



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 25, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 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
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Debbie Arstein, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Dave Moser, Cindy Sisson, Devan Delashmutt, and Joe Kelly
Guests	Shellie Harding, Sue Darden, Andrea Smith, Dean Bingham, Roby Agia Lynn Downey, Troop 311, Betsy Atkinson, Montessa Stone, Trudy Champers, Matthew Adams, Dalene Hills, and Cynthia Cook
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to remove item #10, Recommendation to award Eagle High School football field turf replacement to Sprinturf in the amount of \$621,204 to discussion item #6 and action item #5 as to ask some questions of staff. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to move item #10 off the consent agenda.
SPOTLIGHT	Mr. McQuade, Ada County Assessor, gave his yearly presentation on the projected property values in West Ada. The estimated numbers showed an increased value of the taxable property in West Ada of 12.89%. The total taxable value in 2016 was \$16,569,218,955. Next year's taxable value is estimated to be \$18,823,604,838. The total market value is \$24,195,619,500. The taxable value is calculated by subtracting \$5,372,014,662 in home owner's exemptions and operating property. The report showed that 2,396 new homes were built in West Ada in comparison to 1,960 new homes last year. The total value of new construction for 2017 was \$425, 922, 909 in comparison to \$349,725,317 last year. Mr. McQuade estimated 6 new homes are coming on the market every day. He also stated

the availability of the homes in the price range of 125,000 and above are very hard to find. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about personal property tax and noted the impact it has on the levy rate. Vice Chairman Vuittonet also commented on the increasing value of land. Mr. McQuade noted that land prices are increasing rapidly. Trustee Smylie asked for a copy of the property value report. Mr. McQuade indicated that Chief Finance Office Debbie Arstein had a copy that she would provide to the trustees. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about the increase in apartment buildings. Mr. McQuade indicated that there is a trend in increase apartment construction.

Recommendation

Dave Moser, Regional Director, recommendation for the NEW Principal at Prospect Elementary School. He wanted to recognize the following staff in the interview process: Kristi Buxton, Heather Bachman, Julie Fink, Kit Shuman, Cathy Smith, Shellie Harding, Lynn Downey, Cathy Meyer, and Andrea Smith. This group was responsible for being the building level interview committee that recommended two candidates to move on to the district level interviews that we conducted last Friday. Mr. Moser announced Michelle Storey as the next principal at Prospect Elementary. Michelle has taught at Prospect and is currently an administrative inter at the school on a halftime basis. Michelle stated she is honored to call Prospect her home her family.

Dave Moser, Regional Director, recommendation for the NEW Principal at Paramount Elementary School. He wanted to recognize the following staff in the interview process: Betsy Atkinson, Robyn Aguiar, Montessa Stone, Dalene Hills, Cheryl Heuett, Angie Frass, Cynthia Cook and Lil Folkner. This group was responsible for being the building level interview committee that recommended two candidates to move on to the district level interviews. Mr. Moser announced Debbie Gourley as the next principal at Paramount Elementary. Debbie is currently a principal at Joplin Elementary and comes with 30 years in our district. Debbie stated she is honored to continue the Paramount success.

Geoff Stands, Regional Director, recommendation for the NEW Principal at Andrus Elementary School. He wanted to recognize the following staff in the interview process: Robin Didriksen, Elessa Benedick, Shari Carter, Judy Herman, Hailey Howard, Tobi Lewis, Kay Maffey, Karla Morton, Andrea Scroggie, and Kassi Tobias. Each of these dedicated staff members devoted hours of their own time to assist in the interview process. Mr. Stands announced Buffy Roberts as the next principal of Andrus

Elementary School. Buffy is currently a full time assistant principal at Desert Sage Elementary and will be a great fit.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved items are as follows:

Minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular board meeting

Leave Request

Employment Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the NEW Prospect Elementary School Principal

Recommendation to approve the NEW Paramount Elementary School Principal

Recommendation to approve the NEW Andrus Elementary School Principal

Recommendation to approve Career and College Readiness Software Purchase from Sole Source

Recommendation to approve change order to Meridian High School to add a ramp at Entry to Phase 5

Recommendation for Hummel Architect Services for Renaissance High School Final Phase

Recommendation for disposal of 3 surplus portables at Meridian High School

Recommendation for disposal of surplus equipment at Eagle High School

Recommendation to award the Elementary School Wireless Contract to Compunet in the amount of \$456,453.01

Discussion

Revised Policy Code 802.54, Major Repairs/Plant Facility Fund (third reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported no changes were made to the policy since the last board meeting and would stand for questions. No questions were asked of Mr. Yochum.

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Revised Policy Code 803.20, Disposition or sale of Surplus Property (third reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, explained no revision was added to the policy. Mr. Yochum would stand for questions. No questions were asked of Mr. Yochum.

Revised Policy Code 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation (third reading) Cindy Sisson, Joe Kelly

Joe Kelly, Assessment Director reported no changes were made to the policy since the last board meeting and would stand for questions. No questions were asked.

Revised Policy Code 603.21, High School Diploma and Graduation Ceremony (third reading) Dave Moser, Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, and Dave Moser, Regional Director, presented the revision to the Policy to have consistency in the requirement to participate in the graduation ceremony for the early graduates and the students who do not have a full class load due to extenuating circumstances. Trustee Ozuna thanked the staff for the desire to make the Policy equal. Trustees all agreed on the idea of appealing to the Superintendent or designee. Chairman Neuhoff asked who would be the designee. Superintendent Ranells stated she would collaborate with the Regional Directors. Trustee Ozuna wanted clarification of what a part time student would look like, and do they get special permission to be a part time student. Ms. Sisson and Mr. Moser indicated that there is an attendance policy that limits the number of early releases a student can have on their schedule. This conversation takes place with the student and a counselor. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the student that attends high school classes and college classes. Chairman Neuhoff indicated the attendance Policy may need to be revised. Trustee Smylie wanted to know how many students we would be considering. Ms. Sisson indicated it is a hard number to quantify. Superintendent Ranells stated historically the Board granted early graduates the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony. She reported we have a handful of students who may have extenuating circumstances that permits students from attending school full time. Chairman Neuhoff suggested inserting the language into line #12, "and participate in graduation ceremonies," would make the policy consistent. Chairman Neuhoff asked if that would be acceptable. Mr. Moser agreed that amendment would make the policy consistent. This would allow students the opportunity an avenue to participate in graduation ceremony if approved by Superintendent. Trustee Ozuna asked for an estimated number of students that might fit into this

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category. Superintendent Ranells stated an estimation of 135 students fit into this category. This number is an estimate, seniors also have to pass senior project and have the required core classes. However; if we revised the attendance policy this number could be potentially higher, but this is not the recommendation of administration to do so.

Recommendation to award Eagle High School football field turf replacement to Sprinturf in the amount of \$621,204

Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked if this proposal addressed the life-span of the product and the safety. Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported the installation is being done by professionals in the turf industry. The turf installation at Meridian High and Eagle High was done through fund-raising with the boosters and the donation of work. Rocky Mountain High School field was paid by Brighton Corporation, and this field's installation as part of the construction of the school. West Ada has learned that turf require maintenance, compression tests, and the right equipment to groom the fields. Mr. Yochum indicated the purchase of three groomers to maintain the fields and an annual compression tests. Vice Chairman Vuittonet stated the low-bid looks to be very competitive. Trustees Ozuna asked about the different type of fill and the different pricing. Mr. Yochum stated it is the different fill and shock pad under the turf.

Action

Approve or deny revised, Policy Code 802.54 Major Repairs/Plant Facility Fund

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revised Policy Code 802.54

Approve or deny revised Policy Code 803.20, Disposition or sale of Surplus Property

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the revised Policy Code 803.20

Approve or deny revised Policy Code 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approved the revised Policy Code 603.20

Approve or deny revised Policy Code 603.21, High School Diploma and Graduation Ceremony

Trustee Ozuna made a motion to approve Policy Code 603.21 with the addition of the language, "and participate in graduate

ceremonies.” **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Policy Code 603.21 with the additions.

Approve or deny the recommendation to awards Eagle High School football turf replacement to Sprinturf in the amount of \$621,204.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the replacement turf bid at Eagle High School football and award bid to Sprinturf in the amount of \$621,204.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:39p.m.

Chairman

Clerk