



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **February 13, 2018**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff, Ed Klopfenstein Mike Vuittonet, Steve Smylie, and Renee Ozuna (Phone)
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Dave Roberts, Cathy Wright, and Samantha Spencer
Guests	Hannah Hamilton, Michelle Storey, R. Lundgreen, John Labbe, Jared Christensen, Sue Darden, Boy Scout Troop 465, Robert Zumbon, Angie Hickman, Christine Lodal, Ryan Wilhite, Luke Wilhite, Kathy Crowley, Brittany Amos, Debbie Gourley, Doni Davis, Rebecca Redman, Wendy Palmenton, Matt Genetti, Leanne Yacuh, Desiree Gumm, Mike Hirano, Marcus Myers, Mary Ollie, Kevin Leishman, Jacque Wilson, Julie Prince, Kaela Lange, Ali Sheerer, Mike Dudley, Debbie Aholt, and Lisa Austin
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Spotlight	Dave Moser, Central Regional Director, introduced the Central Region principals, including Jill Lilienkamp, Marcus Myers, Ryan Wilhite, Julie Prince, Michelle Story, John Labbe, Kathy Crowley, Jared Christensen, Mike Dudley, Susan McInerney, Debbie Gourley, Mike Hirano, Doni Davis, Kevin Leishman and Lisa Austin. Mr. Moser introduced Meridian High Principal, Jill Lilienkamp. Ms. Lilienkamp presented the Avid Program. Ms. Lilienkamp explained the program's success includes the staff adoption of the program, students buy in and the decision to extend the program school-wide. The team has focused on the needs of the students. Kristen Haener, Assistant Principal of Meridian High, spoke on the relationship with other area schools such as the Boise School District. The ability to speak the same language and terminology has built a culture at Meridian High School between staff and students. Kaylynn Moline, Meridian High School Student, indicated the note taking has improved the way all students learn and expand on the notes they are taking in class. The tutorial process helps students learn and retain the information. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the note taking process if this is offered to all students or just the AVID students. Ms. Haener indicated this method had been adopted by all staff in all class better known as the WIKOR. Vice Chairman Vuittonet

Spotlight Cont.

asked about the tutoring session if this is offered to all students or just the AVID students. Ms. Haener indicated this happened in the AVID elective classes. Mr. Moser then introduced John Labbe, principal of Peregrine Elementary. Mr. Labbe highlighted his Community School Program concept. These resources include parent engagement, health resources, to the student, parent education culture clarity, and mentoring from teachers. Mr. Labbe desire is to increase student opportunity and provide a safe culture for students and parents. Parent buy in to explore academic risk and go above and beyond. Mr. Moser introduced Marcus Myer, principal from Meridian Elementary. Mr. Myers gave a presentation on Meridian Elementary School's High Reliability Schools program. The school's focus is "all means all," which means that there are no excuses for any student's progress. Progress toward this goal is measured using the HRS program developed by Bob Marzano. The research behind HRS includes measurable goals toward the school's progress, the school's student achievement goals and progress toward being a high reliability school are measured throughout the school year. Student learning involves the students understanding their own goals and taking ownership of the school's culture and their own student achievement. Mr. Myers invited the Trustee to come to visit his school. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about the all means all if students fall through the cracks. Mr. Myer indicated the staff targeted students who are behind to help move them on to the next level. Students are the ones who move themselves. The path the student works towards make the students take ownership of their education. Chairman Vuittonet discussed the themes that he heard throughout the presentations, with a key theme being culture and building a culture of learning. The resources that are needed to make successes happen.

Recommendation

Geoff Stands, Regional Director, recommended to the Board of Trustees the next principal at Eagle Middle School. Mr. Stands wanted to first recognize the selection committee for all their time to assist their school in the creation of the interview questions. He thanked the following: Katie Baun, Becky Coulter, Amy Durnil, Lynn Giesler, Desiree Gumm, Christine Lodal, Karne Miller, Peter Parke, Say Ruhl, Barbara Salazer, Wendy Spiers, and Leanne Yacuk. Mr. Stands recommendation to the Board for the next principal at Eagle Middle School is Matt Genetti. Mr. Genetti has been an assistant principal at Eagle Middle School for the past six years. Matt's background and passion for Eagle Middle School makes him an exceptional fit for the school. Mr. Genetti thanked the selection committee. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked Mr. Genetti's top three goals in his new role. Mr. Genetti indicated his focus would be to make sure the culture at Eagle Middle and Star Middle are both positive and strong as the staff and students transition.

Consent Agenda

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

Consent Cont.

Payment of bills dated January 1-31, 2018

P-Card payments dated December 1-31, 2017

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the:

- a. February 1, 2018, special board meeting
- b. January 23, 2018 special board meeting
- c. January 16, 2018 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation to approve the NEW Eagle Middle School Principal

Recommendation to set the 2018-2019 budget hearing

Recommendation to approve the ACHD requests

Summer meal program attendance area adjustment

Recommendation to award bid to Paige Mechanical Group for the Mountain View High School water heater replacement

Disposal of Personal Property

Approve contract with CM Company for the New High School

Approve contract with The Land Group for survey work for the New High School

Approve contract with MTI for materials, testing and special inspections for New High School

Approve proposal for the transportation planning and engineering services for the new high school

Authorization to request West Ada Education Association to verify 50% plus 1 of the certified staff are in favor of West Ada Education Association representation in negotiations

Approve proposed request for qualifications (RFQ) guidelines for selection of architects for projects with a fee under \$25,000 for a period not to exceed two (2) years

Consent Cont.

Recommendation to approve the following trip requests:

- a. Meridian High Band and Orchestra to attend the World Strides Festival in Anaheim, CA March 22 2018, and return March 26, 2018
- b. Meridian High Dance Team to attend Miss Dance Drill Team International competition in Irvine, CA April 5-9 2018

Suspension report for second quarter

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

Recommendation to approve student expulsions

Discussion

Revised Policy 100, Education Philosophy (third reading) Don Nesbitt

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the Education Philosophy for Don Nesbitt. Mr. Exline stated the Policy had no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no question for Mr. Exline.

Revised Policy 604, Schools of Choice (second reading) Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the revised policy. Mr. Exline included changes Trustees requested from last reading. This policy will return for a final reading. Trustee Ozuna indicated she liked the idea of adding verbiage to include individual students' situations.

Action

Approve or deny revised Policy 100, Education Philosophy
Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 100.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Ozuna thanked the Central Region for the presentation. She also attended the joint graduation. She liked having all the alternative schools graduate together.

Trustee Smylie reported his progress he has had working on some legislative issues. He attended the ribbon cutting at Meridian High School and was impressed with the remodel of the school. He reported his involvement with the District Wellness Committee.

Chairman Vuittonet reported on the outstanding job the West Ada Foundation is providing for the School District. He also reported the efforts to find a way to fund new schools will have to continue during next year's legislative session.

Trustee Klopfenstein reported on the efforts of Ms. Lilienkamp and Mr. Yochum efforts to improve the weight room at Meridian High School. He thanked Kathy Crowley for the working on a transition plan for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Trustee Klopfenstein indicated his

desire to address the effects of cell phone and screen time on younger children.

Chairman Neuhoff addressed the upcoming events, Day on the Hill, the Law Conference and the Special Board Meeting scheduled for February 27th at 8:30am. He reported the upcoming March 13th vote on the bond and supplemental levy. Information is available at www.boostwestad.com.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Ranells thanked Mr. Moser and the Central Region principals for the presentation. Dr. Ranells had attended a Superintendents meeting and asked if any of the surrounding Districts had a policy on cell phone. Dr. Ranells noted that one of the 18 roles of Trustees outlined in code is involvement with the legislation and thank the Board for the strong and effective efforts doing this work. Dr. Ranells thanked the Board for representing their constituents and for helping the District share all the programs West Ada offers for students. Finally, Dr. Ranells reported on research she has been reading about "belonging" and how it applies to students and staff in buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk