



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 21, 2011

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 5:31 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 South Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Loraine Hand, Reid Olsen, Anne Ritter
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Trish Duncan, Geoff Stands, Gloria Rolland, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Cindy Sisson, Laura Gilchrist, Alex Simpson, Sue Darden, Christa Emery, Ali Hinshaw, Pam Booth, Kim Schmillen, Connie Gormley, Karen Dillard, Ginger Gilliam, Joelen Gunn, Sheila Saunders, Kim Galimanis, Kara Sisiyam, Jamie Dobson, Patty Murphy, Mary Frances Booth, Cathy Sherman, Tina Vucinich, Lori Gash
Guests	Valerie LaVigne, Teri Worle, Sam Saunders, Hilaree Stephens, Kendra Wisenbaker, Bryan Whitmarsh, Kayla Rich, Bill Zimmerman, Richelle White
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Mike Vuittonet
REGULAR SESSION	
Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of a leave without pay request from Teresa Broderick, a July 14, 2011 special board meeting to swear in re-elected trustees for their four year terms, and to add proposed IB textbooks for Renaissance High School to the discussion/action portion of the meeting.
Spotlight on Classrooms	<p>Geoff Stands, Meridian High School principal, introduced Bob Rois, one of a group of geometry teachers who shared how they have been using collaboration time during the year to develop strategies for intervention of struggling students. Trustees discussed how students felt about their methods; buy in by other teachers, whether this would work in other classes, how data helps teachers see how students are learning and the effective use of collaboration time to help students succeed. The board thanked Mr. Rois for his presentation.</p> <p>Trustee Calinsky joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as amended. Approved items are as follow:</p> <p>Payment of bills dated May 1-31, 2011;</p> <p>Minutes of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 26, 2011 regular board meeting;• May 10, 2011 regular board meeting; <p>Building student activity accounts;</p> <p>Elementary budget reports;</p>

Consent Agenda – cont.

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Teresa Broderick, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Megan DeAngelo, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Kelly Ensminger, teacher, two and one-half (2½) days;
- Bonnie Gentil, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Janet Gihle, ERR assistant, two (2) days;
- Ashley McDowell, secretary, eighty (80) days;
- Amy Shumway, counselor, 2011-2012 school year;
- Sherry Stanish, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Mary Stunz, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Stephanie Coddens, Dana Gaudet, Emery Roy, off contract, Gonzaga University Basketball Tournament, Spokane, Washington;
- Michelle Conger, five (5) days, 2011 National Power School Users Group Information Exchange, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Jeannie Coulson, Fanua Matagi, Sharon Muniz, off contract, FCCLA National Competition, Anaheim, California;
- Eric Eschen, one (1) day, Mike Hanneman, Lisa Sears, off contract, training at InnovateEd, Phoenix, Arizona;
- Christin Kaminsky, off contract, AP Institute, Bellevue, Washington;
- Colene Letterle, off contract, Advances in School Nursing Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Emery Roy, off contract, Oregon City Basketball Tournament, Oregon City, Oregon;
- Justin Touchstone, off contract, Project Lead the Way Training, Seattle, Washington;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2011-2012 school year;

REVISED Job Descriptions for:

- School psychologist;
- Dean of students;

Requests to alter/improve school properties at:

- Centennial High School track program to improve the track facility by changing the location of the finish line. The cost is \$1000 and funds have been raised;
- Hunter Elementary, purchase and installation of two additional park benches, funded through the PTA;
- Hunter Elementary, purchase and installation of additional basketball pole, backboard, and hoop, funded through the PTA in the amount of \$1159;
- Pepper Ridge Elementary, purchase and installation of additional playground equipment, benches and trash receptacles, funded through the PTA;
- Rocky Mountain High School, construction of a multi-purpose building for the football stadium, funds generated through the Rocky Mountain Football Association;
- Silver Sage Elementary, installation of a walking track around the east field, funding through the PTA;

Research request from Susan Martin to collect data that investigates the links between knowledge and skills drawn from writing instruction courses at Boise State University;

Consent Agenda – cont. Northwest Accreditation Commission Visiting Team report for Eagle High School;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Budget Hearing/ 2010-2011
Budget Approved/ 2011-2012
Budget Approved

Alex Simpson, budget and finance director, gave an overview of the 2011-2012 budget documents. The proposed budget is based on a projected increase of 530 students, a decrease of \$3.92 million from the fund balance, \$1.44 million from the emergency levy, \$10 million from the loss of the supplemental levy and a \$6.4 million decrease in state funding. The total funding reduction for 2011-2012 is approximately \$22 million. Additional cuts will include a shortened school calendar by seven days (six school days and one staff training day), administrative, support staff and building staff reductions, elimination of administrative professional development, elimination of long-term disability insurance, increased benefit costs will be passed on to employees, mid-day busing will be eliminated, and participation fees for middle and high school sports will be instituted.

Richelle White, parent with students at Paramount and Heritage Middle School, inquired about the results of the survey sent to kindergarten parents. Dr. Clark explained the board had been given individual survey data and that no school indicated one hundred percent could transport at the mid-day and the majority supported the half day kindergarten program. Ms. White asked for an explanation of fees for 6th grade orchestra and Dr. Clark explained the sixth grade music classes were part of the curriculum and did not have a required fee.

