



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2012

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 5:32 p.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, Wayne Hanners, Mike Farris, Denise Shumway, Cathy Thornton, Alex Simpson, Sue Darden
Guest	Bobby Lawrence, representing Eide Bailly
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Vuittonet
Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve an amendment to the agenda with the addition of personnel to executive session.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follow:

Minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Gary Chambers, bus driver, twenty-one and one-half (21½) days;
- Jennifer Chappell, transportation secretary, two (2) days;
- Aaron DiDonna, Para-professional, six (6) days;
- Margaret Hart, food tech, two (2) days;
- Kenton Jones, safe school assistant, nine (9) days;
- Sharilyn Setter, safe school assistant, seventy-five (75) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Dr. Bruce Gestrin, two (2) days, District Management Council Leadership Development Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts;
- Kris McGrath, four (4) days, National Title 1 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee;
- Patches Moats, two (2) days, FCCLA National Cluster Meeting, Denver, Colorado;
- Tracy Poff, two (2) days, National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

- Bernadette Sexton, three (3) days, Microsoft Headquarters visit, Seattle, Washington;
- Trent Van Leuven, three (3) days, NAAE Conference, Atlanta, Georgia;

Agreement for contracted services with Rachel Burcham, American sign language interpreter, as needed on a substitute basis;

Recommendation to the State Department of Education to provide Megan Broden a Provisional Certificate to teach Art at Heritage Middle School;

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

School	Organization	Destination	Purpose
EHS	BPA	Orlando, FL	Conference
EHS	Choir	Phoenix, AZ	Tour
EHS	Orchestra	San Francisco, CA	Festival
EHS	Debate	Chicago, IL	Invitational
EHS	FCCLA	TBD	Natl. Competition
MHS	Cheer	Orlando, FL	Natl. Competition

Recommended pay for performance for district administrators.

**Discussion/Action**

2011-2012 Audit Approved

Bobby Lawrence, representing Eide Bailly, briefly outlined the findings of the audit conducted of the district’s accounting procedures for 2011-2012, expressing the firms’ appreciation for the efficient audit made possible by Alex Simpson and his staff. Mr. Lawrence stated the district had made huge progress this year with the step to do financial statements in house. Chairman Vuittonet thanked Mr. Lawrence for his report and their work on the audit.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the audit reviewed.

2013-2014 Traditional and Modified Year School Calendars Approved

Dr. Clark reviewed the recommended draft of the 2013-14 traditional and modified year school calendars with trustees pointing out that although staff in our district will be working October 3-4, 2013, surrounding districts will be off those days for attendance at state conferences. Trustees discussed staff participation in the state conferences and their concern with two three-day weeks in a row since parent teacher conferences are scheduled the following week. Sue Darden, a teacher at Galileo, expressed her frustration with having to provide lesson plans for a substitute while she attended state meetings this school year. She noted there was also a lack of substitutes available for use on one day of the meeting schedule. She requested a list of teachers serving on the calendar committee as the MEA was unaware of any teacher participation. Dr. Clark explained there has not been a formal committee as they have worked off of data from a survey done three years ago. Dr. Jan Horning has been creating the calendars with that data and after conferring with other districts in the valley. Drafts of

proposed calendars have been available for comment. Board members reiterated their concern at adding a second three day week in a row.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the 2013-2014 traditional and modified calendars as recommended.

**Proposed State Board Rules** Dr. Clark and trustees discussed the proposed administrative rules for 2013. A list of concerns will be compiled by Dr. Clark for review by the board and will then be sent to the State Board by the end of the month.

**Special Board Meeting Scheduled** Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to schedule a special board meeting for November 27, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing the remaining reports on the strategic plan.

**Board Reports/Assignments** Trustee Olsen reported the Technical Charter school audit was done and everything looks good.

Trustee Ritter sat on a panel for the League of Women Voters regarding Propositions 1, 2 & 3; attended a Treasure Valley Educational Partnership meeting and continues work with the ISBA.

Chairman Vuittonet attended a meeting at the Consulate of Mexico where \$25,000 in student scholarships were awarded as part of the "For a Better Life" fundraising campaign; he has been attending ISBA meetings and continues work on the legislative committee.

Trustees discussed a letter written by Board of Trustees from the Boise School District about the ISBA executive director and expressed their dismay over the contents of the letter. The board continues its support of the ISBA, the executive director, and their work with the legislature.

**Superintendent's Report** Dr. Clark updated trustees on the conference call with the state department regarding the approval of the waiver for Idaho's new accountability system.

**Work Session** Strategic Plan, Objective 2 continued.

The board heard reports regarding district athletic participation, progress on the ongoing OCR investigation, an overview of capital projects completed over the summer, maintenance and custodial, safety, and workers comp.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:49 p.m. to move to executive session to discuss personnel and legal. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board moved out of executive session at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened in regular session.

**Personnel**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to uphold the placement of Employee "C" on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk