



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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, Trish Duncan, Alex Simpson, Adam Collins, Lori Gash, Sue Darden, Kathleen Koch, Anita Blackburn, Kim Schmillen, Tracy Fuller, Susy Hufford, Misty Sterk, Luke Franklin, Jennifer Anderson, Eric Thies, Ean Fitzpatrick, Miriam Bishop, Carol Arnold, Clay Hatfield
Guests	Jessica Flood, Lorena Sorensen, Jan Mays, Heather Bond, Kristy Sligar, Gary Jacobsen, Brittany Bishop

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mike Vuittonet

REGULAR SESSION

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda by removing #6 under Discussion/Action (Global Outreach Charter School Petition) as the petitioners were not ready with answers to the questions posed by the board via a letter dated December 20, 2011 to the proposed school.

Consent Agenda Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated December 1-31, 2011;

Minutes of the December 13, 2011 regular board meeting;

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Request for leave without pay from Holly Rufe, food service cook, nine (9) days;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Request for professional leave from:

- Dr. Linda Clark, one (1) day, The College Board Superintendents' Colloquium, Newport Beach, California;
- Jean Dean, four (4) days, ConAgra Foods School Foodservice Advisory Board, Troy, Ohio;
- Greg Felton, three (3) days, Jazz Educators Network/Technology in Music Education National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky;
- Lori Gash, three (3) days Kennedy Center Partners in Education Training, Washington, D.C.;
- Aaron Maybon, Heath McInerney, three (3) days, visit to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia;
- Dr. Jerry Reininger, one (1) day, Organization for Educational Technology and Curriculum Meeting, Portland, Oregon;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2011-2012 school year;

Request for a student from Meridian High School to graduate one semester early;

Recommended change to the board meeting schedule, cancel the meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 and re-schedule for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. at the District Service Center;

Change the first day of school on the 2012-2013 traditional calendar from August 20, 2012 to August 27, 2012;

Recommended student expulsion.

Discussion / Action

Community Health
Assessment and Group
Evaluation (CHANGE)
Survey Approved

Lori Gash, curriculum coordinator, provided trustees an update on the CHANGE survey tool proposed by the City of Meridian. Trustees were assured there would be no direct contact with students and there would be no need for a parental release form. Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the CHANGE survey as presented by Ms. Gash.

Supplemental Levy
Discussion

Dr. Clark discussed the quality of education the district is able to provide following a reduction in the number of days in the school calendar and teachers inability to provide students with the entire content of a course within that limited timeframe. In addition, the district was forced to make significant cuts to staffing following the defeat of the supplemental levy in the spring of 2011 which has increased class sizes across the district. With these factors in mind, Dr. Clark recommended that trustees consider running a supplemental levy on the optional March date allowed by state statute. Alex Simpson, budget/finance director, continued the discussion reviewing budget totals and expected revenue and expenses for the next two years. Mr. Simpson reminded trustees that the \$4 million dollar shift from the plant facility levy will expire this year, and \$1.5 million of the federal jobs money is being used to support

the current years budget. Without a successful levy, that total (\$5.5million) will need to be cut from the 2012-2013 budget; further the \$7 million received from the state in July 2011 will be needed in 2012-13 to offset the \$7 million of fund balance used for 2011-12 to help balance the budget. Mr. Simpson reviewed the cost of restoring days and staff and the board discussed several scenarios that could keep the levy amount within reason. Trustees requested that Mr. Simpson provide them with additional information regarding costs and asked for a work session to discuss the plan further. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to hold a special work session on Tuesday, January 17th, 7:00 a.m. at the District Service Center.

Public Testimony:

Adam Collins – a teacher at Eagle High school, encouraged the board to consider approving the supplemental levy in amount they will set at the board meeting. Mr. Collins feels the state is abdicating their responsibility for funding to districts and that the supplemental levy will be a slam dunk if marketed correctly. Mr. Collins proposed the board use a group of teachers that have formed a marketing plan to help pass the levy. Trustee Olsen asked where the funding for this group would come from and Mr. Collins indicated that outside agencies would be helping with funding.

Misty Sterk – an Eagle resident, parent, and teacher, is concerned about the quality of education students are getting due to the cut in days. A teacher of a high end class that her son attends may not return due to the cuts and she feels that is not fair to our children. She as a teacher has not had time to do labs, grade the labs and is not giving the kind of education she wants to give students. She is unable to cover the curriculum and feels she is failing the best and those that need it the most. Ms. Sterk asked that the board help her do her job and get her children into the colleges they want to attend. Chairman Vuittonet thanked Ms. Sterk for her comments.

Luke Franklin – Meridian Education Association president, stated that as soon as he took office, he saw the need for a levy. The MEA is there 100% to back the levy and to get the man power they will need to get it passed. Chairman Vuittonet thanked him for coming.

Second Semester High
School Schedule Reviewed

Dr. Clark updated trustees on the results of a second survey sent out to teachers regarding possible changes to the daily bell schedule at district high schools. The intent is for the current schedule to change at the semester and then a committee made up of teachers, students, parents, administrators and district staff will meet to work on a revised schedule for next school year. The new schedule will need to be completed by the end of February to allow registration for next year's classes to take place.

Eric Theis – representing a group of teachers, presented an alternative plan for second semester which blends the collaborative effort and concerns of the district. Teacher challenges with the current model include too large student load, not enough prep time, and four hours of

straight teaching that is both physically and emotionally draining. When Mr. Theis was asked why the information was not given to the administrative staff until this time, he indicated the group of teachers had waited to see how the principal's plan would come together and when it looked like that plan was falling apart, they began a survey process of their own and had just put the information together for the board meeting. Trustees asked Mr. Theis to forward the remainder of his presentation by email and thanked him for coming.

Kristy Slagar – a teacher at Centennial High School, concurred that this has been the worst year ever. Ms. Slagar questioned trustees and staff on the makeup of the committee looking at the high school schedule for next fall and was encouraged to communicate with teachers serving on the committee so they could have the full teacher perspective as they work.

Clay Hatfield – Eagle High School teacher, explained to trustees that he was at the board meeting to talk about the schedule for fall 2012. It is his contention that the board should return to the seven period day and do away with the block schedule. Mr. Hatfield stated that students were losing instructional time with the block and that having the block schedule for professional technical classes was the wrong focus.

Public testimony was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Trustee Olsen was excused from the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

REVISED Policy Code No.
504.60 Approved

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 504.60, *Student Records* as proposed.

NEW Policy Code No.
403.73, *Bullying*, Receives
First Reading

Dr. Gestrin reviewed the new policy that was created in response to a request from the board for guidelines for district staff that mirrored the student policy. Suggested revisions will be brought to the board at the next regular meeting.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Hand reported on her attendance at the Education Foundation board meeting where the music grants were discussed. The last grant will go to LSMS tonight to purchase violins for the orchestra program. She attended her first board meeting at MACHS where they discussed teacher and superintendent evaluations. Chairman Vuittonet informed Trustee Hand that more information will be flowing from the state committee working on the superintendent evaluation process.

Trustee Ritter sat in on the operations meeting on the proposed strategic plan and feels they had done a great job. Friday meetings with the ISBA governmental affairs committee have begun and will continue each Friday throughout the legislative session.

Chairman Vuittonet continues serving on the state evaluation committee and sat in on the ISBA GAC committee meeting the previous Friday.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Clark shared a document from Supt. Luna's office that details the flexibility application for No Child Left Behind and explained a health insurance rebate the district applied for from the federal government called EERP which defrays cost of health insurance. The January payroll will reflect a rebate to each employee who pays a monthly premium for health insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:23 p.m. to move to executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

At the conclusion of executive session, the board reconvened in regular session at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk