



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2011

**Date, Place & Time** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 5:32 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho

**Trustees in Attendance** Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Loraine Hand, Anne Ritter

**Trustee Excused** Reid Olsen

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Alex Simpson, Lorrie Breshears, Ryan Wilhite, Sue Darden, Lori Nate, Lynne Schneider

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mike Vuittonet

### REGULAR SESSION

**Guests** Krista Perry, Meshelle Hofmann, Krystal Skaar, James Averet, Noelle Desserauit, JuDee Zollinger, Heather Wiener, Cassie Shipp, Jane Classen, Hannah Brass, Alejandra Ryon, Rose Hanson, Scott Reese, Eric Anderson

**Amended Agenda Approved** Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of a recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New, for Todd Lee Sanders to teach special education, and a recommendation to cancel the September 27, 2011 regular board meeting.

**Consent Agenda** Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated August 1-31, 2011;

Minutes of the:

- August 16, 2011 regular board meeting;
- August 23, 2011 regular board meeting;
- August 31, 2011 special board meeting;

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Jeanette Atkinson, bus assistant, three (3) days;
- Jed Atkinson, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Michelle Lorentson, bus driver, six (6) days;
- Fanua Matagi, teacher, 2011-2012 school year;
- Sara O'Brien, teacher, twenty-seven (27) days;
- John White, security, thirty-one (31) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Amy Brown, Shannon Phillips, no days, University of Idaho AG Days, Moscow, Idaho;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Jeanne Buschine, Don Nesbitt, Mandy Saras, Joe Yochum, three (3) days, School Wide Information System Facilitator Training, Eugene, Oregon;
- Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Barbara Leeds, Don Nesbitt, Mandy Saras, Joe Yochum, two (2) days, District Management Council – Principal Effectiveness: Aligning Evaluation, Accountability, and Support for a Changing Role, Boston, Massachusetts;
- Michelle Graves, one (1) day, ASCD: Teaching and Learning Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Will Schumaker, Steve Wilder, five (5) days, National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Scott Stuart, one (1) day, Idaho High school Activities Association September Board Meeting, Twin Falls, Idaho;

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

Contracted special education services for the 2011-2012 school year with:

- Holly Hammen-Giese, physical therapist;
- Lisa Fernandez, physical therapist;
- Sandy Moten, physical therapist;
- Claire Radice, physical therapist;
- Tundra McDougal, physical therapist;
- Carolyn Blick, physical therapist;
- Jeanne Strozier-Wagner, physical therapist;
- Brent Bowman, audiologist
- Kevin Jernigan, certified orientation and mobility specialist;

Recommendation to seek Provisional Certificate for Kristine Maxwell to teach Family Consumer Science at Rocky Mountain High school for the 2011-2012 school year;

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New, for the follow:

- Tyler Pence to teach physical education at Heritage Middle School;
- Linda Diana to teach special education at Meridian High School;
- Todd Lee Sanders to teach special education in Meridian Joint School District No. 2;

Athletic training services agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and Mountain Land Rehabilitation, Inc., for services at Meridian High School and Mountain View High School for the 2011-2012 school year;

Recommended sale of eleven (11) Blue Bird buses (four 1990 and seven 1991 transit models) in accordance with Policy Code No. 803.21, *Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies*; and Idaho Code 33-601, *Real and Personal Property – Acquisition, Use or Disposal of Same*;

Joint use agreement with the City of Meridian to replace the existing West fixture and install a new East fixture on a District-owned light pole in the school parking lot. This will improve the lighting of both the Meridian Middle school property and NEW 8<sup>th</sup> Street's roadway and sidewalk;

Agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and TW Telecom of Idaho LLC, for a permanent easement for the placement of underground communications fiber optic cables through and under the lands at Pioneer Elementary, located at 13255 W. McMillan Road, Boise, Idaho;

- Consent Agenda – Cont.
- Request by the City of Meridian for a water main right-of-way easement across the southern portion of the Meridian Elementary campus, located at 1035 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Meridian, Idaho;
  - Request by the Meridian Technical Charter High School to install a new intercom and synchronized clock system, project funded through the school;
  - Bid awarded for the construction of a secondary driveway the west side of the existing parking lot of the District Service Center to diamond Contractors in the amount of \$29,900;
  - Recommendation to amend the lease at 1450 E. Watertower, Suite 140, Meridian, Idaho to include an additional 760 square feet of office space as part of the Rebound program.

### Discussion / Action

#### 2011-2012 Student Enrollment Update and Emergency Levy Calculation

Alex Simpson, budget/finance director, updated trustees on enrollment figures from the first two weeks of school showing total enrollment as 35,000, about 119 students less than were budgeted for in the spring. The emergency levy was certified on September 8<sup>th</sup> for \$1.2 million, which is about \$231,000 higher than expected. Mr. Simpson explained that attendance for the first two weeks has been higher than normal, which could help with the enrollment shortfall. Fund balance totals are near completion as the annual audit proceeds, projections could come in higher than was projected. Mr. Simpson reviewed the impact of changes to the mid-day kindergarten busing schedule and stated that approximately 85% of pre-registered students were attending. Trustee Ritter requested that kindergarten attrition be monitored throughout the year to see if the loss of mid-day busing continues to impact families.

#### Pay to Participate Update

Scott Stuart, district activities director, updated trustees on pay to participate and stated that participation is ahead of initial projections. High school numbers show increases at some buildings, decreases in others and some maintaining previous participation levels. The YMCA is currently running intramural and volleyball programs at the middle school level. Trustees discussed booster groups stepping up to help with fees for students who cannot pay and how the fees are impacting choir, band, drama, and orchestra programs. Mr. Stuart stated the program will continue to be monitored and will be re-evaluated in April or May for any adjustments that need to be made for the next school year.

#### Revisions to Policy Code No. 503.20, *Clubs in Secondary Schools* Second Reading

Dr. Gestrin reviewed additional revisions to Policy Code No. 503.20 and answered questions from the board regarding the timing of a club application and monitoring clubs to see if they are still viable from year to year. Trustee Ritter requested a list of IHSSA sanctioned clubs and Trustee Vuittonet requested more to time to consider the policy stating he would need to talk with administration regarding his questions.

Chairman Vuittonet opened the floor for public comment.

Krista Perry, patron, thanked the board for an opportunity to speak and applauded them for taking suggested changes to the policy under consideration. Ms. Perry expressed her concern with the language in the policy restricting when clubs can be formed during the school year, parental consent and the classification of clubs in the policy.

Eric Anderson, a student at BSU, expressed his thoughts regarding the need

for parental consent to join a club and what barriers that might put up for a student to participate in a club of their choosing. Mr. Anderson suggested that a generic form that just gives permission to join any club would work better than one for each club that is approved.

Alejandra Ayon, a freshman at the College of Idaho, spoke to trustees about her involvement with a diversity club in the Boise School district and her agreement with Mr. Anderson that a generic permission form would be better if the board felt the need for some kind of form.

Monica Hopkins, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, discussed additional issues with the policy including hurdles to the creation of clubs, parental permission, student minimum and procedures for approval of a club.

Chairman Vuittonet thanked Mr. Anderson, Ms. Ayon and Ms. Hopkins for their testimony.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Calinsky reported on her visits to schools in her zone. Trustee Ritter reported on the ISBA meetings she had attended.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Clark reported on her speech at the City Club on financial matters, attendance at the technology task force, changes at the state department and informed trustees that the final work on the strategic plan will take place toward the middle of October. Dr. Clark reviewed appointments to the charter schools governing boards and Trustee Hand will replace Trustee Calinsky on the Medical Arts Charter School board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk