



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 11, 2011

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 5:31 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Loraine Hand, Reid Olsen, Anne Ritter
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Trish Duncan, Alex Simpson, Mandy Saras, Tyler Pence, Dax Chandler, Angie Neal, Sue Darden, Lennette Meyer, Colene Letterle, Jeff Knight, Cynthia Mills, Brooke Roy, Lori Gash, Bill Swartley, Katie Lamm
Guests	Luke Franklin, Caitlin Hobart, Krystal Starr, Cassie Shipp, Evan Kahantet, Meshelle Hofmann, Kathi Hancock, Missy Nichols, Liz Buckingham, Cristina Bybee

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 by pulling #8, *Student Tour Requests* for clarification, a correction to #11 so the recommendation reads "to award bid for the sale of eight Blue Bird buses to All Parts Brokers in the amount of \$1300 per bus", and a recommendation to change the location of the October 25, 2011 board meeting from the District Service Center to Mountain View High School.

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

Payment of bills dated September 1-30, 2011;

Minutes of the September 28, 2011 special board meeting;

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Christine Compton, teacher, two (2) days;
- Tamara Duthie, teacher, eight (8) days;
- Frances Haltom, bus driver, five (5) days;
- Darla Larsen, psychologist, ninety-one (91) days;
- Lynda Learsch, bus assistant, three (3) days;
- Robert Learsch, bus driver, three (3) days;
- Anthony Lewis, teacher, six (6) days;
- Bradley Muri, twenty-three (23) days;
- Kelsy Porter, teacher, four (4) days;
- Dan Pruett, bus driver, one (1) day;

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- Dorothy Wilson, bus driver, ten (10) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Jeannie Anderson, one (1) day, AP professional development workshop, Riverside, California;
- Christi Arnold, Darin Bott, Kimberly Burton, Lisa Gorman, Lisa Hahle, Jasmine Hoyle, Stephanie Hughes, Marsha Johnson, Robin Stewart, Elaine Winston, two (2) days; Denise Shumway, three (3) days; Diane Oliva, four (4) days; Shannon Drum, Kris McGrath, five (5) days, National Title 1 Conference, Seattle, Washington;
- Ryan Batcheller, off contract, Idaho American Choral Directors Association State In-Service, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Melissa Bishop, Donna Goodwin, four (4) days, US Naval Academy Centers of Influence Visit, Annapolis, Maryland;
- Sterling Blackwell, Tracy Fuller, off contract, Idaho Speech Arts Teachers Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Amy Brown, Shannon Phillips, two (2) days, FCCLA National Cluster Meeting, Denver, Colorado;
- Michal Chilton, one-half (½) day, Veteran's Tribute Site Visit, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Patches Moats, off contract, University of Idaho AG Days, Moscow, Idaho;
- Mark Snodgrass, three (3) days, National Council of Social Studies, Washington, D.C.;
- Patricia Stokes, five (5) days, National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Michele Wardle, three (3) days, Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Sun Valley, Idaho;

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

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

- Julie Johnson, sign language interpreter;
- Nohelani Jarnes, sign language interpreter;
- Dawn Wells, sign language interpreter;
- Davida M. Osteen, sign language interpreter;
- Mike Holman, sign language interpreter;

Summerwind School of Math and Science request to improve their facility with the addition of a school garden, rainwater collection system and a xeriscape planting bed, funded through donations, grants, the PTO and K-Kids Club;

Land tower lease agreement between Verizon and Joint School District No. 2 for a site at Meridian High School;

Award bid to All Parts Brokers for the sale of eight Blue Bird buses in the amount of \$1300 per bus;

Award bid for the new parking lot at Ustick Elementary to Diamond Contractors in the amount of \$147,600;

Recommended student expulsion.

Discussion / Action

High School Summer School Report

Tyler Pence, principal of the high school summer school, shared highlights of the program held at Centennial High School with a continued focus on accurate school-wide attendance, management of behavior problems without removing students from school, and communicating effectively with parents regarding student attendance, behavior, and academic performance. A total of 480 enrolled in classes with 244 identified as "at-risk". Of the 480 enrolled, 441 completed the program with 95 students completing and passing the senior project requirement. Changes from the previous year included lunches provided through the school district nutrition program and a full-time SRO provided by the Boise Police Department. Enrollment continues to drop from previous years and Mr. Pence explained that interventions in the schools and more choices with the block schedule were a factor in the lower numbers. Recommendations for next year will be to maintain the full-time SRO, the lunch program for students and to pay for additional custodial services to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Night School Report

Mr. Pence continued with an update on the night school program that saw 384 students enrolled and 148 identified as "at-risk". Of the students enrolled, 352 completed night school and earned a total of 398 credits. Earth Science and Economics classes were added based on student interest and new staff that would engage the students and improve the quality of education the students received were hired. The program continues to be self sustaining and meet the needs of a variety of students.

Middle School Summer School Report

Dax Chandler, principal of the middle school summer school, shared highlights of his program with trustees. A total of 94 students were enrolled with 61 students identified as "at-risk". Changes from the previous summer include the elimination of the midday busing, the addition of a bus stop at Star Elementary and Garden City; and PE was taught in a twenty minute segment similar to the elementary school classes. Enrollment was down a little from the previous summer, Mr. Chandler felt there needs to be more clarification with principals on who should be attending and what the expectations of the program are. Recommendations for next summer include continuing the PE schedule during every block, continuing the two bus system, provide funding for cleaning the cafeteria approximately three hours per week, and to provide funding to pay for additional custodial services to prepare for the upcoming year.

Adoption of HealthTeacher as an Official Health Resource Approved

Lori Gash, curriculum coordinator, reviewed the HealthTeacher online resource that is being provided by St. Alphonsus for use by our teachers. Ms. Gash provided trustees an online tour of the site and explained that teachers are given logins and students will have no access to the site. The recommendation would be to view this as a dual resource and as texts get older, they will be phased out and this will be the only resource pending continued funding through St. Al's. Trustee Hand moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation as presented.

Anthropology Text for IB Social and Cultural Anthropology Class at RHS Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt *Social & Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction* as the text for the IB Social and Cultural Anthropology class.

Update on Use of P-Card (Pay Card) in Accounting and Payroll

Alex Simpson, budget and finance director reviewed the potential use of a P-Card in the accounting department for payment of bills to vendors that will accept VISA cards and could accept the P-card. Mr. Simpson explained the

advantages of having the card and answered questions from trustees about interest and fees related to the card, and whether the auditors had been contacted regarding the use of the card. Mr. Simpson will do additional research and bring a report to the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Simpson continued his report with an update on the use of a P-card to pay employees who have not taken advantage of direct deposit for their payroll checks. Trustees requested that Mr. Simpson check to see if the company providing the P-cards is bonded and report back to them at the next board meeting.

Board Assignment's/Reports

Trustee Olsen reported the Meridian Technical Charter High School is seeking a new representative for their board, the audit of the school has been completed and everything is in good order, and the state technology task force had visited the school that day.

Trustee Hand reported on her attendance at the Region III meeting where the ISBA resolutions for this year were discussed.

Trustee Ritter reported on her attendance at the professional standards committee meeting and concerns raised regarding the need for approved board meeting minutes before alternative and provisional certificates can be processed will be reconsidered.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark handed out the report from Moody's on the downgrade of the district's rating and trustees discussed what factors had contributed to the lower rating; the district is receiving a \$350,000 music endowment from Marlene Howe to purchase instruments and support music instruction in the district. Teachers will submit grants over the next three years to access the funds with approximately \$116,000 paid out this school year. The strategic plan is still under revision and Dr. Clark requested any input from the board by October 17th for inclusion in the document. Dr. Clark discussed the changes to the high school planning periods for the current school year and a need to examine the decision to change the planning process for high school teachers. A meeting has been scheduled with high school principals and schedulers to discuss possible solutions for this year and a task force will be convened to look at long range solutions for the next school year and beyond. The district has received the first half of the classroom technology money from the state and will proceed with the development of the plan which is due to the state department by the middle of November.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk