



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 20, 2011

**Date, Place & Time** A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Monday, June 20, 2011, 7:00 a.m., at the District Service Center, 303 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, Scott Stuart, Don Nesbitt, Alex Simpson, Trish Duncan

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mike Vuittonet

**WORK SESSION** Dr. Clark explained her analysis of issues requested by trustees following the June 14<sup>th</sup> public budget hearing. Additional staff changes at this juncture would impact the forced transfer list and RIF procedure that is currently in place. There is a concern with safety in the high schools if additional assistant principals are moved from their current positions and administration would like to review the school within a school model to decide if it is the model to follow at this time. Trustees discussed the need for a better understanding of the scope of work an assistant principal does and how to provide that information to staff and patrons. This issue will be studied and recommendations made for the 2012 budget.

Scott Stuart, district athletic director, provided trustees with revisions to the pay for performance plan using recommendations to lower the cost of middle school sports programs. Mr. Stuart explained fees would be collected at the beginning of each season and there would be a limit of two per individual student. Intramural programs for 7/8 grade volleyball, boys and girls basketball will be in partnership with the YMCA. A \$20 activity fee will be charged to pay for the equipment used in each sport. No additional fee will be charged for these sports. The partnership with YMCA will extend into the elementary schools with a boys and girls team per grade per school. The proposal for high school sports is to increase the fee by \$10, so students will pay \$110 per sport with a limit of two per individual student and middle school will pay \$90 per sport with the same limits. To reduce the burden on parents, fees for high school sports will be collected at parent/player meetings instead of registration. This differentiation in fee will address patron suggestions related to the differences in season length between high school and middle school sports.

Dr. Clark continued the discussion sharing data from the kindergarten survey, letters and emails received by the district following the budget hearing. Trustees discussed a revised full day kindergarten model and the impact to parents if the half day kindergarten model was kept in place with no mid-day busing. Concerns were shared for parents who will not be able to get their children to school without busing and the impact on the number of kindergarten students that will actually enroll in the fall. Dr. Gestrin shared concerns about kindergarten students walking to and from school without the

older students who have been part of the busing in the morning or after school. Don Nesbitt, region director, described how elimination of mid-day busing allows the transportation department to stage buses around the district to save on fuel costs but will impact salaries of current bus drivers. If the decision is made to cut mid-day busing, there will be a need to track data to see the impact to the first grade achievement data with the possibility of students who have not attended kindergarten in school for the first time.

Alex Simpson, budget/finance director, discussed keeping the levy rate steady which will add dollars to the plant facility budget. He noted that the district has reduced plant for the past three years in order to stabilize the levy. Budget figures will be set for the board to consider on June 21<sup>st</sup>, but the district will certify the actual amount in the fall. The administration will reconsider earlier budget requests from the maintenance department, which have been deferred for the last three years.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Hand seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk