



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff, Ed Klopfenstein Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, and Steve Smylie(Excused)
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Debbie Arstein, Don Nesbitt, Cathy Wright, and Ramona Lee
Guests	Carolann Stanek, D.Van Zandt, Tanya Koyle
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to add two items to the consent agenda. The Pine Street right of way agreement and the Meridian High bus loop temporary licensing agreement. The reason for the addition of the two items is administration just received documents and both items are very time sensitive. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to add items #19 Pine Street right of way agreement and item #20 Meridian High bus loop licensing agreement to the consent agenda.
Consent Agenda	Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda. Payment of bills dated July 1-31, 2017 P-Card payments dated June 1-30, 2017 Monthly Budget Reports Minutes of the: a. July 11, 2017, regular board meeting b. July 27, 2017, special board meeting Associated Student Body Reports

Consent Cont.

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation for renewal of an Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist from the State Department of Education:

- a. Kristine Kempthorne to continue to teach extended Resource Room Special Education (1.0) for Eagle High School
- b. Brian Lawless for Standard Secondary-Science 6/12 (1.0) for Meridian Middle School
- c. Sheri Staszal, Extended Resource Room Special Education (1.0) for Lewis & Clark Middle School
- d. Joey Ward, extended Resource Room Special Education (1.0) for Centennial High School

Recommendation for a Renewal Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New Certification from the State Department of Education:

- a. Jamie Hernandez to continue to work as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (1.0) for Desert Sage Elementary School
- b. Rosemary Hoff to Continue to work as a Special Education Teacher (0.5) for Centennial High School
- c. Jessica Waldbillig to work as a teacher to New Certification/endorsement of the Deaf (0.5) for Rocky Mountain High School

Recommendation for an Initial Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist from the State Department of Education:

- a. Caroline Riley for Pupil Personnel Alternate Certificate-SLP
- b. Melissa Travis to teach Early Childhood Special Education (1.0) for Meridian Elementary School
- c. Jennifer Woodland to teach Special Education Positive Behavior Intervention (1.0) for Siena Elementary School

Recommendation to approve SRO contract with Ada County

Recommendation to approve sidewalk easement and right away dedication to ACHD at Meridian High School

Recommendation to approve Joint Staffing Agreement between West Ada School District and Meridian Free Library District

Recommendation to approve land exchange with the YMCA at Hillsdale Elementary School

Disposal of surplus personal property

Recommendation to approve bid extension for milk and dairy

Recommendation to approve the Renaissance High School 2017-2018

Consent Cont.

A/B Calendar

Approval of Revised Board Meeting Calendar

Discussion

Revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy (second reading) Joe Yochum

Assistant Superintendent, Joe Yochum, presented Policy 501.30 for a second reading adding the work emergency under the heading of extraordinary absences. No other changes were made and will return for a final reading.

Revised Policy 601.2, Emergency Closures (second reading) Eric Exline

Chief Communication Officer, Eric Exline, presented the second reading of Policy 602.2. The policy revisions indicated what will happen in the case of multiple emergency closures; who is expected to work on emergency closure days, and how the district will ensure that the required hours of instruction, as defined by Idaho Code, are met. Trustees requested flexibility on how and when instructional time can be made up. Trustees suggested Mr. Exline revise policy to address all types of emergencies and move lines #72-#77 towards the beginning of the policy. Mr. Exline will make revision and return policy for a final reading.

Continuous Improvement Plan

Assistant Superintendent, Don Nesbitt, presented the West Ada Continuous Improvement Plan, which is a document required by state code. Mr. Nesbitt noted the addition of goals regarding the staff and parent satisfaction surveys. Mr. Nesbitt would like to see more participation in the parent survey. Mr. Nesbitt informed the Board the highlighted yellow areas is the data that will be added after the fall 2017 enrollment is finalized. Trustee Klopfenstein asked if there is a way to measure progress toward the goals throughout the school year. Mr. Nesbitt indicated progress monitoring occurs four times during the year, and is reviewed by the Director's. Trustee Klopfenstein asked if Mr. Nesbitt could add a footnote indication the progress monitoring. Trustee Ozuna wanted to know how we are holding ourselves accountable to the goals. Mr. Nesbitt indicated accountability comes from the process and departments creating goals. Mr. Nesbitt indicated the schools performance will reflect the accountability.

Action

Approve or deny Continuous Improvement Plan

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** second and the vote was unanimous to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan with addition of the following footnote: the progress monitoring that will occur four times during the school year.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Klopfenstein reported on the ISBA Summer Training he

attended. He is also excited to reconnect with all the principals in his region.

Trustee Ozuna reported on the online registration process. She was concerned about families that do not have access to technology and how they are able to get information.

Chairman Neuhoff noted that there is a lot going on at the state level as it evaluated post-secondary education, the funding formula, initiatives that will impact Idaho educational system.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Ranells reported on the Culinary Arts program receiving the award for best secondary CTE program. IHSAA school of excellence awards were received by Rocky Mountain, Eagle and Mountain View High School. Principals Kathy Crowley and Jason Leforgee received ISBA awards. Dr. Ranells discussed four key goals West Ada will pursue this year: (1) Our students will be advanced in reading, writing, and mathematics across all grade levels, across all subjects. (2) Our Students will graduate. (3) Our Students will go on. (4) We will elevate our profession. Dr. Ranells asked trustees to read a story in a language other than ours. She wanted to illustrate how difficult it is for kids who can't read or understand the language.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:39p.m.

Chairman

Clerk