



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 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, March 13, 2018 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, Devan Delashmutt, and Colene Letterle
Guests	Ted Arnold, Sue Darden, Mary Ollie, R. Lundgreen
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous to pull item #15 from the consent agenda, recommendation to approve Central Drive Parcel Adjustment, and place item on discussion and action.
Spotlight	Ted Arnold, Law Enforcement Coordinator for Crime Stoppers of Southwest Idaho, presented the program used in school districts. Mr. Arnold focused on the need to have an anonymous reporting program in schools. He indicated that 81% of violent incidents in US schools, someone other than the attacker knew it was going to happen, but failed to report it. The most common reports include suicide threats, bullying/cyberbullying and drugs on campus. He presented the shooting statistics since 2000 through February 2018. He indicated anonymous reporting is a crucial tool. Mr. Arnold explained how the anonymous tips are collected. He presented three ways to report crimes. The app is titled P3 tips for mobile apps. The web is www.343cops.com and the phone number is 343-COPS. The tips are collected and sent to local law enforcement. The program has no cost to school districts. The program can only be successful if the Administration promotes to parents and students. Mr. Arnold indicated this is not a system to be used in place of a 911 call. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the tracking of IP addresses or the use of caller ID. Trustee Smylie asked how the efforts between schools, administrators, and SRO's works. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the commitment from other District's, and the possibility of using one school as a pilot program. Trustee Ozuna asked Mr. Arnold how many tips Crime

Stoppers gets from West Ada. Mr. Arnold estimated only a couple a month. Trustees all thanked Mr. Arnold for his valuable information and agreed this topic needed future discussion with Administration.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda.

Payment of bills dated February 1-28, 2018

P-Card payments dated January 1-31, 2018

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the:

- a. February 13, 2018, regular board meeting
- b. February 27, 2018, special board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation to request an Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist for Tanner Faris to teach secondary EL Math at Centennial High School

Recommendation to award bid to Pavement Specialties of Idaho for the rehabilitation of the parking lot at Chief Joseph Elementary School

Recommendation to award bid to Diamond Contractors for the Playfield Drainage Project at Galileo STEM Academy

Recommendation to award bid to Triple G Construction for remodeling the Library at Hillsdale Elementary School

Recommendation to award bid to Perkins Construction for the remodel of the Information Service Department

Recommendation to award bid to Perkins Construction for the Lake Hazel Middle School Entrance Vestibule and Interior Glazing Project

Recommendation to award bid for the remodel of the library at Eagle Hills Elementary School

Recommendation to approve architect for Meridian High School Auditorium

Consent Cont.

Recommendation to approve architects for projects under \$25,000 for two years

Disposal of district surplus

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2018-2019 school year

Student Expulsions

Discussion

NEW Policy 1003.11. Leasing Real Property

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented Policy 1003.11 to the trustees. The Policy provides clarity for the different types of leases. Trustee Ozuna questioned the limitation regarding the placement of cell phone towers on elementary school sites. Mr. Yochum indicated the placement of cell phone towers typically would not be placed on elementary sites because these sites are smaller and the proximity to homes in a subdivision have never been approved by the approving agencies. Trustee Ozuna asked for the wording to be changed from elementary sites to size of land needed. Trustee Smylie asked about the price for agricultural leases. Mr. Yochum reported the lease are reviewed and approved by the Board annually. The lease price varies depending on the type of crop the farmers grow that year. Vice Chairman Vuittonet wanted some wording added to include the distance from the building. Trustee Klopfenstein thought the policy defined the terms of leases.

Revised Policy 504.70. Wellness

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented the first reading of Policy 504.70. Federal rules regarding school nutrition program and a recent audit received indicated the wellness policy needed to be revised to comply with guidelines. Parents, staff and Trustee Smylie participated on this committee. The biggest change in the policy is the marketing of foods and drinks in our schools. Under the new regulations, foods that do not meet the nutrition requirements can't be advertised during school hours. Trustees questioned the after-school advertisement. Mr. Yochum indicated the programs such as football game concessions are after school hours and the regulation would not apply to after school activities. Trustee Klopfenstein asked about "smart snack" and what makes a smart snack smart. Mr. Yochum reported the first ingredient must meet the nutrition requirements. Trustees asked about the vending machine income. Mr. Yochum indicted the high school's revenue had decreased. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the school advertising students are asked to bring in every year for sporting sponsors. Mr. Yochum indicated that advertising would not be allowed if the advertisement did not meet the smart snack guidelines. Chairman Neuhoff asked who will regulate this at the school level. Mr. Yochum stated the building principal. Trustee Ozuna asked about school parties. How is this enforced in the classroom parties. Mr. Yochum indicated this is up to the building principals to

Discussion Cont.

monitor. Trustee Ozuna stated in her experience this is not enforced. Trustees asked about the booster website how are they monitored. Mr. Yochum indicated if the students do not see the advertisements during the school day then the policy is not being violated. Mr. Yochum will bring the policy back for another reading.

Revised Policy 604, Schools of Choice

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the third reading of Policy 604. The Trustees had no questions for Mr. Exline.

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported after reading Idaho Code a new appraisal must be done before a second attempt to sell Idaho Fine Arts. Chairman Neuhoff asked if the property be split and appraise the properties separately. This would allow the property to be used in a variety of ways. Mr. Yochum indicated he could investigate the possibility. Vice Chairman Vuittonet stated if the district is going to get another appraisal, the property split would attract more opportunities and attract more potential buyers.

Recommendation to approve Central Drive Parcel Adjustment

Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked the item to be pulled to ask clarifying questions. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked why the parcel was subdivided in the way it was. Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, reported this was divided with conversations with potential buyers and the district's future for the property. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated the property is the most valuable piece of land in the district and we need to consider what we as a district might want to use it for in the future. Trustee Ozuna questioned the number of cars going through the property and what would happen if we did not move Idaho Fine Arts to this parcel of land. Mr. Yochum indicated the district can do whatever the board wants to do regardless of the subdivision of the property. Trustee Smylie asked if this is a timely matter or can we wait to make this decision. Mr. Yochum indicated this is a follow-up to the approval the Board approved at the meeting in June 2017 to move forward with the parcel adjustment. Chairman Neuhoff had concerns with the combining parcel A to the District property, and the joint use agreement we have with Idaho State University. Trustee Ozuna asked how quickly the district wants to move on the process. Mr. Yochum indicated the process would take three months. Trustees wanted clarification on the acres it would take to build Idaho Fine Arts, and the amount of traffic this would produce with the limitations to access the parcel. Mr. Yochum stated Pathways currently takes up two acres and he indicated this would be comparable to what Idaho Fine Arts would need.

Action

Revised Policy 504.70. Wellness

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 504.70.

Recommendation to sell Idaho Fine Arts

The action died for lack of a motion.

Recommendation to approve Central Drive Parcel Adjustment

Vice Chairman Vuittonet moved and **Trustee Ozuna** seconded to hold the item in abeyance. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the revenue collected by the West Ada Foundation and the sale out of tables at the upcoming Gala event.

Trustee Smylie reported on his time spent at the legislature. He also reported on the FFA program at Meridian High and the wonderful breakfast they served to the community. He thanked Mr. Arnold, from Crime Stoppers, for his presentation to the Board.

Trustee Ozuna reported on the conversation she had with a student from Pathways. The student expressed how much he liked his new school and the success he is having academically.

Trustee Klopfenstein reported he has had many informal conversations with staff and the safety of our schools.

Chairman Neuhoff thanked Eric Exline and Miah Brown for all the hours of dedication spent on the bond and levy. Chairman Neuhoff also reminded Trustees of the joint discussion with the City of Meridian and the Special upcoming Board meeting. He also noted the curriculum department will be asking to adopt math and science textbooks and the public process will take place.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Ranells thanked the Board for another great meeting. She also wanted to thank Mr. Exline and Mr. Brown for all their hard work on the bond and levy.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk