



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Debbie Arstein, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Cindy Sisson, Laura Gilchrist, Missy Nida, Bernadette Sexton, Ramona Lee, Colene Letterle, and Devan Delashmutt
Guests	Tanya Koyle, Alan Buzzi, Zongyin Chi, Nick Provendis, Mason Kreamer, Typer Lober, Jennifer Lober, Mason Scott, Weston McGee, Krista Baker, Kara Craig, Katie Craig, Audrey Paxman, Ashley Wichmann, Sue Darden, Balley Dean, Alyssa Cleland, Mary Ollie, Rob Lundgreen, and Mikal Byrd
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Trustee Smylie asked to remove item #28 from the consent agenda and place this as a discussion item to clarify some questions he had on the item. Trustee Smylie also asked to remove item #32 and table the item until further information could be gathered. Chairman Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to remove item #28. Chairman Neuhoff asked for a second on the second motion made by Trustee Smylie to table item #32 and Trustee Ozuna made the second with the vote was unanimous. Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion to remove item #33 to discussion, Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous.
Spotlight	<u>Fuel Your School</u> Mikal Byrd presented the Chevron Fuel Your School program. This program is a collaboration between Chevron and DonorsChoose.org. This program helped fund classroom projects and support public schools. Projects funded included supplies for classroom, technology and books. When consumers purchased 8 or more gallons of fuel \$1 is donated to public schools. Last year the program funded 180 projects totaling \$136,000.

Spotlight

Literacy Plan Update

Laura Gilchrist presented updated information to the Trustees. Ms. Gilchrist reported the District Literacy Committee looked closely at assessment data and found a need for a comprehensive literacy plan in West Ada. To help improve growth and proficiency rates. Ms. Gilchrist indicated the connection between the Literacy Plan and the Continuous Plan will focus on improving literacy for all students. District building administrators identified 87% as an achievable goal that could be met in the next four years. Trustees asked how students will receive assistance. Ms. Gilchrist explained each building will have a Literacy Team to ensure growth of every student. West Ada staff wants to ensure our students are reading and writing above grade level and will have the tools to succeed in life after they leave West Ada. Trustee thanked Ms. Gilchrist for the update.

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 August 1-31, 2017

P-Card payments dated July 1-31, 2017

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation to approve 2017-2018 Bus Routes

Request to approve Bid #722901: Meridian Middle HVAC Upgrade be awarded to American Chiller Service in the amount of \$183,127

Disposal of surplus vehicles

Disposal of surplus equipment

Recommendation to approve an Emergency Provisional Certification for the 2017-2018 School year for Elizabeth Ropski from the State Department of Education, for Standard Secondary-Family and Consumer Science 6/12

Recommendation to approve a one-year extension for Jodi Loosle (Jeppesen) from the State Department of Education, to teach Special Education (1.0) for Galileo STEM Academy

Consent Cont.

Recommendation to approve Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist from the State Department of Education:

- a. Angela Barton to teach music for Pioneer School of the Arts
- b. Taro Golden as a Prevention Specialist (1.0) for Central Academy High School
- c. Sierra Pontius to teach Early Childhood Special Education (1.0) for Siena Elementary School
- d. KariAnn Pratt to teach elementary music for Joplin Elementary School
- e. Savannah Shrum to teach Special Education (0.7) for Rebound School of Opportunity
- f. Alisa Smith to teach elementary music for Desert Sage Elementary and Gateway Elementary
- g. Mackenzie Stannard to work as a Math teacher (1.0) for Central Academy High School
- h. Cheryl Trombley to teach Early Childhood Special Education (1.0) for Discovery Elementary School
- i. Larie Trotter for Standard Secondary-Ag Science and Technology 6/12 Natural and Applied Science Endorsement
- j. Damian Valle to teach Special Education-Positive Behavior Intervention-PBI (1.0) for Lake Hazel Middle School
- k. Brett Valley to teach Physical Education and Health for Lewis and Clark Middle School

Recommendation to approve Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New from the State Department of Education:

- a. Kevin Boynton to add Basic Math Classes to his El Classes for Centennial High School
- b. Brandi Huggins to teach Early Childhood Special Education (1.0) for Silver Sage Elementary School
- c. Brittany Roper to work as Earth Science Teacher at Meridian High School
- d. David Van Zandt to work as Math teacher (1.0) for Central Academy High School
- e. Cindy Watson to work as a Teacher of the Deaf (1.0) for Sawtooth Middle School

Request to approve Collaboration Agreement between YMCA and West Ada School District

Recommendation to approve the Fourth Amendment to Agreement to Share Benefits and Costs of Irrigation System in the Paramount Subdivision

Recommendation the cancellation of Bid #723401, Galileo Drainage Improvements

Recommendation Mondo Gymnasium Flooring Installation Sole Source Procurement to Fetty's Custom Floor Covering

Recommendation to approve Meridian High School Parking

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Modifications/Development Agreement

Revised Middle School finals schedule

Revised 17-18 modified schools instructional hours

Recommendation to approve first Amendment for Facility Lease and Use Agreement with Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School and Meridian Technical Charter High School

Recommendation to approve food and transportation MOU with Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School and Meridian Technical Charter High School

Recommendation to approve Accounting, Payroll and Personnel Services MOU with Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School and Meridian Technical Charter High School

Recommendation to approve contract with CM Company for diesel engineering facility at Meridian High School

Recommendation to approve Renaissance High School final phase design development

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts Academy via sealed bid for \$6,000,000

Recommendation to approve Lake Hazel Middle School boundary adjustment

Request to approve Mountain View High School orchestra to take students to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA to perform

Request to approve Mountain View High School Dance Team to attend Miss Dance Drill Team Nationals in Irvine California

Recommendation to approve a study from the Lee Pesky Learning Center called Every Child Ready to Read

Recommendation to approve agreement with Terry Reilly Health Services

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

Recommendation for student expulsion

Discussion

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

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented no changes from the last board meeting. Trustees had no question for Mr. Yochum.