Cathy Sherman, a staff member, thanked the board for not cutting all sports and asked if there were any other changes to the budget proposal from the June 14th hearing.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended 2010-2011 budget.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Board Upholds Library
Reconsideration Committee
Recommendation

Laura Gilchrist, language arts coordinator, reviewed an appeal by patron Kayla Rich to remove the book "Out of Boneville" from the library at Peregrine Elementary. Ms. Rich finds the references to smoking and drinking inappropriate for elementary aged students. The library reconsideration committee has met and denied Ms. Rich's request, the board will hear the appeal in the next step of the process. Trustee Calinsky stated while this book would not be on her favorites list and she wouldn't recommend to second graders, she would want to make sure it was being checked out to age appropriate students. Trustee Ritter commented that the book she was given to read didn't seem very popular based on the number of times it had been checked out in the past year. Ms. Gilchrist explained the book has quite an underground following and that other copies of the book show more recent checkouts. Trustee Hand commented that she liked the book and the genre the author was trying to keep alive. Ms. Hand feels that one parent should not dictate what others can check out. Chairman Vuittonet got the same sense when he read the book, not appropriate for younger children, but as a parent he would check what his child brought home from the library and send back if not suitable for their age level.

Ms. Rich, who has students at Peregrine and Meridian Middle, expressed her appreciation for the board's consideration of her appeal, but was appalled by trustee comments, and as an advocate for children, the potential risks associated with younger children's exposure to smoking and drinking references in books they are allowed to check out of school libraries. Ms. Rich referenced district policy on weapons and drugs and felt the board should consider the matter more carefully before making a final decision. Chairman Vuittonet stated the board's appreciation of the information and that Ms. Rich had come forward to share her thoughts.

Trustee Hand moved to uphold the Reconsideration Committee's recommendation not to remove this book from the Peregrine Elementary library, Trustee Calinsky seconded and trustees voted as follows; Trustee Calinsky, yes; Trustee Ritter, yes; Trustee Hand, yes; Trustee Olsen abstained from the vote.

Proposed Books for Course at
Renaissance High School
Approved

Lori Gash, social studies coordinator, reviewed proposed books for IB history classes at Renaissance High School. The history classes are under consideration to become concurrent credit classes with Boise State University and Idaho State University and if approved, the universities will cover the costs of the books.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the books for IB history classes as proposed.

Salary and Benefit Package
for 2011-2012 Approved

Dr. Bruce Gestrin reviewed the negotiated settlement with the Meridian Education Association which includes:

- Lanes
- Correct cell 12G/MA+24, BA + 60 to reflect the 3.75% ratio factor currently reflected in other cells (those already at 12G/MA+24, BA+60 will be preserved at the previously established rate)
- Add cell 13H/MA+24, BA+60
- Fill cell BA+12 (Steps 0A and 1B) Allowing lane movement in top left corner
- Fill cell BA+24 (Step 0A)
- 176-day contract (five previously furloughed days, two floating days, six instructional days, one in-service day)
- 10 days added to allowable accumulated sick leave for a maximum of 260 days
- Language from 2008-2010 academic year master contract regarding all other leaves other than sick leave shall remain unchanged
- Those employees receiving career enhancement will continue to do so at current levels
- Scholarship suspended for the 2011-2012 school year
- Vision, dental and long term disability are now voluntary enrollment
- All employees will contribute a total of \$25 monthly to health insurance premiums
- Changes to the backside salary schedule

Administration and classified will receive the same package except administrators will no longer receive professional development funds. Dr. Gestrin thanked the MEA negotiating team for their hard work getting the information out to the membership who ratified the contract with a 90% approval rating.

Trustees discussed participation rates for the voluntary insurances and Chairman Vuittonet thanked the negotiating team and stated his appreciation of the good relationship with the MEA.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the negotiated agreement with the Meridian Education Association and the salary and benefit package for administrative, and classified employees for the 2011-2012 school year.

Personnel

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to reassign Scott Johnstone from Spalding Elementary to Andrus Elementary; and to reassign Jamie Dobson from Silver Sage Elementary to Spalding Elementary beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Realignment of Trustee Zones Approved

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the realignment of trustee zones as required by state code.

Clubs and Activity Report of Findings

Dr. Gestrin reviewed a compilation of information requested by the board about the number of clubs/activities in the district. Dr. Gestrin stated that gathering the information had proved a challenge and as the report indicated, there seems to be no delineation on what a club is and how it is organized. Dr. Gestrin recommendation to the board at this time is to disband all clubs immediately, bring new policies to the July board meeting to address clubs as a whole and when school resumes have them revisit their club status and whether they will continue with some clubs that may have disbanded over the years. Trustees discussed why the board approves clubs, whether clubs have an academic purpose, and what criteria are used to approve a club. The board requested that Dr. Gestrin bring new policies to the July board meeting and address the current clubs after the policy is in place.

REVISED Policies Approved

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

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 502.50, *Alcohol, Drug, & Tobacco Policy*.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 503.70, *Student Tours, Excursions and Overnight Trips*.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 801.70, *Un-Appropriated Fund Balance and Contingency*.

Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 806.10, *Idaho Public Records Law*.

NEW Policy Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve new Policy Code No. 1003.50, *Service Animals in Schools* with the word "legitimate" taken out of line 47.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Ritter reported on her attendance on the State Board of Education online committee. The committee has been charged to figure out the number of online classes that will be required by schools as part of the Students Come First plan.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark updated trustees on her first meeting of the state technology task force meeting. She will serve on the student information system sub-committee. Six districts will be piloting the School Net student information system and Meridian will be part of that group. More money will be available

for technology than originally anticipated beginning with the computing devices for high school teachers, money for classroom technology and part of the Albertsons Foundation grant that will be available for professional development and in the form of innovative grants to purchase technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:30 p.m. to move into executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Hand voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened in regular session.

Personnel

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Dr. Clark's contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk