



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2018

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 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 (by phone)
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum, Brian Smith, Gloria Rolland, Jonathan Gillen, Joe Kelly, Mandy White, Cindy Sisson, Ramona Lee, and Laura Gilchrist
Guests	Mary Ollie, R. Lundgreen, Sue Darden, Layne Ward, JD Sexton, Holly Casos, Michelle Warmer, Justin Ravago, Merrienne Cavazcs, Candace Murphy, John Rorabacher, Jonathan Sexton, Christina Neuhoff, Olivia Dina, and Sarah Neuhoff
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Amended Agenda	<p>Trustee Ozuna made a motion to move item #16, recommendation to approve attendance area for Desert Sage Elementary and Silver Sage Elementary School to discussion and action. Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded, and the vote unanimous.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to remove item #22, Renew Clinical Affiliation Agreement with BSU on the advice of to be revised by legal counsel. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Trustee Ozuna made a motion to move item #18, recommendation to approve design development documents for the New High School to discussion and action. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous.</p>
Spotlight	Joe Kelly, Assessments and Accountability Administrator, presented the IRA and ISAT data. At all grades, students performed at higher levels than last year. He reviewed the new test will measure multiple skills beyond just the fluency that is measured. Teachers are doing a great job increasing the reading achievement levels and identifying which students need intervention. Math assessment continue an upward trend except for the 10 th grade. West Ada School District students outperform above the state and national level. Chairman

Spotlight Cont.

Neuhoff pointed out the national data on the ISAT is not a mandatory test for students to take like it is in Idaho. Vice Chairman Vuittonet stated he was impressed with the results. Trustee Ozuna asked about the drop between kindergarten and first grade. Mr. Kelly indicated kindergarten is letter recognition and first grade test reading skills. Trustee Smylie asked if the NAEP test results are analyzed by the school district. Mr. Kelly indicated this is only available at the state level. Trustees Smylie asked if the 10th grade results could be due to test fatigue. Trustees all voiced concerns over the lack of improvement in the 10th grade. Mr. Kelly noted the entire middle school is performing at high level and we should see the continued growth as they move on. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the definitions of Advanced, Proficient and Basic. Mr. Kelly indicated this a good measure whether a student will be college and career ready. Chairman Neuhoff asked what that means for an individual student. Mr. Kelly indicated he would provide individual information for student achievement. Superintendent Ranells indicated we should celebrate this data, and she is excited to find teachers developing their own formative assessment that are measuring student success in grade level terms.

Consent Agenda

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

Payment of bills dated May 1-31, 2018

P-Card payments dated April 1-30, 2018

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the:

- a. May 22, 2018 regular board meeting
- b. June 2, 2018 special board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation to approve Superintendent Contract

Request to seek Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist for:

- a. Diane Grahek for Technology Education 6/12 Gateway to Technology Pre-Engineering grades 7-8 as well as Digital Tools at Lowell Scott
- b. Larie Trotter Standard Secondary - Ag Science and Technology 6/12 and Natural and Applied Science

Request to seek Alternative Authorization - Teacher to New

Consent Agenda Cont.

- a. Mathew Behrens to add Health (K-12) at Pepper Ridge and Hillsdale Elementary
- b. Jeffrey Howard to add Health (K-12) at Desert Sage Elementary
- c. Cory Johnson to add Health (K-12) at Discovery Elementary and Ponderosa Elementary
- d. Andrew (Reed) McCashland to add the Health (K-12) at Desert Sage Elementary
- e. Samantha Miller to add the Health (K-12) at Prospect, Mary McPherson and River Valley Elementary Schools
- f. Carolyn Peters to add the Health (K-12) at Eagle Elementary School of the Arts
- g. Steven Rohlmeier to add the Health (K-12) at Joplin Elementary School
- h. Kayleen Strong to add the Health (K-12) at Desert Sage Elementary
- i. Joshua Thompson to add the Health (K-12) at Frontier Elementary

Recommendation to approve:

- a. Elementary Handbook 2018-2019
- b. Middle School Handbook 2018-2019
- c. High School Handbook 2018-2019

Star Middle School Library Books

Approve to change the word code to policy, the policy numbers, and make policies ADA compliant

Approve to rescind board memo requesting an annual meeting

Textbook-Concurrent Credit Upgrade

Recommendation to approve attendance area for Desert Sage Elementary and Silver Sage Elementary School (Placed on Discussion and Action)

Recommendation to accept RHS bid #11 Steel Erection

Recommendation to approve design development documents for the New High School (Placed on Discussion and Action)

Approve contract with CM Company – MHS Auditorium

Approve general conditions with CM Company – MHS Auditorium

Approve general conditions with CM Company – New High School

Renew Clinical Affiliation Agreement with BSU (Removed from consent)

Consent Cont.

Approve Cooperative Agreement between The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and WASD

Approve temporary construction easement with ACHD at Pepper Ridge Elementary School

Network Cabling E-Rate Clarification

Recommendation to approve Rocky Mountain High School editors of the yearbook to attend a camp in Spokane, Washington on August 1, 2, 3, and 4th of 2018

Recommendation to approve Meridian High School to attend HOSA Nationals in Dallas, TX July 26th and return August 1st, 2018

Recommendation to approve Mountain View High School's Cross Country team to travel to Minneapolis, MN. August 28th to September 1st 2018

Disposal of District surplus

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

Student Expulsions

Suspension report for fourth quarter

Discussion

Recommendation to approve design development documents for the New High School

Trustee Ozuna asked for this item to be pulled of the agenda because the design included the name of the high school. The name has not been approved and will be a discussion and action item tonight.

Revised Policy 801.70. Un-appropriated Fund Balance and Contingency (first reading) Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, asked for the year in the policy to be changed. This policy will receive only one reading.

Revised Policy 801.80, Balanced Budget (first reading) Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, asked for the year in the policy to be changed. This policy will receive only one reading.

Budget Hearing - Jonathan Gillen

a. Adopt Amended 2017-2018 budget

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, explained to the trustees the amended 2017-2018 budget needs to be adopted to reflect budget adjustments that were made during the year. The biggest adjustment is the \$95 million in revenue from the bond in March of 2015.

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b. Adopt Proposed 2018-2019 budget

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, indicated the budget presentation is the same presentation the Trustees had seen during the May 8th board meeting. West Ada projected enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is estimated at \$39,703 students an increase of 650 students from last year. Mr. Gillen Highlighted the “BIG THREE” 1. Staffing increase 2. The opening of Star Middle School 3. Transportation. Mr. Gillen presented information on College and Career Advisors, IT Staffing, Leadership Premiums, Professional Development, Safe and Drug Free School, Maintenance of School Facilities, and Technology. Superintendent Ranells noted that the increase in the fund balance resulted in an increase in the district’s bond rating, which will save taxpayers money on interest in the future. Chairman Neuhoff asked about the increase in fuel on the budget. Mr. Gillen indicated the fuel increase is estimated into the budget.

Update on Secondary access control - Devan Delashmutt

Devan Delashmutt, Chief Technology Officer, gave an overview of the access control. The projects, which are underway this summer, will result in more schools having systems that will allow the schools to operate with the exterior locked during the year. The access control will allow staff to buzz in visitors during school hours. The access control for secondary schools will require staff and students to have reader cards. The reader cards will allow students to have access during school hours only. These systems will require everyone to work on a culture of safety among the entire school community. Currently, 21 sites have access control. The district’s goal is to expand this technology to all schools. Trustee Klopfenstein noted that this initiative is huge. He asked if this system will work with older schools that don’t have the double door entry way. Mr. Delashmutt indicated that the older buildings are more of a challenge, but the systems have been installed at older schools already. Trustee Ozuna asked if other districts have these systems and if we have spoken with these districts. Mr. Delashmutt indicated that district staff met with Boise High School and were impressed with what the system had done for the culture of the school. Trustee Ozuna asked how staff get into buildings now. At schools without access control, staff are issued building and classroom keys. Staff at buildings with access control enter using either a badge or fob. Trustee Ozuna asked if staff have expressed any concerns about the system’s ability to track when staff enter and leave a building. Mr. Delashmutt indicated he has not heard that concern. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked what the worst possible outcome of this initiative. Mr. Delashmutt indicated that the process of implementation will be a challenge, and that there are some technology challenges. Trustee Smylie asked about the cost of the systems and noted that these are expenditures that could be used for other educational purposes and that the legislature needs to be aware of how much this initiative and past initiatives cost the

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district. Mr. Delashmutt indicated that those costs could be provided. Trustee Smylie noted that he absolutely sees the need for these expenditures. Mr. Delashmutt noted that he agrees that there is not system that will guarantee safety, but systems that provide time, alert people about danger, and create a culture of safety are the best investments in school security. Mr. Delashmutt indicated that a large high school costs between \$65 and \$90 to outfit. Chairman Neuhoﬀ asked what would happen if the system is hacked. Mr. Delashmutt noted that the IT Department works on such security concerns daily. Trustee Klopfenstein asked if the security procedures manual has been updated. Mr. Delashmutt answered the Geoff Stands is updating the security portion for the district.

Recommendation to approve the revised K-5 and 6-8 ELA curriculum (Laura Gilchrist)

Laura Gilchrist, Curriculum Director, indicated the revised curriculum models the priority standards and college and career success model. Every standard the committee discussed looked at the skill endurance beyond the test and identified proficiency skills. Trustee Ozuna questioned how much weight was assigned to items that appear on standardized test. Ms. Gilchrist indicated the weight of the teacher's opinion and the standards is what is considered the most.

Trustees recessed for a 10-minute break and returned at 8:00p.m.

Chairman Neuhoﬀ exercised privilege and moved discussion item # 16, **New High School name Owyhee and mascot Thunder – Eric Exline**, because we have patrons in the audience that would like to speak on this item.

New High School name Owyhee and mascot Thunder – Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the recommendation for the name and mascot for the new high school. Mr. Exline explained the process that was used. The survey included, the name of three mascot's: Thunder, Rattlers and Miners. The overwhelming results indicated the Owyhee Thunder. Chairman Neuhoﬀ indicated the problem is with the mascot of Thunder and the associated with Eagle High School. Thunder is engraved on Eagle High's stadium archway and teams marketing material.

Patrons

Layne Ward, a teacher at Eagle High School, stated Thunder is already taken by Eagle High School.

JD Sexton, a teacher at Eagle High School, indicated the theme of Thunder has been used by Eagle High School for the past 15 years.

Holly Casos, EHS Band Booster president, stated Thunder as a mascot could damage Eagle High clubs and sports.

Patrons Cont.

Christine Neuhoff, a parent of students at Eagle High, spoke about her children's participation in football and cheer and how the Thunder imagery is a large part of the visual identity at Eagle High.

Discussion Cont.

Mr. Exline indicated West Ada polled patrons about three mascot options for the new school: Sixty-two percent voted for Thunder, 22 percent for Rattlers and 14 percent for Miners. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated in the past the principals and students were part of the mascot choice. Mr. Exline indicated this is how the process usually works however, the District wants to incorporate the mascot into the school's architects design.

Revised Policy 600. Statement of Guiding Principles (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented policy 600 and asked for this policy to be deleted from the policy manual.

Revised Policy 601.10. School Day (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented revised policy 601.10 with no changes from the last meeting.

Revised Policy 601.30. Class Size & Load (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented revised policy 601.13 with no changes from the last meeting.

Revised Policy 602.20. Teaching Controversial Issues (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented revised policy 602.20 with no changes from the last meeting.

Revised Policy 602.61. Special Education-Gifted & Talented (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented revised policy 602.61 with no changes from the last meeting.

Revised Policy 602.90. Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, presented revised policy 602.61 with no changes from the last meeting.