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Revised Policy 601.2. Emergency Closures (third reading) Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented Policy 601.2 with the following change: A third day of emergency closure occurring a week prior to Martin Luther King Day will be made up by holding school on the Martin Luther King holiday. A third day of closure after Martin Luther King Day will be made up by holding classes on the President's Day holiday in February. Four days of emergency closure occurring a week prior to Martin Luther King Day will be made up by holding class on both holidays. Trustees had no further questions for Mr. Exline.

FY2018 Tax Certification for Ada and Canyon Counties-Debbie Arstein

Debbie Arstein, Chief Finance Officer, present the levies that West Ada will certify this fall. Ms. Arstein reported the attendance increased by 804 students since last year. The emergency levy will generate \$4,084,266. Trustee Klopfenstein asked what grade level is seeing the most growth. Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, explained the results in the larger classes moving up. Discussion by the board and staff regarding the small enrollment in kindergarten classes. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated if we could monitor the growth this would be a good indication for future school buildings and future sites.

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts Academy via sealed bid for \$6,000,000 (IFAA)

Trustee Smylie asked this item be moved to discussion so he could understand the entire process of a sealed bid. Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported the sale will be advertised not less than 2 weeks but may be as long as a month. The bid of 6 million had to be met or the bid would be classified as non-responsive bid. Mr. Yochum stated the buyer would have to be unique and would need to allow West Ada to lease back the building until a new facility is located or built for IFAA students. Trustees asked what long range plans have been made to relocate IFAA. Mr. Yochum indicated discussion to relocate IFAA to the west of the District Office. The plan would include an auditorium with the building being double the size of IFAA's current building. This would accommodate around 400 students and transportation, which is not currently provided to IFAA students, could be provided. Trustees asked what the potential cost would be to such a facility and the time frame required to build this facility. Mr. Yochum indicated Pathways costs under \$5 million, and IFAA would not be double the cost of Pathways. The building could be constructed in about 12 months. Superintendent Ranells reported the variables in the sale of the building and indicated that nothing can move forward without the sale of the building and this is a project that will be a worthy addition to the educational program in the West Ada. Chairman Neuhoff asked what the terms of the sale will be in the legal document. Mr. Yochum indicated that the bid document would indicate a one year lease-back. Trustee Ozuna asked about other funding

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sources. Mr. Yochum stated there is additional bond funds from the 2015 March bond. Trustee Smylie asked if the sale could be put off a month while that information is put together so Trustees can have a clear picture. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about the negatives of waiting as market values are currently high. Mr. Yochum indicated that right now is a good time to sell property. He indicated that the appraisal is good for a year, so there is some time. Trustee Klopfenstein asked if the district has any alternative location. Mr. Yochum indicated the empty Portable at Pathways could serve as a location for IFAA students.

Recommendation to approve agreement with Terry Reilly Health Services

Trustee Klopfenstein asked the item be placed on discussion to clarify some questions. Colene Letterle, Nurse Supervisor, reported the overview of the agreement. Ms. Letterle stated the Terry Reilly Health services provides mental services to the underserved. Star Elementary would house program but would not retain medical records. The program would provide services to help students and family needs much like the Meridian Schools clinic provides medical needs. Trustee Ozuna indicated she would like to have the HIPPA language inserted into the agreement. Ms. Letterle stated this could be done.

Action

Approve or deny revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy

Approve or deny revised Policy 601.20, Emergency Closures Policy

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 601.20, Emergency Closures Policy

Approve or deny the Emergency Levy budget adjustment and the FY2018 Tax Certification for Ada and Canyon Counties

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Emergency Levy budget adjustment and the FY2018 Tax Certification for Ada and Canyon Counties.

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts Academy via sealed bid for \$6,000,000

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to table the item pending further information from Administration.

Recommendation to approve agreement with Terry Reilly Health Services

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustees Ozuna** seconded and

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the vote was unanimous to approve the agreement with Terry Reilly Health Services with the addition of HIPPA Privacy Rules added to the agreement.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Klopfenstein commented on the positive way the District handle the smoke. He also stated he enjoyed watching a Saturday afternoon high school football game.

Trustee Ozuna had no report.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the Foundation retreat he attended. West Ada Foundation continues to support students and teachers.

Chairman Neuhoff reported on the ISBA resolution regarding teacher certification legislation. The ISBA Executive Board decided no recommendation for this resolution going to the ISBA November convention.

Trustee Smylie reminded the board of the upcoming Treasure Valley Chamber of Commerce seminar that he recommended attending. He also reported attending four different school opening meetings and the chance to see the different personalities of each school.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Ranells provided Trustees with information on the AVID program and the opportunity to learn more during the December showcase. Dr. Ranells invited Trustees to the event in December.

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 Klopfenstein** seconded. Chairman Neuhoff took a roll call of the board at 7:39p.m. to move into executive session. Trustee Ozuna voted yes, Trustee Klopfenstein voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, Trustee Smylie voted yes and Chairman Neuhoff voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 8:02 p.m. and continued in regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Action

Approve or deny recommendation to place Employee A on probation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion and **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded to place Employee A on probation from September 18th to December 22nd 2017. The motion passed unanimously. **Trustee Smylie** abstained.

Approve or deny recommendation to place Employee B on probation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion and **Trustee Smylie**

seconded to place Employee B on probation from September 18th to December 22nd 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m.

Chairman

Clerk