



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2017

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Devan Delashmutt, Jonathan Gillen, Mandy White, Cathy Wright, Cindy Sisson, Lisa Bray, Lori Gash, Diane Olivia, Angie Neal, Geoff Stands, Aime Larsen, and Geri Gillespy
Guests	Mary Ollie, Rob Lundgreen, Bret Heller, Tony Nelson, Sue Darden, Randy Maithaud, Chris Lolso, Ammed Eligibaly, Isabella Burgess, and Gabe Burgess
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion to remove item #17, recommendation to approve Mobilite Cell Tower Lease agreement, from the consent agenda and place it on discussion and action. Trustee Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to place #17 as discussion item #10 and action item #6. Trustee Ozuna made a motion to remove item #19, recommendation to approve the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified school year calendar, from the consent agenda and place it on discussion and action. Trustee Smylie seconded and the vote was unanimous to place item #19 as discussion item #11 and action item #7.
Recommendation	Geoff Stands, Regional Director, has a recommendation for the NEW Principal at Star Middle School. Mr. Stands introduced Tony Nelson. Mr. Nelson has been principal at Eagle Middle School and in the West Ada School District for the past 26 years as a teacher, coach, elementary principal and vice principal. Mr. Nelson stood for questions from the Board. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked Mr. Nelson what would be the biggest challenge. Mr. Nelson stated hiring the initial staff and working close with the community.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda.

Payment of bills dated October 1-31, 2017

P-Card payments dated September 1-30, 2017

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the:

- a. October 10, 2017 ,regular board meeting
- b. October 23, 2017, special board meeting
- c. October 30, 2017, special board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Revised Board appointments for the 2017-2018 school year

Recommendation to approve the NEW Star Middle School Principal

Alternative Authorization, from the Idaho State Department, Teacher to New for:

- a. Brooke Gillette to teach Earth Science 6-12 endorsement at Centennial High School
- b. Katie Martini to teach 9th grade Honors Earth Science at Renaissance High School for a .17 FTE
- c. Jaimie Skinner to add ENL endorsement to her classes at Centennial High School and Lowell Scott Middle School

Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New Certification/Endorsement for Laurie Maus to teach French at Centennial High School from the Idaho State Department

Irrigation Easement agreement Grange Valley

Reimbursement agreement between Star Sewer and Water District, and West Ada School District

Recommendation to approve the schematic design for Diesel Engineering at Meridian High School

Recommendation to approve architect for new gymnasiums at Pioneer and Spalding

Recommendation to approve Quote from World Data Products to dispose hardware

Consent Cont.

Recommendation to approve Mobilitie Cell Tower Lease agreement

Recommendation to approve Second Amendment to Facility Lease and Use Agreement between West Ada School District and Meridian Medical Art Charter High School

Recommendation to approve the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified school year calendar

Recommendation to approve the following trip request:

- a. Mountain View High School Cheerleading to travel to Ontario, California for West Coast UCA Regional Competition departing January 26, 2018 and returning January 29, 2018
- b. Mountain View High School basketball to travel to Utah December 18, 2017 and return December 20, 2017
- c. Idaho Fine Arts Academy to attend and perform in the Heritage Music Festival, in New York City, New York, leaving March 22, and return March 28, 2018
- d. Centennial High School Speech & Debate to travel to Lexington, KY to attend the Tournament of Champions May 27 and return May 30, 2018
- e. Centennial High School Basketball team to attend the Magic Valley Holiday Tournament December 19-21, 2017

Recommendation to approve course description for 2018-2019 school year

Recommendation to approve Executive Leadership program research in the district through Boise State University for Geri Gillespy to complete Capstone project

Disposal of surplus property

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

Recommendation for student expulsions

Out of school suspension report

Discussion

Revised Policy 401.30, Certified Staff Personnel (second reading) Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resource Officer, had no changes to the policy since the last reading. Chairman Neuhoﬀ stated because of the timeliness of submitting this policy to the state he would like to consider the approval or denial after the second reading. No questions were asked of Mr. Roberts.

Revised Policy 1003.10, Use/Rental District Facilities (second reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, indicated no changes in the

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policy from the last reading. Trustees wanted to know about the Booster clubs and the liability insurance. Mr. Yochum stated everyone needs to have insurance per our insurance and on the advice of counsel. This policy will return for a final reading.

Revised Policy 1003.20, Rental fees Schedule (second reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, indicated the only change in the policy from the last reading was the updates of the fees. Mr. Yochum stated he had checked with other districts and adjusted the rates accordingly. Trustees wanted to know about the Booster clubs and the liability insurance. Mr. Yochum stated everyone needs to have insurance per our insurance. This policy will return for a final reading.

Revised Policy 204.20, Order of Business-Regular Meeting (second reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, changed the language to clarify who the patrons should communicate with at the District Service Center. Chairman Neuhoff requested the information should go to the Superintendent. The policy will return for a final reading.

NEW Policy 303.02, School Administration Evaluations (second reading) Dr. Mandy White

Dr. Mandy White, Regional Director, had no changes to the policy. Chairman Neuhoff indicated this policy is timely and needs approval or denial with only two readings. Dr. White was asked to address classified input on administrator's evaluations. Dr. White stated this could be added. The Trustees had no questions for Dr. White.

Revised Policy 602.40, Health Education (first reading) Lori Gash

Lori Gash, Curriculum Coordinator, reported this policy needs to match the course description of our curriculum. The changes at the middle school level would still be offered. The changes in the high school level would be only one health class, with the opportunity of the opt out for parents and students based on the subject. Chairman Neuhoff asked if this policy has a deadline. Ms. Gash indicated if approval or denial could occur at the December meeting that would allow enough time to print course description books. Chairman Neuhoff asked the Clerk to place it on the December discussion and action section.

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts (Joe Yochum)

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the Work Session held at Idaho Fine Arts on October 30th. Trustees all agreed the Work Session allowed them to ask questions and gather information. The Trustees appreciated the opportunity to have an extensive discussion on such a big decision. Mr. Yochum stated the attorney has drawn up the documents to put the building up for sale.

Bond Resolution (Eric Exline)

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Director, detailed the Bond Committee Process. The Committee was made up of parents and school

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administrators. Surveys were sent out to all parties. The task of the committee was to come up with a plan of possible solution for elementary, middle and high schools. The committee came up with several proposals. The final proposal the committee would like to recommend to the Board includes the following:

New high school: \$60 million

New elementary school: \$16 million

Expansion/remodel of Star Elementary: \$7 million

Classroom addition at Mary McPherson Elementary: \$1 million

Cafeteria expansion and 20 classroom addition to Mountain View High School: \$8 million

Revenue to purchase land for future schools: \$3 million

Total: \$95 million

Trustees asked about the bond levy and supplemental levy both on the March 13 ballot. Trustees also discussed the facilities in the future with all the future growth. Mr. Exline stated the bond committee addressed a variety of facility plans to increase the capacity of the two elementary schools and the capacity of Mountain View High School.

Supplemental Levy Resolution (Eric Exline)

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Director, outlined the history of the Supplemental Levies in West Ada. The date of running the Supplemental Levy is the key. Mr. Exline compared West Ada Levy rates with neighboring school District. In 2011, a levy proposal failed, resulting in the reduction of 14 days, elimination of certified, classified, and administrative positions. The elimination of mid-day kindergarten bussing and the athletic participation fees were implemented. In 2012 the \$14 million levy was successful and this helped restore 9 days of school, other cuts still remain. The Supplemental Levy recommendation proposal of \$14 million per year for each of the next two years (2018-2019 school year). Maintain the current programs and operations. Continue the efforts to restore certified staffing to the state levels. Eliminate deficit budgeting and work to restore the other items cut but not yet restored. Eric Heringer from Piper Jaffrey, who is the district's bond underwriter, answered questions that explained why passage of both the bond and the supplemental levy will not increase the property tax rate in West Ada. Trustees thanked Mr. Exline and Mr. Heringer for all the hard work and planning for the future and the continual growth of West Ada School District.

Recommendation to approve Mobilitie Cell Tower Lease agreement

Trustee Klopfenstein pulled this item off to discuss the exact location of the cell tower. Trustee Klopfenstein shared the research and studies that will be addressed in the upcoming years. He indicated the District needs a policy that addresses the science and safety of cell tower locations. Mr. Yochum asked the representative from Mobilitie to share information with the Trustees. The location of the cell phone tower will be east of the parking lot at Pathways Middle School. The tower will be

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85 feet tall and Mobilite and more than 100 feet from any parking areas. Trustee Smylie asked about the terms of the lease. Mr. Yochum stated the lease agreement is the same as the other cell phone tower agreements. Mobilite representatives stated that if for some reason the tower needed to be replaced they would replace it. Mobilites also stated the company checks the tower every month to make sure it is meeting industry standards. He explained that these towers emit non-ionizing radiation. Studies, however, have preliminary results that show the risk is carrying cell phones in close proximity. Trustee Klopfenstein indicated that is why the school district should develop a policy that explains the science and sets standards based on that science. Chairman Neuhoff thanked Mobilite for providing representatives at the meeting. Chairman Neuhoff asked the RF expert to explain radiation exposure from a cell phone tower. He explained that most of the studies show concern when the source is sending the wave at a singular point. Cell phone towers send out a dispersed wave signal. He also explained that cell phone towers are near the lowest ends of the wave spectrum. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the comparison of wave strength at 150 feet from a tower compared to the energy emitted by the cell phone itself. The RF engineer indicate the exposure is the same from the phone as it is from the tower. Mobilite representatives stated carrying a cell phone is more harmful than the tower. Trustee Smylie indicated support for developing a policy regarding cell tower placement. Trustee Vuittonet indicated that the district can terminate the project in the future and will always make the decision for the safety of the students. Trustee Klopfenstein stated that he was not suggesting that the Board reject the project. He indicated that the value of the scientific studies is focused on the use of cell phones and how the district should be using science to educate students. Vice Chairman Vuittonet stated if research found this to be dangerous regulations would require them to be taken down.

Action

Recommendation to approve the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified school year calendar

Trustee Ozuna requested this item to be pulled from the consent agenda. Trustee Ozuna wanted information she could offer to patrons when they asked about the calendar. Trustee Ozuna asked about Columbus Day and the early release days. Mr. Yochum stated some states recognize Columbus Day and some do not. Trustee Ozuna asked about the early release day that was placed on a Thursday and why not a Friday. Mr. Yochum explained the balance that has to occur for the A B block schedule. Trustee Ozuna indicated the daycare issue is a challenge for many working parents. Trustee Smylie stated consistency and communication is very important so parents can plan.

Approve or deny revised Policy 401.30, Certified Staff Personnel
Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 401.30, Certified Staff Personnel

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Approve or deny NEW Policy 303.02, School Administration Evaluations

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve NEW Policy 303.02 with the addition of classified

Approve or deny the process to sell Idaho Fine Arts

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the process to sell Idaho Fine Arts.

Approve or deny Bond Resolution

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Bond Resolution.

Approve or deny Supplemental Levy Resolution

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Supplemental Levy Resolution.

Approve or deny Mobilitie Cell Tower Lease agreement

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was 4 to 1 with the no vote from Trustee Smylie.

Approve or deny the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified school year calendar

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Traditional and Modified school year calendar.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Smylie reported on the Idaho School Boards Association training and the workshops he attended. Trustee Smylie wanted to thank Debbie Arstein for all her hard work and dedication and welcomed Jonathan Gillen to the District.

Chairman Neuhoff attended the ISBA convention and found that West Ada had already implemented many of the new innovations throughout our District. Chairman Neuhoff stated in many ways we are the leaders. He also indicated he would like to see more work session to go review open meeting laws.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet attended the ISBA convention and reported that the West Ada resolution was approved at the convention and ISBA would carry it forward.

Trustee Ozuna reported on the loss at Centennial High School and the impact this makes on the West Ada Family.

Trustee Klopfenstein attended the ISBA conference and attended a work shop on Medicare funding. This funding may go away in the

future so we need to be prepared.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Ranells reported she is an ISBA trainer, and she could offer training to the Board if they decided to schedule a work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:49p.m.

Chairman

Clerk