Revised Policy 602.30. Textbook Adoption & Hearing Reconsideration Process (first reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Director of Curriculum, revised the policy with changes to the title, and included the process for the selection of patrons and the selection of new curriculum material. Chairman Neuhoff asked for clarification in the policy regarding the membership of the committee. He also wanted to know if this process is the same process used in the addition of library books. Ms. Sisson stated the process only applies to district adopted material not material adopted by a library program. Trustees Klopfenstein indicated the

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materials need to be distributed in all schools. Ms. Sisson indicated this would be difficult because of the number of elementary schools we have. Ms. Sisson indicated the selection would be available at the district office and a few select schools in each region. Trustee Ozuna asked about the inclusion of a procedure within a policy. Ms. Sisson indicated the procedure was included so the future staff would have access to the procedure. Trustee Ozuna asked about the "Blackboard" notification system and if this went out to all parents. Ms. Sisson stated this information is pulled from PowerSchool.

Revised Policy 900, Statement of Guiding Principles (first reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, requested the policy name to be changed. He indicated the areas that has been deleted appears in other policies. Trustee Ozuna asked about the word equitable in line 20. This policy will return for a second reading.

Revised Policy 1002.3, Advertising and Commercial Activities (first reading) Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the revised policy to reflect what we are currently doing. This revision will standardize all policies, and make all web content conform to ADA requirements.

New memo for board meeting to be held July 10, 2018 - Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the request to hold a regular meeting July 10, 2018 and extend all board and other appointments until January 15, 2019. He also presented the calendar for the regular board meetings until January 15th. Chairman Neuhoff asked to clarify the need to have two meeting per month. Superintendent Ranells indicated we would include those on the calendar and send out to trustees and post on the web site.

Action

Revised Policy 801.70, Un-appropriated Fund Balance and Contingency

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 801.70.

Revised Policy 801.80, Balanced budget

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 801.80.

Adopt amended 2017-2018 budget

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adopt amended 2017-2018 budget.

Adopt proposed 2018-2019 budget

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

Action Cont.

seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adopt proposed 2018-2019 budget.

Recommendation to approve the revised K-5 and 6-8 ELA curriculum

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised K-5 and 6-8 ELA curriculum.

Revised Policy 600, Statement of Guiding Principles

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to remove Policy 600.

Revised Policy 601.10, School Day

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 601.10.

Revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 602.20.

Revised Policy 602.20, Teaching Controversial Issues

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 602.20.

Revised Policy 602.61, Special Education-Gifted & Talented

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 602.61.

Revised Policy 602.90, Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 602.90.

Approve new memo for board meeting to be held July 10, 2018

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the memo and meetings.

New High School name Owyhee and mascot Thunder

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to accept the name of the new High School as Owyhee and deferred any action to adopt the name Thunder as the mascot, and wait for a future recommendation from administration. **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Recommendation to approve attendance area for Desert Sage Elementary and Silver Sage Elementary School

Action Cont.

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the attendance area.

Recommendation to approve design development documents for the New High School

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was 4-0 with Chairman Neuhoff abstained because he was not able to review the document. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Board Report

Trustee Smylie reported the great sense of community involvement and the responsibility to serve as a board member.

Trustee Klopfenstein announced the Boise Police Department is offering a class called Active Shooter. The class is filling up fast if anyone is interested in registering.

Trustee Ozuna reported on all the wonderful end of year celebration. She is thankful to be a part of such a wonderful experience.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet invited everyone to the Golf Tournament that will be held by the West Ada Foundation. He also indicated he was working on a resolution with Mr. Exline to take to the ISBA in July, so it will be ready for the August deadline.

Chairman Neuhoff thanked the community for the support in the bond process. He called for a Special Board meeting Tuesday, June 19th at 3:00 to approve some timely items. He encouraged everyone to sing happy birthday to Dr. Ranells whose birthday is Saturday.

Superintendent

Superintendent Ranells asked the Board if they would like to take a tour of Ridgeview High School on Monday, June 25 at 1:00. Superintendent Pat Charlton will conduct the tour of the high school. This design is like the design of the new high school.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk