance agreement that was negotiated with their bond holders: (a) provides \$650,000 from a reserve account to close the 2012-13 fiscal year; (b) reduces the amount bond holders will withhold from state payments next school year; and (c) acknowledges a need to meet in February 2014 to consider a renegotiation of the bond agreement. Members of their board are scheduled to meet with bond holders in July.

Discussion continued with questions regarding the repayment of funds to the reserve account at the end of the fiscal year; contact with bond holders; changes to the membership of the board; continued borrowing from reserve accounts to cover annual expenses, and the cost of the two consultants hired by the bond holders. Although the forbearance agreement assures the school will have the funds to continue for the next school year, Trustees continued to express concerns the school remains financially unstable for the coming year and into the future, specifically citing the lack of a plan to have required bond payments in the bank by June 30, 2014. Non-compliance with any part of the forbearance agreement could result in the bond holders asking for full payment which in turn could cause the school to close.

Mr. Miller stated they feel very confident with their relationship with the bond holders and that given time, they will work out their long term financial issues.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to revoke North Star Charter School's charter and to have administration work with counsel to draft the required letter to be sent to North Star. Trustee Olsen asked to have some kind of acknowledgment of the work the North Star board has done to correct financial issues at the school. The motion passed unanimously.

The board asked administration to work with North Star on a date for the hearing, emphasizing their desire to schedule it as close to receipt of North Star's reply as possible.

REVISED Policy Code No.  
401.13 Approved

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 401.13, *Certified Transfers*.

Revisions to Policy Code No.  
603.10, *Grade Placement*  
(formerly titled Progress  
Reports) Receive First  
Reading

Dr. Gestrin explained the proposed revisions will match what we are doing in education today where the emphasis is on teaching to the student's level. Trustees discussed the governor's task force work on social promotion and asked for the policy to receive a second reading at a future board meeting.

Board  
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Olsen reported on his attendance at the Meridian Technical Charter High School. The school will need a replacement for his seat after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Hand reported on her attendance at the Meridian Medical Arts Charter High school and stated a replacement will be needed at their school also. She has resigned her seat on the Meridian Education Foundation board and noted that the Foundation Board intends to invite Trustee Vuittonet to fill the vacant seat.

Trustee Ritter attended the structural change task force committee meeting.

Chairman Vuittonet continues his work on a Latino partnership with the Mexican consulate. This is an outreach program to help parents of Hispanic students learn more about the educational process and how they can help their children. He will keep the board informed on upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark shared a copy of the article she had written on operational funding that will appear in the Meridian Press at the end of the week. Work continues with the task force committees on recommendations for funding instability and teacher compensation. Dr. Clark participated in a symposium on federal involvement in local government where the impact of sequestration on school districts was discussed.

Personnel

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to hire Lillian Stewart Faulkner as the new principal at Seven Oaks Elementary. Scott Stuart will be returning from a leave of absence to continue his work as the district activities director and Mike Farris will move to an assistant principal position at Rocky Mountain High School.

Board Reconvenes in  
Executive Session

The Board reconvened in executive session at 9:22 p.m.

Executive session concluded at 9:44 p.m. and the Board moved to open session.

Superintendent Contract  
Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve a three year contract for Dr. Clark.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk