



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2012

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 7:30 a.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Loraine Hand, Reid Olsen, Anne Ritter
Trustee Excused	Janet Calinsky
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Alex Simpson
Guests	Luke Franklin, Gary Jacobsen

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mike Vuittonet

REGULAR SESSION

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to remove item #5, *Proposal for a special board meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012* from tonight's agenda.

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

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Rachel Burcham, sign language interpreter, ninety-seven (97) days;
- Arthur Kinonen, custodian, three (3) days;
- Faith Miller, nurse, two (2) days;
- Lola Millhollin, substitute bus driver, five (5) days;
- John Mills, bus driver, sixty-two (62) days;
- Beverly VanArnem, secretary, one (1) day;
- Sharon Vawser, bus driver, one (1) day;
- Judith Wolfe, secretary, five (5) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Tobey Jossis, Bernadette Keefe-Sexton, two (2) day; Lisa Austin, Geri Gillespy, Randy Hawkins, Robin Kearns, Christine Killian, Jennifer Kyzer, Sonya Packard, Maureen Seidel, three (3) days, 2012 Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference, Seattle, Washington;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Tony Blasick, Steve Kenney, Tiffany Sower, one (1) day, Art of Coaching Volleyball Clinic, Palo Alto, California;
- Travis Botkin, Eric Escandon, John Hardy, Darby Lewis, Lamont Oliver, off contract; Lee Brown, Scott Connors, Tim Davis, Mark Leaf, Jason Warr, two (2) days, Glazier Football Clinic, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Vern Hickman, off contract, American Culinary Federation Western Regional Conference, Reno, Nevada;
- Kaye McOmber, four (4) days, BPA National Leadership Conference, Chicago, Illinois;
- Joyce Messenger, three (3) days, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Seattle, Washington;
- Amy Moulton, two (2) days, National Title 1 Conference, Seattle, Washington;
- Cathy Thornton, four (4) days, Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Denver, Colorado;
- Trish Zubizarreta, off contract, National Conference on Family Literacy, San Diego, California;

Elementary budget reports;

NEW job description for Idaho Education Network (IEN) facilitator;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion / Action

Resolution to Hold a
Supplemental Levy Election
March 13, 2012 Approved

Alex Simpson, budget/finance director, reviewed a budget model for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years factoring for an increase of 400 students, showing the fund balance budgeted as revenue, a reduction of \$4 million from the expired supplemental levy, and deficits both budget years. Mr. Simpson continued with an explanation of additional state revenue that would be available in the budget if growth increased by 100, 200, and 300 students. The increases to student growth would also bring additional revenue from the emergency levy. Mr. Simpson analyzed the budget if a supplemental levy was approved by district patrons and trustees evaluated what dollar amount the levy would need to be to cover possible deficits, the cost of restoring days and increasing staff levels throughout the district. Trustees talked about the impact on student learning and the difficulty teachers are experiencing trying to teach the entire curriculum with the shorter calendar and whether goals of providing a rigorous education are being met.

Trustee Hand moved and Trustee Ritter seconded a motion to set a resolution to run a supplemental levy in the amount of \$14 million each year for two years on March 13, 2012. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Clark asked that the order of the meeting be changed to accommodate Trustee Olsen's request to be excused prior to the end of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reported on the boundary committee's work to balance enrollment between the five district high schools. Two public hearings have been held to present the proposed changes recommended by the committee and input from patrons and parents has been shared with trustees and staff. Dr. Clark discussed the negative comments regarding the perception about academic standards at Meridian High School and the need to accelerate remodeling plans for the facility. Discussion has taken place with the architects regarding the possibility of "chunking" phases of construction using plant facility funds over the next few years and an advisory committee will be created to formulate a plan for the building with input from parents and patrons. The recommendations of the committee will serve as a basis for a final recommendation that could be implemented in the next two to four years; however, since there is additional work to be done, administration would not have made final recommendations for a meeting on February 7th.

Dr. Gestrin reviewed conceptual drawings of possible improvements at Meridian High School and how students could be shifted throughout the building during construction.

Trustee Olsen was excused from the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Dr. Clark continued her report with an update on the state's ESEA waiver application which is currently open for public comment. Trustees requested that Dr. Clark compose a response to the state expressing their concerns with the application.

2011-2014 Strategic Plan
Approved

Dr. Gestrin reviewed the proposed strategic plan for 2011-2014 which was developed by the District Instructional Improvement Committee and the District Operations Improvement Committee. Upon approval, staff will extract working plans from the document for the school year and will continue to assess strategies for implementation. Trustee Hand expressed her concern with the amount of work expected of administrators in the plan and if work that is not completed in the current year would be rolled into the next year. Dr. Clark agreed and suggested that building staff be utilized to do some committee work in the district.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended 2011-2014 Strategic Plan as presented.

REVISED Policy Code No.
502.70 Approved

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approved proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 502.70, *Student Harassment*.

NEW Policy Code No. 403.73
Approved

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve new Policy Code No. 403.73, *Bullying*.

NEW Policy Code No. 403.74
Approved

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve new Policy Code No. 403.74, *Sexting*.

Superintendent Report cont. Dr. Clark shared details of her meeting with the Global Outreach Charter School representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 10:00 a.m. to move to executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

Executive session concluded at 10:03 a.m. and the board reconvened in open session.

Personnel

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to extend Dr. Clark's contract for an additional year through June 30, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk