



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2013

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 5:30 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 South Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Barbara Leeds, Alex Simpson, Eric Exline, Jackie Thomason, Don Nesbitt, Jean Dean, Trish Duncan
Guests	Sue Darden

CALL TO ORDER

Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of Daniel Davidian and Roxanne Wiltse, who are seeking alternative authorization from the State Department of Education, add executive session for negotiations, and to hear a portion of the superintendent's report at the beginning of the meeting.
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Superintendent's Report

Eric Exline, community relations director, shared a brief overview of the district with trustees. The district will educate 36,601 students in thirty-two (32) elementary schools, nine (9) middle schools and nine (9) high schools. Options for students include Ada Professional Technical High School, Renaissance High School, and eleven (11) elementary schools of choice. The students will be taught by 1791 teachers, and 2200 full and part-time non certified staff support the district as computer aides, special education aides, bus drivers, food service staff, custodian, school secretaries, central office staff and crossing guards. Custodians clean and maintain 4,640,000 square feet of building space and 870 acres of lawn; food service staff prepare 3,374,768 meals, and more than 1450 substitutes teach 47,060 days. Bus drivers transport 13,405 students each day and the bus fleet logs slightly less than 3 million miles per year.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as amended. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated August 1-31, 2013;

Requests for professional leave for:

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Dr. Linda Clark, one (1) day, to attend the Education Summit, Salem, Oregon;
- Lisa Bray and Mike Dudley, four (4) days to attend Jim Knight's Instructional Coaching Workshop, Lawrence, Kansas;
- Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Juan (Mike) Vuittonet, three (3) days to attend the Idaho School Board Association Annual Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;
- Michael Gartner, off contract, to attend training on the TriCaster 455, Logan Utah;
- Dr. Bruce Gestrin, one (1) day, to attend the K12 Education Congress Leadership conference, San Diego, California;
- Alta Graham, Staci Low, Wendy Spencer, two (2) days, to attend class choice training, Provo, Utah;
- Debi Nelson, David Roberts, Tammie Shappee, four (4) days, to attend SunGuard National User's Group National Conference, San Antonio, Texas;
- Jeanne Paseman, two (2) days, Business Professionals of America Leadership Training, Pocatello, Idaho;
- Teri Powell, four (4) days; Jackie Thomason, five (5) days, Solution Tree Assessment Institute, Atlanta, Georgia;
- Liz Russell, Shane Stevenson, Patricia Stokes, Trent VanLeuven, Steve Wilder, five (5) days, National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky;
- Scott Stuart, one (1) day, Idaho High School Activities Association September Board Meeting, Pocatello, Idaho;
- Jason Tindall, one (1) day, Rangeland Assessment Career Development Event, Burley, Idaho;
- Trent VanLeuven, one (1) day, State Soils Career Development Event, Burley, Idaho;
- Cirstin Zimmermann, two (2) days, Idaho School Psychologist Association Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Cirstin Zimmerman, one (1) day, National Association of School Psychologist's Western Regional Meeting, Reno, Nevada;

Employment recommendations;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 school year;

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization, Teacher to New, from the State Department of Education for:

- Katherine A. DeChambeau, to teach resource room at Central Academy;
- Daniel Davidian, to teach Health at Central Academy;
- Rosann Wiltse, to teach Earth Science at Centennial High School;

NEW Job descriptions for:

- Extended day paraprofessional;
- Extended day Title I teacher;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Improvement to district property at:

- Lake Hazel Middle School, various murals to promote school pride and improve the schools' aesthetics, funded by the PTSO;
- Mary McPherson Elementary, Eagle Scout project to improve the Quiet Area, funded through donations from local businesses and the schools' PTO;

2013-2014 elementary and secondary bus routes;

Recommendation to reject pizza bids due to irregularities in bid packages;

Recommendation to reject bids for three used buses;

Resource Officer Agreements for the 2013-2014 school year with the Ada County Sheriff's Department:

- Agreement #1 – for period August 27, 2013 – September 30, 2013;
- Agreement #2 – for period October 1, 2013 – June 4, 2014;

Discussion/Action

REVISED Principal and
Teacher Evaluation Forms
Approved

Barbara Leeds, human resources director, reviewed revisions to the teacher and principal evaluation forms. The new teacher evaluation form has been updated with the adoption of the new Charlotte Danielson matrix and seniority will determine a tie in the Reduction in Force (RIF) matrix.

A suggestion by Dr. Clark to video an explanation of the evaluation process and make it available on the district web site for teachers was supported by the board.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revised teacher and principal evaluation forms.

Emergency Levy Increase
Approved

Alex Simpson, budget director, reviewed the computation of the emergency school levy for the 2013-14 school year. An increase in the budgeted number of students will result in approximately \$800,000 from the emergency levy that will be used to cover the cost of MAP testing, textbooks and to help cover the 2013-2014 cliff talked about at the June budget meeting. Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amount of the emergency levy. The increased amount will cost the homeowner just under \$5 annually on a \$100,000 home.

Race to the Top Grant

Dr. Clark updated the board on the status of the Race to the Top Grant application process. Schools that could receive help in our district include the five academies, Meridian Middle School and the five elementary schools with the highest rate of poverty. The grant would provide funding for technology and move the schools toward personalized learning.

REVISED Policies Approved Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 100, *Mission Statement – Statement of Philosophy*.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 101, *Exceptions to District Policies, Rules, Regulations and Procedures*.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 102, *Code of Ethics of the Idaho Teaching Profession*.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 601.30, *Class Size and Load*.

Board
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Dean – attended the launch day at Barbara Morgan STEM Academy.

Trustee Vuittonet – attended the launch day also. Met with education foundation and talked about direction, strategic goals and how to raise the bar on fundraising. A private donor has pledged \$15,000 dollars to help students take concurrent credit classes if someone will match the donation. They did receive a match and the program will go forward. Met with TVEP, the committee to increase the number of students going to college will conduct a contest between four high schools to see who can get the most FAFSA applications turned in. Meridian High School has been chosen as one of the schools to participate. The Latino partnership is moving along with an event on September 19th to show Hispanic families what the school district offers.

Trustee Calinsky – will meet with the Meridian Technical Charter High school board next week.

Trustee Ritter – met with the ISBA to talk about resolutions and the legislative session. Chosen to represent Idaho on a team using a two year grant to look at teacher education programs and getting the teacher learner ready. Idaho was one of seven states named in the grant.

Superintendent's Report –
continued

Dr. Clark –the Governor's Task Force recommended development of a strategic plan for the state and key law makers have recognized and supported the idea that schools need operational funding restored. Willow Creek Elementary will have their ribbon cutting event on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. as part of their back to school night. Star Elementary will be dedicating a new track at their back to school night that same day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ritter took a roll call vote of the board at 6:47 p.m. to move into executive session for negotiations. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 6:57 p.m. and continued in regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk