



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Chairman Phil Neuhoff, Ed Klopfenstein Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, and Steve Smylie (Not able to attend)
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Debbie Arstein, Gloria Rolland, and Don Nesbitt
Guests	Mary Ollie, R. Lundgren, and Matthew Adams

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Phil Neuhoff

**SPOTLIGHT** Eric Heringer from PiperJaffray presented the bond and levy review process. The presentation provided planning on how the district will manage the need for schools in the future without increase property tax. Mr. Heringer also explained the bond rating system. Nick Miller, from Hawley Troxell, gave a presentation on legal aspects of bond issuance and post-issuance compliance. Mr. Miller also explained how bond funds need to be managed.

**Consent Agenda** **Trustee Klopfenstein** made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:

Payment of bills dated January 1-31, 2017

P-Card Payments dated December 1-31, 2016

Monthly Budget Reports

Minutes of:

- a. January 10, 2017 regular board meeting
- b. January 20, 2017 special board meeting

c. January 24, 2017 special board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations  
Summary of Leave Request

**Consent/Cont.**

Recommendation to approve revised Emergency Closures Report

Recommendation to set 2017-2018 budget hearing for Tuesday  
June 13, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Recommendation to approve a group of Victory Middle School  
students to attend the national competition in Washington D.C.

Recommendation to approve Hillsdale Elementary School  
easement

Recommendation to approve CM Company Inc. as construction  
manager for the Meridian High School Bus Loop

Recommendation to approve Hutchison-Smith Architects,  
P.A. contract for Meridian High School Bus Loop

Recommendation to approve 2016-2017 State Calendars to show  
the decrease in instructional hours due to adverse weather

Recommendation that no bid be awarded to any dealership, for  
Box Delivery Truck for Nutrition, and re-submit the invitation  
again

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2016-2017  
school year

Recommendation for student expulsions

Out of school suspension second quarter

**Discussion**

**Revised Policy Code 704, Building Safety Program**

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, stated there were no  
changes to the policy since the first reading and would stand for  
any question.

**Action**

**Approve or deny revised Policy Code 704, Building Safety  
Program**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revised Policy Code 704, Building Safety Program.

**Board Reports/  
Assignments**

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the upcoming West Ada Foundation events and encouraged board members to attend the Foundation Gala on April 6.

Trustee Ozuna reported on her participation on the West Ada's Insurance Committee.

Chairman Neuhoff encouraged all staff to speak to the legislators about the priorities for and support of public education. He also discussed the steps to reviewing the district policy manuals and using ISBA for this process.

Trustee Klopfenstein expressed concerns for the two students struck by a car while trying to get on the bus.

**Superintendent's  
Report**

Dr. Ranells reported that the ISBA would come to the February 28, regular meeting and discuss its policy manual services. She also invited Trustees to attend the upcoming IASBO school funding seminar.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion to move into executive session *per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;* **Trustee Ozuna** seconded. Chairman Neuhoff took a roll call of the board at 7:23p.m. to move into executive session. Trustee Klopfenstein voted yes, Trustee Ozuna voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, and Chairman Neuhoff voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at and continued in regular session at 10:23 p.m.

**Action**

**Approve or deny the personnel recommendation for Employee A (11/29/16) from the administration to the Board of Trustees.**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion to accept the recommendation from Administration that we approve the issuance of a Notice of Recommendation of Possible Immediate Discharge of Employee A (11/29/16) . Further that the Board schedule a hearing to determine the truth of the allegations in regards to Employee A (11/29/16) on 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2017 at

6:00pm. To be held at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

**Action/Cont.** **Approve or deny to place Employee B to be placed on probation for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.** **Trustee Ozuna** made a motion to place Employee B on a period of probation beginning February 20, 2017 and concluding May 12, 2017. At which time it is expected that the Administration will bring a recommendation regarding the results of the probationary period. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

**To ratify or nullify the action of the Superintendent or designee to place Employee C on involuntary leave.** **Trustee Klopfenstein** made a motion to ratify the decision of the administration to place Employee C on administrative leave beginning February 3, 2017. Further, that the board accept the recommendation of administration to continue the administrative leave in order to complete the investigation until such time that the Board receives a further recommendation or 60 working days have passed without a recommendation being advance to the Board. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:37p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk