



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

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SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2012

Date, Place & Time A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Friday, September 28, 2012, 7:01 a.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, 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, Susan Bellamy, Sue Darden, Laura Lemmon, Phil Hartman

Guest Luke Franklin

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mike Vuittonet

School Improvement Plan Regulations Dr. Clark shared information from the State Department of Education stating the district was out of compliance on their district and school improvement plans and asking the Board of Trustees to sign a letter verifying the non-compliance status. After discussion regarding the letter and the possibility of the state waiver receiving approval at the federal level, Trustee Hand moved and Trustee Ritter seconded a motion to support the district's intention to do the minimum required by the state in writing district and school improvement plans until the waiver is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Proposition #1, #2, #3 Chairman Vuittonet opened the floor for comment regarding Proposition 1, 2, and 3.

Susan Bellamy – a 3rd grade teacher, stated the board and public do not support the job she does, and she felt they had little respect for teachers. Change needs to happen but not the way it occurred.

Sue Darden – a teacher at Galileo Math & Science school of choice, shared a written statement (Attachment A) with trustees.

Luke Franklin – president of the Meridian Education Association, shared a written statement (Attachment B) with trustees.

Laura Lemmon – shared her concerns with the board taking a position on the propositions after she was informed by her building principal to the contrary. Ms. Lemmon has worked extensively to support a no vote on the propositions and would feel defeated if the board supported the yes vote. She also feels that the public would assume the board supported all three if they took a position on just one proposition. Ms. Lemmon hoped the board would take their comments into consideration before they vote.

Trustees discussed the statements that were shared regarding the propositions and spoke at length about their views on each one. They discussed concerns about the public's confusion on what is contained in each of the propositions and whether supporting just one would cause patrons to think they were supporting all three.

Trustee Olsen made a motion to issue a letter of support for Proposition One. Trustee Ritter asked for additional discussion and the motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to endorse the Idaho School Boards' Association position on Proposition One.

Trustee Hand stated the board should take a position on the other propositions and discussion continued among trustees examining their differing opinions about the propositions. At the conclusion of the conversation, the board found themselves split on whether to support a yes or no vote on Proposition Two and Three.

Trustee's stated it was important for patrons educate themselves regarding the propositions and asked the administration to encourage patrons to contact them individually to ascertain their position.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk