



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 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, Debbie Arstein, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Cindy Sisson, Devan Delashmutt, Ramona Lee, Chris Stoker, Amy Larson, Troy Stephens, Shannon Loree, Casey Schiliez, Geri Gillespy
Guests	Laura Henning, Sue Darden, Rob Lundgreen, Mary Ollie
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Trustee Smylie made a motion to remove item #9, #10, and #14 from the consent agenda and place items under discussion and action section of the agenda. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to move item #9, #10, and #14 off the consent agenda.
SPOTLIGHT	Randy Morgan, President of The West Ada Foundation, presented a power point on the success the Foundation has had this year. The growth of all programs has increased to \$71,000 this year. The primary fund raiser was the Gala with a total of \$27,120. The Foundation supports field trips, Rendezvous, instruments for students, art supplies in the classrooms and many other classroom and student needs. The Thank a Teacher Program has donations ranging from \$5-1,000 going directly to the teacher's classrooms and students. The Board thanked the Foundation for all the hard work, time and support. Trustee Ozuna stated this is a great way for parents to donate money into their student's classrooms and support that classroom teacher.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda.

Approved items are as follows:

Payment of bills dated April 1-30, 2017

P-Card Payments dated March 1-31, 2017

Monthly Budget Reports

Minutes of April 25, 2017 regular Board Meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Correction of employment recommendation from the April 25, 2017 Board meeting

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation to approve Freeway Sign Lease Agreement

Recommendation to award Hummel Architects for the Meridian High School Diesel Engineering Facility

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Recommendation to approve Meridian Police SRO contract for the 2017-2018 school year

Recommendation to approve change order for Meridian High School art classrooms

Recommendation for permission for the use of West Ada School District's football equipment for summer camps under the direction of the head coaches at Centennial, Eagle, Meridian, Mountain View and Rocky Mountain High Schools

Recommendation to approve CTE Textbooks

Request to set a Special Board Meeting Saturday, May 27, 2017 between graduation ceremonies at Taco Bell Arena

Recommendation for student expulsions

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

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2017-2018 school year

Discussion

Revised Policy Code 807.50. Debt Management Policy (second reading) Debbie Arstein

Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Arstein presented the only change to the Policy was the addition of Idaho code 63-3102.

Technology plan for the 2017-2018 school year - Devan Delashmutt

Technology Officer, Devan Delashmutt and Innovation Specialist, Geri Gillespy presented the 2017-2018 Technology plan. District wide the committee expressed concerns over the variety of devices in each building and each classroom and the support needed for the vast systems. The lack of technology at the secondary level needs to be addressed. Instructional time lost, confusion for teachers and students needed to be addressed. The 2017-2018 technology plan is to refresh the technology at the elementary level, and repurpose technology at the secondary level. The secondary level will be provided with 40-70 carts with 40 computers. Training and support will need to be provided to teachers. The committee addressed the need for curriculum and technology to coexist and communicate what will provide students and teachers with the growth and assessment needed to measure achievement. Trustees asked about the time line. Mr. Delashmutt reported he would like to have the elementary in place this summer and the carts ready for secondary by the fall. Trustee Ozuna asked if students could use their own device. Mr. Delashmutt stated the issue would be security for the students. Chairman Vuittonet expressed concerns if a device is not working the amount of instructional time lost. If everyone had the same device the management to trouble shoot the device would be minimal. Chairman Neuhoff asked Mr. Delashmutt if they are exploring the lease option. Mr. Delashmutt indicated this is a possibility.

Rescind Policy Code 206 Public Charter Schools, per Idaho Code §33-5205(1) (b) Public Charter Schools

Chairman Neuhoff reported District Policy Code 206, Public Charter schools needs to be updated to Idaho code and will be revised by administration and presented to the Board. This will allow the Board to receive the Peace Valley Public Charter School application.

Receive the Application Peace Valley Public Charter School - Dr. Ranells

Chairman Neuhoff received the Peace Valley Charter School Application and asked the Clerk to follow protocol for receiving documentation.

K-5 Elementary Math Resources - Chris Stoker, Shannon Loree, Casey Schlienz

Stem Coordinator, Chris Stoker presented the K-5 Math Curriculum. Mr. Stoker reported the State adopted new math standards in 2010-2011. Preparations for changes and the modification of curriculum started in 2011-2012. The budget crunch in 2011-2013 reduced the

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funding for textbook adoptions. In 2013-2014 we started using modified Engage NY. Today teachers are provided with printed units in binders. The only cost to the District is the printing of materials. The Engage NY lesson design suggested structure is fluency practice, application problem, concept development and student debrief. Engage NY also has parent support for each unit. This math resource is in alignment with State standards and student achievement targets. Trustee Klopfenstein asked Mr. Stoker how this is free. Mr. Stoker indicated the State of New York received three grants as a part of the grant the resource had to be offered free to public schools. Trustee Ozuna questioned the materials available to parents sometimes becomes difficult to find. Trustee Ozuna stated this information had improved since last year. Trustee Ozuna also asked if text books would be in middle school classroom. Mr. Stoker indicated that could be a goal.

Recommendation to approve Meridian Police SRO contract for the 2017-2018 school year

Meridian Police Department Chief, Tracy Basterrechea and Karen Woodell from the City finance department approached the podium to answer questions from the Trustees. Chief Basterrechea addressed the contract and the desire to bring equity to the contract. The long term goal by the city is for each side to pay 50%. Currently West Ada has 6 SROs, where West Ada pays a portion of the salaries. The City of Meridian only charges the District for 9 months. Trustee Smylies' position on this contract is we need more SRO coverage, not less. We need to expand coverage to have an SRO that shares elementary schools. We do not have the budget for this. The District attendance continues to grow but the number of SROs, have stayed the same. Trustee Smylie would like to renegotiate the contract. Trustees agreed SROs are vital in our schools and the support is critical. Trustee Ozuna asked what if we did not have SROs in the school, Chief Basterrechea stated schools would use 911. He also stated this was done in 2004 and there was outrage from parents. Vice Chairman Vuittonet thanked the City for the support and not passing on any increases to the District since 2008. Dr. Ranells appreciated the SRO program and the assistance they provide during difficult situations. Trustees suggested a meeting with the Mayor to discuss options.

Recommendation to approve the purchase 90+/-acre off Ustick Rd.

Trustee Smylie expressed concerns on the purchase agreement. He was not comfortable with the +/- amount in the agreement. He also questioned the environmental report and the expense to clean the site. Dr. Ranells indicated that Mark Freeman provided West Ada with the agreement to make sure the land is good. This type of work is not unusual when purchasing land. Dr. Ranells reported Mr. Yochum has been working on this purchase for some time. She strongly recommends the approval of this purchase as the growth of the District moves towards that area of town. Currently this land is outside of the West Ada School District-annexation would occur in the future. Vice

Chairman Vuittonet agreed with Dr. Ranells. The appraisal of the land the comparable land prices in the area, the sewer and water location and the frontage along Ustick Road. The operating dairy will result in revenue until we are ready to build on this site. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated we could possibly recapture the entire cost of the land.

Action

Recommendation to approve leases-farm

Trustee Smylie pulled consent agenda item in error.

Approve or deny revised Policy 807.50, Debt Management Policy

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous, to approve revised Policy 807.50, Debt Management

Approve or deny rescinding Policy Code, 206, per Idaho Code §33-5205(1) (b) Public Charter Schools

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion in favor of rescinding Policy Code 206, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the rescinding of Policy Code 206.

Approve or deny K-5 Elementary Math Resources

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve K-5 Math Resources

Approve or deny the purchase 90+/-acre off Ustick Rd.

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Approve or deny to approve leases-farm

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous, to approve the leases-farm

Approve or deny to approve Meridian Police SRO contract for the 2017-2018 school year

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to table this item **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, **Trustee Smylie** stated the motion required a meeting date attached. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** withdrew his motion and added the item will be tabled for discussion at the May 27, 2017 Special Board meeting. **Chairman Neuhoff** asked **Trustee Klopfenstein** if his motion still stands, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to table SRO contract until the May 27, 2017 Special Board meeting.

**Board Reports/
Assignments**

Trustee Ozuna reported she had attended negotiations. She thanked all the parents in the schools that put together teacher appreciation events.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet had nothing to report.

**Board Reports/
Assignments Cont.**

Trustee Smylie attended the Teacher of the Year celebrations and the Classified celebration.

Trustee Klopfenstein reported the kindness in the students at Meridian High School. Team mates helping each other during a fun run sponsored by the school.

Chairman Neuhoff attended the Mayors Youth Awards night and was touched by the stories of adversity some students have experienced. The support of the community and schools and the determination of these students to excel academically is amazing.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Dr. Ranells reported she had attended ISU graduation ceremony and was honored to see 96 West Ada students receive their Associates degree. What an accomplishment for the students and families.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m.

Chairman

Clerk