



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 28, 2012

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| Date, Place & Time     | The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 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  |
| Trustee Excused        | Anne Ritter  |
| Staff in Attendance    | Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Alex Simpson, Joe Yochum, Cindy Sisson, Sue Darden, Penny Andrew, Kim Schmillen, Shannon Decker  |
| Guests                 | Deena LaJoie, Christine Donnell, Donna Wade  |

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mike Vuittonet

### REGULAR SESSION

**Amended Agenda Approved** Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda to correct the Good News title to "Meridian Education Foundation" and to move consent item #11 to discussion/action (ACHD compensation summary for the Pine Avenue and Linder Road intersection project).

**Good News!!!** Christine Donnell, president of the Meridian Education Foundation board of directors, thanked the board and district for their continued support of the foundation. Grants totaling \$15,000 will be awarded to district teachers from funds raised through donations and the annual golf tournament. Ms. Donnell introduced trustees to the new executive director of the foundation, Donna Wade and invited them to attend the Friends of Education annual event scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Wade expressed her excitement continuing the programs that have already been put in place and to bring new ideas to the foundation.

Chairman Vuittonet expressed the board's appreciation for the support the foundation gives to the teachers and students and stated that their success are noted and appreciated by the district.

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

Payment of bills dated January 1-31, 2012;

Minutes of the:

- January 10, 2012 regular board meeting;
- January 17, 2012 special board meeting;
- January 25, 2012 regular board meeting;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Jacqueline Bonn, counselor, ninety-three (93) days;
- Shannon Decker, teacher, 2012-2013 school year;
- Susan Gomes, secretary, thirteen and one-half (13.5) days;
- Susan Jarvis, teacher, six (6) days;
- Darla Larsen, psychologist, eighty five (85) days;
- Sherry Stanish, teacher, 2012-2013 school year;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Laura Gilchrist, two (2) days; Paige Alsager, Dale Hiroto, Carla Karnes, Kimberly Miller, four (4) days; Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference, Seattle, Washington;
- Frannie Williams, one (1) day; Alice Clemans, Amber Grove, Desiree Gumm, Nancy Heath, Sara Seefried, Caya Snethen, Bridget Woods, two (2) days, Idaho Middle Level Association Annual Conference, Idaho Falls, Idaho;
- Jean Dean, four (4) days, School Nutrition Association Conference, Denver, Colorado;
- Gay Lynn Erb, four (4) days, National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Anna Frost, Tara Kisbaugh, Monica Kraack, Kelly Nellesen, off contract, Northwest Athletic Trainers Symposium, Bellevue, Washington;
- Mike Gartner, three (3) days, Student Network Television Convention, Dallas, Texas;
- Sandra Hazen, three (3) days; Georgeanne Smith, four (4) days, Learning and the Brain Symposium, New York City, New York;
- Karen Hess, off contract, National Conference on Family Literacy, San Diego, California;
- Jamie Keller-Mann, three (3) days, Big History Project, Seattle, Washington;
- Jeanne Paseman, four (4) days, Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, Chicago, Illinois;
- Patricia Stokes, two and one-half (2.5) days, State Leadership Convention, Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Trent Van Leuven, two (2) days, Region 1 NAAE Conference, Bellingham, Washington;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years;

Requests to alter/improve district properties at:

- Gateway School of Language and Culture, first phase of the construction of a Family Center, funded through a \$5,000 grant from the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation;
- Linder Elementary, improvement of the student drop-off/pick-up bench area with the replacement of gravel with a concrete slab, funded through donations to the project and the school PTO;
- Ponderosa Elementary, purchase and installation of a ceiling mounted projector in the gymnasium area, funded through the school's PTA;
- Eliza Hart Spalding Elementary School of Math and Technology, purchase and installation of an electronic reader board, funded through the school's PTA;

Proposed concurrent credit track courses for Renaissance High School;

Consent Agenda – cont. Bid awarded for school bus video surveillance system to AngelTrax in the amount of \$47,091.38;

Ada County Highway District compensation summary, sale and purchase agreement, warranty deed, permanent slope easement, and temporary construction easement for the Pine Avenue and Linder Road intersection project;

Recommended student expulsions.

### Discussion / Action

Ada County Highway District Compensation Summary Approved

Dr. Bruce Gestrin reviewed minor changes to the compensation summary and explained the total amount paid by ACHD would not change. Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Ada County Highway District compensation summary which includes the sale and purchase agreement, warranty deed, permanent slope easement and temporary construction easement for the Pine Avenue and Linder Road intersection project.

Second Quarter Financial Report

Alex Simpson, budget/finance director, reviewed second quarter financials for the general fund and plant facility fund with trustees. Mr. Simpson reminded trustees the general fund includes a transfer of Medicaid dollars and the ERIP (Early Retirement Reinsurance Program) funds from the federal government and the state payment in February was within two students of our budgeted amount. Mr. Simpson continues to monitor data in the state ISEE system and is working with the state department to make adjustments and corrections.

Revisions to the 2012-2013 Elementary, Elementary Modified Calendar, K-6, K-7, K-8, Middle School and High School Student/Parent Handbook Approved

Joe Yochum, region director, reviewed the proposed revisions to the student/parent handbooks. Trustee Hand requested the addition of wording to the section of the handbook on bullying that would include verbal and cyber-bullying. Trustee Hand moved, trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the student/parent handbooks as presented with the addition of verbal and cyber-bullying language in the bullying section of the book.

Bell Schedule Committee Update and Recommendation to Change Academies to Block Schedule Approved

Cindy Sisson and Joe Yochum provided an update from the bell schedule committee which began meeting shortly after Christmas break to establish a common schedule for all high schools. The committee's recommendation is to move all high schools in the district including the academies to the AB block schedule. Trustees questioned Ms Sisson and Mr. Yochum regarding a change to intervention time from lunch to first thing in the morning, communication from the committee to staff at the high schools and how they will monitor grades for students needing intervention.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the committee's recommendation to move the academies from the current schedule to the AB block schedule beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

REVISED Policy Code No. 401.13 Receives First Reading

Dr. Gestrin reviewed proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 401.13 with trustees. Recommended changes are a result of changes to state law that need to be incorporated into district policy. The policy addresses involuntary transfers and delineates the RIF (reduction in force) process and Seniority is addressed with the potential of opening a new building. Trustees requested that the words "and/or the improvement team" be added to line 114 and the policy will be seen as a second reading at the March 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

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| REVISED Policy No. Code<br>502.11 Approved               | Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 502.11, <i>Discipline Policy</i> as presented.  |
| REVISED Policy Code No.<br>502.60 Approved               | Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 502.60, <i>Interviews and Administrative Searches</i> with the addition of the wording “mobile computing devices” added to line 23.  |
| REVISED Policy Code No.<br>702.20 Approved               | Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 702.20, <i>School Bus Regulations – Students</i> as presented.  |
| REVISED Policy Code No.<br>702.41 Receives First Reading | Dr. Gestrin reviewed proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 702.41, <i>Extra-curricular Trips – Driver Rules</i> . The recommendations come as the district faces a shortage of bus drivers and the continued increase in the cost of transportation. Trustees discussed how coach’s hours in the classroom and driving an activity bus would be monitored and what trips merit the lease of a charter bus. Trustee Calinsky made a motion to approve the policy as written, the motion died for lack of a second. Trustees requested the hours a coach can teach and drive be further defined when the policy comes before the board for a second reading in March.   |
| Board Reports/Assignments                                | <p>Trustee Olsen reported the technical charter is having difficulty filling a seat on their board and asked for possible candidate’s names to be forwarded to the school.</p> <p>Trustee Hand shared a report from the medical arts charter including an update on their recent lottery.</p> <p>Chairman Vuittonet reported on the meetings he attended regarding the administrator evaluation and his attendance at the ISBA Day on the Hill.</p> <p>Trustee Calinsky shared information from her meeting with Senator Winder.</p>  |
| Superintendent’s Report                                  | <p>Dr. Clark reviewed ongoing legislation and discussed the state’s request for individual rankings for each teacher and administrator. Dr. Clark believes this information is protected and Trustee Olsen feels a board resolution stating the district will not release individual data to any entity would be helpful. Dr. Clark will confer with legal counsel; a resolution will be drafted and reviewed at the March board meeting.</p> <p>Door hangars supporting the levy will be printed with funds from the Friends of Meridian Education group and will be distributed prior to the election on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Clark and Eric Exline will meet with the Statesman editorial board on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the levy.</p> <p>Chairman Vuittonet welcomed Boy Scout troops 144 and 82 to the board meeting.</p> |
| <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>                                 | <p>Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board to move to executive session to discuss a legal matter at 7:06 p.m. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.</p> <p>The board recessed from executive session at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened in regular session.</p>   |

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk