



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2012

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 5:31 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 South Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Vice Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Loraine Hand, Reid Olsen
Trustee Excused	Mike Vuittonet
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Dr. Mandy Saras, Dax Chandler, Tyler Pence, Judy Perry, Tricia Hendrickson, Yvonne Hoffman, Lori Pew, Dax Chandler, Tyler Pence, Sue Darden, Eric Eschen
Guests	Danielle Dugger, Cathy Lynch, Courtney Lynch, Ashley Alderete, Jamie Brown, Raini Peterson, Cathy Peterson, Erin Seaman

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Ritter

Amended Approved	Agenda	Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda by pulling item #8, (approval of traditional and modified year calendars for the 2013-2014 school year) and item #12 (assignment, assumption and amendment agreement between DBSI Pristine Meadows, LLC, the City of Star, Idaho and Joint School District No. 2 for property located in Star, Idaho).
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Good News!!	Dr. Clark introduced trustees to Ashley Alderette, Jamie Brown and Courtney Lynch, students from the Meridian Transition Academy who along with classmates had presented a proposal to Mayor Tammy DeWeerd to complete a section of sidewalk along Central Drive and Stratford Drive. Letters addressing safety concerns with the gap in the sidewalk were forwarded by Mayor DeWeerd to the Ada County Highway District who approved the project and completed the sidewalk in September. Trustees praised the students for their work to correct a situation that was a safety issue for anyone using the sidewalk and thanked them for sharing their story with the board.
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### Consent Agenda

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

Vendor board report September 1-30, 2012;

Minutes of the:

- September 25, 2012 regular board meeting;
- September 28, 2012 special board meeting;

**Consent Agenda – cont.** Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Jim Core, teacher, one (1) day;
- Karen Hoffman, bus driver, ten (10) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Jack Blattner, Alan Heikkila, Trent Van Leuven, Steve Wilder, five (5) days, National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Dr. Linda Clark, two (2) days, District Management Council Superintendent’s Conference, New York, New York;
- Micah Doramus, Robert Fritsch, Jenn Hocklander, Dana Knudsen, Karen Miller, Tony Nelson, Lindsay, Niederklein, Sara Seefried, Alison Stark, two (2) days, National Middle School Conference, Portland, Oregon;
- Debbie Gourley, two (2) days, Pearson Forum, Scottsdale, Arizona;
- Jason Leforgee, three (3) days, Project Leadership, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Patches Moats, one (1) day, University of Idaho Ag Days, Moscow, Idaho;
- Denise Shumway, four (4) days, National Title 1 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2012-2013 school year;

Students tour requests (approval required in accordance with Policy 503.7, *Student Tours, Excursions and Overnight Trips*):

CHS	Dance Team	Anaheim, CA	Competition
CHS	Speech/Debate	Berkeley, CA	Competition
MHS	Choir	Anaheim, CA	Competition
MHS	FCCLA	Moscow, ID	Workshop
MHS	FCCLA	Boise, ID	Conference
MHS	FCCLA	Nashville, TN	Nationals
MVHS	Graphic Communication/Yearbook/Newspaper	San Antonio, TX	Convention
MVHS	Graphic Communication/Yearbook/Newspaper	San Francisco, CA	Convention
MVHS	Broadcasting	Los Angeles, CA	Convention
MVHS	Millennium Dancers	Irvine, CA	Competition
RMHS	Choir	Colorado/Utah	Festival
RMHS	Cheerleading	Dallas, TX	Competition
RMHS	Track/Field	Arcadia, CA	competition

Improvement to district property at Andrus Elementary, purchase and installation of a storage shed, funded through building funds in the amount of \$2017;

Request from Eric Eschen, Pathways Middle School principal, to conduct a study comparing and contrasting two “alternative to expulsion” programs;

Request from the Meridian Mayor’s Anti-Drug Coalition (MMADC) to have five district school participate in the Substance Abuse, Safety and School Climate Survey;

**Consent Agenda – cont.** Agreement between CM Company (construction manager) and Joint School District No. 2 for the Meridian High School auditorium remodel;

Recommended student expulsions.

### **Discussion/Action**

Summer School Report – Middle School Dax Chandler, who served as the middle school summer program principal, shared highlights of his program with trustees. A total of 148 students were enrolled with 94 identified as “at risk”. The program focused on credit recovery instead of remediation and included the addition of an ELL program for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders were bused to the YMCA to work in a robotics program and for their PE class. Mr. Chandler’s recommendations for next year include the use of an online registration program, maintaining the location at Meridian Middle, and using the same time schedule and course offering as this past summer.

Summer School Report – High School Tyler Pence, who served as the high school summer program principal, shared highlights with trustees. A total of 591 students were enrolled in the high school program with 284 identified as “at risk”. Of the 591 enrolled, 563 completed summer school and 80 students completed the senior project requirements. High schools were happy with the use of Class Choice to transfer final grades directly to the student’s home high school. Mr. Pence recommended maintaining a full-time SRO, working with counselors to ensure proper paperwork of student accommodations are included on the registration forms, maintaining the breakfast and lunch program for the students, and continued use of Class Choice for final grades transfer to the home high schools. Program expenses will be analyzed to determine if a reduction in tuition for next year would be possible.

Night School Update Mr. Pence and Mr. Chandler, who share administrative responsibilities, continued with an update on the night school program. Goals of the program include an increased focus on accurate school-wide attendance and student retention, management of behavioral problems without removing students from school, effective communication with parents regarding student attendance, behavior, and academic performance, maintaining a motivated, highly skilled, and student centered staff and creating a safe and positive learning environment for the students. Of the 281 students enrolled, 116 were identified as “at risk” and 45 successfully completed the Senior Project requirements. Recommendations for the 2012-13 year include having two co-principals, open communication with the daytime building principal and offering an online registration option for parents and students.

Revisions to Policy Code No. 402.41 Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 402.41, *Vacations, Holidays, Absences and Leaves*.

Revisions to Policy Code No. 403.50 Receive First Reading Dr. Bruce Gestrin reviewed recommended changes to Policy Code No. 403.50, *Staff Conduct*. The policy will come before the board at the November meeting for a second reading.

Board  
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Hand attended the Meridian Education Foundation board meeting where they learned that \$20,000 in teacher grants will be distributed this year from a successful golf tournament fund raiser. She also met to review letters of interest for the Miriam Howard music grant. Twenty six of the forty letters received were selected to do a full grant request and grant recipients will be notified during Christmas programs at district schools. Trustee Hand also attended the medical arts charter board meeting and shared the results of the annual audit with trustees.

Trustee Ritter shared information from her professional standards committee meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark shared an update on the Race to the Top grant request and reported that Gateway, Ustick, Chief Joseph and Desert Sage Elementary will be added to the grant request for inclusion in year two.

As a follow up to a work session request for information on how students are taught about bullying in our district, Dr. Clark distributed flyers and curriculum used throughout the district. Trustee Hand requested additional information regarding sexting and asked for an explanation on the difference between harassment and bullying.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk