



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 26, 2011

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 7:00 p.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, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan, Sue Darden, Tammy Neptune, Mike Hirano, Walker Thomas, Adam Nichols, Susan McInerney, Tony Nelson, Sandra Gulley, Dr. Mandy Saras, Joe Yochum, Don Nesbitt
Guests	Al Verkuylen, Mikel Allen, Adriann Verkuylen, Toni Stiles, Valerie Scanlon, Vina Scanlon, Sarah Wilson, Jamie Schildknecht, Rachel Holm, Tina Richards, Madisyn Richards, Shannon Schell, Kim Schmillen, Elaine Alexander, Amanda Mumford, Ashley Van Cleave, Amanda Stewart, Tanner Robinson, Abby Alexander, Jessie Alexander, Jeff Alexander, Elaine Alexander, Patricia Nuttall, Docena Holm, Jordan Mohler, Stephen Coe

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mike Vuittonet

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of a resignation from Tammy Sharon; a change to the elementary handbook in the class size section (last line now reads "if the maximum enrollment is exceeded, additional teaching assistance will be provided as per district guidelines"); and the addition of the wording "juniors and seniors in high school may bring to school one day's worth of over-the-counter medication in the original container and take in prescribed doses with parental consent" added to the "medication in school" portion of the high school handbook.

REGULAR SESSION

Spotlight on Classrooms Walker Tomas and Adam Nichols from Rocky Mountain High School shared their use of a website to showcase student work from design, drawing, painting, graphics, and photography. Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Nichols explained the student's excitement in having their work displayed and how hard they work to be featured on the websites.

Good News!!! Students from Lewis & Clark Middle School shared the findings of an energy audit that was conducted at the school with the help of John Bernardo of Idaho Power. Student recommendations include taking out one of the two fluorescent bulbs in the hallway lights, the installation of motion activated light sensors in bathrooms and locker rooms, turning off lights in general, having custodial staff turn on lights later in the morning and off earlier in the evening, educating staff about the savings generated with turning on only one of their light switches, and classroom equipment put on power strips so everything is turned off at one time. Chairman Vuittonet thanked the students for their hard work and for sharing the information with the board.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the;

- March 15, 2011 regular board meeting;
- April 12, 2011 regular board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Matthew Dudley, teacher, two (2) days;
- Kimberly Jacobs, nurse, two (2) days;
- Jason Kellogg, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Michael Lewis, bus driver, three (3) days;
- Faith Miller, nurse, one (1) day;
- Rita Morrissey, ERR assistant, fifteen (15) days;
- Nicole Swanson, teacher, forty-five (45) days;
- Nancy Towler, bus driver, seven (7) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Dr. Linda Clark, three (3) days, Global Education Technology Summit, Toronto, Canada;
- Michelle Graves, Tara Kishpaugh, Kelly Nellesen, off contract, National HOSA Conference, Anaheim, California;
- Zach Ingersoll, Matt Hitchcock, Adam Mapp, Todd Morrison, Tyler Nelson, Eric Wolf, one (1) day, Nike Championship Basketball Coaching Clinic, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Carrie E. Jackson, off contract, NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop, Montpelier, Virginia;
- Anne Moresco, off contract, 2011 School Nursing Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Christine Noaker, off contract, S'cool Moves Training Institute, Shasta, California;
- Shannon Phillips, four (4) days, FCCLA National Leadership Meeting, Anaheim, California;
- Trish Stokes, three and one-half (3½) days, Idaho FFA State Career Development Events, Moscow, Idaho;
- Erin Tiderman, three (3) days, Scoring AP Biology Essays, Kansas City, Missouri;

Contracted special education services with Linda Humphreys, substitute Sign Language Interpreter, for the 2010-2011 school year;

Request by Galileo Math & Science Magnet to install a climbing wall in the cafeteria, funded through the PTA;

Access agreement for air quality monitoring on property located at 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho between Joint School District No. 2 and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Discussion / Action

2011-2012 Elementary,
Middle School and High
School Handbooks Approved

Joe Yochum, north region director; Dr. Mandy Saras, central region director; and Don Nesbit, south region director presented proposed revisions to the 2011-2012 elementary, middle school and high school handbooks. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the handbooks as presented.

Third Quarter Middle School
Grade Report

Joe Yochum, north region director, Susan McInerney, Heritage Middle School principal, and Tony Nelson, Eagle Middle School principal, discussed the credit system explaining how critical conversations are occurring earlier in the process. Students and parents are learning the process and understanding that there are consequences in not meeting the standards. Attendance continues to be a challenge, but parents are beginning to realize the impact of missing school for the students and the cost to the district when ADA falls during the year. Teachers have responded well to the new system with more “teeth” to grades and attendance. In response to trustee’s questions about tweaking the system, Ms. McInerney and Mr. Nelson stated they would know more at the conclusion of the school year and the new system had run a full year. Chairman Vuittonet expressed his concern about engaging all parents, and both principals responded they contact parents in a variety of ways to communicate what is happening with their student. At the request of Trustee Hand, Mr. Yochum will email a report showing a comparison of the “c’s” and “d’s” across all quarters of the year. Chairman Vuittonet thanked them for coming and for their efforts in the implementation of the new process.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Hand reported on the Meridian Education Foundation gala attended by Trustee Vuittonet, Trustee Ritter and Superintendent Clark.

Trustee Ritter has completed visits to the thirteen schools located in her zone, attended the post legislative meeting and the EHS awards breakfast.

Trustee Vuittonet attended the post legislative meeting and spoke to trustees about the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind legislation and the impact of the state requiring all schools to participate.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Clark summarized the actions of the legislative session reviewing laws that took effect during the session and discussing the district’s responsibilities each year through the fall of 2016. Trustees examined and discussed reductions in salary based apportionments, use it or lose it flexibility, pay for performance time line, 21st century classrooms and the technology investment timeline.

Dr. Clark reviewed the process Meridian Middle School was undertaking to become a school wide Title 1 school. The designation will provide resources for any student that attends the school.

Dr. Clark addressed questions regarding the continuation of the 8th grade program at Christine Donnell magnet school. Because the program has not grown enough to include two sections of eighth grade, and due to the certification requirements for teaching, the district cannot justify continuing eighth grade at that school. The recommendation will come to the board with other staffing decisions in the budget.

Almost 1800 students presented their senior projects on April 20th with 89% receiving a passing grade, and tutoring offered for those students who did not initially make the passing grade. Students were asked to take an online survey following their presentations where they were asked questions that will help to improve the process.

Dr. Clark and trustees discussed the type of contracts that will be offered next school year under the new law and the district’s intent to deliver letters of intent to employees before the end of the school year. The development of a RIF rubric was explained and Trustee Hand will provide samples she received at the NSBA meetings to Dr. Clark. Planning time in the block schedule was discussed and Dr. Clark explained the results of an RFP to change insurance vendors.

Amanda Mumford, a BSU student, asked trustees and Dr. Clark what the chances that an up and coming student from the college would be able to get a job in the state as a teacher? Dr. Clark expressed her concerns of what the cuts in education mean to the classrooms and beginning teachers.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.
