



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 27, 2017

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 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, Cindy Sisson, Cathy Wright, Jennifer Fletcher

Guests Sue Darden, Roger Stewart, Jason Bransford, Barb Fernreite, Josh Femreite, and Lorie Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE Chairman Phil Neuhoff

Amended Agenda Trustee Smylie made a motion to remove item #5, West Ada School District Resource Officer Agreement with City of Meridian, to discussion item #4 and action item #3. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

- Minutes of:
- a. June 13, 2017 regular board meeting
 - b. June 20, 2017 special board meeting

Employment recommendations

Summary of Leave Request

Recommendation to add College Personal Finance course to the 2017-2018 Renaissance High School Course Description Book

Request to award Bid #715603: Blacktop Maintenance for Eagle Hills to Capital Paving in the amount of \$5,551 and Eagle

Consent Cont.

Elementary, Joplin, Gateway, Willow Creek and Peregrine to Curtis Clean Sweep for \$37,771

Request to award Bid #716502: Blacktop Maintenance for Barbara Morgan, Crossroads Middle, and District Service Center to Curtis Clean Sweep for \$38,225 and Pepper Ridge and Desert Sage to Pavement Specialties for \$26,177

Request to award Bid #716701: Blacktop Maintenance for Rocky Mountain High School and Chaparral Elementary School to Pavement Specialties in the amount of \$101,437.30

Request to award Bid #717101: Ustick Elementary Re-Roof to Hobson Fabricating Corp. in the amount of \$83,300

Request to award Bid #717102: Portable relocation to Rocky Mountain High School to Bermansolo Construction in the amount of \$97,434

Request to award Bid #717103: Meridian Middle School South Student Drop-Off to Excelsior Construction in the amount of \$289,900

Disposal of surplus personal property-maintenance vehicles

Disposal of surplus personal property

Request to accept Bid to relocate portable classroom to Desert Sage Elementary School (documents available at meeting)

Request to accept Engagement Letter and Planning Letter from Eide Bailly regarding Fiscal Year 2017 audit

Request to approve the ISBA Membership Dues for the 2017-2018 school year

State Calendars/Hours for the 2017-2018 school year

Revised AB Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year

Revised Early Release Bell Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year

Revised Bell Schedules for the 2017-2018 school year

Discussion

Gem Prep Charter School Petition (Jason Bransford)

Jason Bransford, a representative from Gem Prep Charter School, presented a power point to the Trustees. Mr. Bransford explained the public charter school blends online learning into the classroom. Currently Gem Prep has locations in Pocatello, Nampa, and online. The charter is seeking approval to open in West Ada School District boundaries in the next year. The petition has to go to the local school district first. If West Ada referred the petition to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission then this would help streamline the authorizers instead of adding another one into the mix. Trustees asked Mr. Bransford where the school would be located. Mr. Bransford indicated a possible location on East Gala Court. Trustees asked what type of students would the charter school serve. Mr. Bransford indicated 51% are low income and 12% are special needs. Trustee Klopfenstein wanted to know about the teaching philosophy, and class size. Mr. Bransford indicated class size range from 24 students K-3 and 30 students 4-6. Some students participate in higher or lower grades depending on their learning needs. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked if the charter is a member of ISBA. Mr. Bransford indicated they were. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked if the school's intention is to be referred to the Idaho State Charter Commission. Mr. Bransford stated yes this would make running the charter more efficient.

Revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load (third reading) Don Nesbitt

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, presented revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load. Mr. Nesbitt indicated there were no changes from the last reading and would stand for questions. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 401.19, Scholarship Program (second reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented revised policy 401.19 with the revisions asked by Trustees from last meeting. The revisions included the deletion of the amount of money available to the administrators. This revised policy will return for a final and third reading.

West Ada School District Resource Officer Agreement with City of Meridian

Trustee Smylie had questions for Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent on the SRO contract. Trustee Smylie questioned the original SRO contract he had received during the May 27 board meeting. Trustee Smylie had concerns over the reduction of an SRO position for Renaissance High School and the District

Discussion Cont.

Service Center. Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, indicated a meeting was held with Superintendent Ranells, Meridian City Mayor, Chief of Police and Karen from Meridian City Finance to discuss the 17-18 SRO contract. The discussion included the costs of the program now and into the future, as well as the methodology used to reach the 50% mark. ISU no longer will be sharing the cost of an SRO with Renaissance High School and the District Service Center. ISU has hired a permanent security personnel. Renaissance High School will hire a security person for the campus. Dr. Ranells stated this contract will get us to the desired 50/50 agreement the City of Meridian would like to happen. Mr. Yochum stated the Mayor will not be asking us to make up the shortfall from last year when the City wanted to move the contract amount to the 50% -this will save the District. Vice Chairman Vuittonet stated we have been getting a good deal. Trustee Ozuna indicated she would like to know what other Districts do and the amount they pay to have SRO's. Vice Chairman Vuittonet agreed with Trustee Ozuna and would like to know what other large districts do around the country. West Ada will continue to grow and the demand for SRO will continue. Trustee Smylie stated he is a big supporter of the SRO program and the program provides a wide range of support for the Building Administrator. Trustee Smylie had concerns about the cost as we move into the future. Chairman Neuhoff asked if the current SRO contract is saving the district money. Mr. Yochum indicated yes and shared the cost spread sheet with Trustees.

Action

Authorize, deny, or refer Gem Prep Charter School Petition to the State Charter Commission

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to refer Gem Prep Charter School to the Idaho State Charter Commission, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Approve or deny revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load.

Approve or deny West Ada School District Resource Officer Agreement with City of Meridian

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was 4-1 to approve the West Ada School District Resource Officer agreement with City of Meridian. The vote was not unanimous with Trustee Smylie opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:46p.m.

Chairman

Clerk