



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 28, 2018

<b>Date, Place &amp; Time</b>	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
<b>Trustees in Attendance</b>	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff (Excused), Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna (5 minutes late), Steve Smylie, and Ed Klopfenstein
<b>Staff in Attendance</b>	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Don Nesbitt, Dave Roberts, Ramona Lee, Cathy Wright, Jonathan Gillen, and Devan Delashmutt
<b>Guests</b>	Sue Darden, Kendall Nagy, Stephany Galbreath, Michael Ranstrom, Ryan Jensen, Nolan Presnell, Craig Durrell, Shaun Harper, and Michael Keith
<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; PLEDGE</b>	Vice Chairman Vuittonet  Trustees thanked the Meridian and Ada Police Department for attending the Board meeting. The partnership we have with both agencies is important to our District.
<b>Amended Agenda</b>	<b>Trustee Smylie</b> made a motion to remove item #1 from the consent agenda as requested by Trustee Ozuna. Good faith reason she was not at the August 14, 2018 meeting. <b>Trustee Klopfenstein</b> seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Trustee Smylie</b> made a motion, <b>Trustee Klopfenstein</b> seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda.  Minutes of the August 14, 2018, regular board meeting  Employment Recommendations  Summary of Leave Requests  Request to seek Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist for: a. Hayley Kane to teach Special Education for Centennial High School b. Anthony Johnson to teach Special Education-Extended

**Consent Cont.**

- Resource for Seven Oaks Elementary
- c. Dawn Kleint to teach French I, II, III, IV and English
  - d. Marco Nicol to teach instrumental music K-12 for Christine Donnell School for the Arts, Victory Middle School, and Mountain View High School
  - e. Chelsey Seefeld, for Keyboarding, Digital tools and Film
  - f. Maryam Wolff to teach Special Education at Meridian High School

Request to seek Alternative Authorization - Teacher to New for

- a. Richard Brigham to add Health (K-12) at Ustick Elementary School
- b. Rachael Dollinger to work as a 4th Grade Teacher for Ponderosa Elementary School
- c. Ozie Duncan to add Health (K-12) at Lake Hazel Elementary and Star Elementary
- d. Christina Morgan to work as a Social Studies and Economics Teacher at Meridian Academy
- e. Sara Oliveira to teach Special Education-Resource room for Hunter Elementary
- f. David Van Zandt to work as a Math teacher at Central Academy High School

Recommendation to approve Chiller Replacement bid for Seven Oaks Elementary

Recommendation to approve the request to increase the adult lunch price

Recommendation not to advertise the sheds for a second time because some of the schools would like to acquire the sheds

Recommendation to approve the updated legal description of the Deed of Gift for the new elementary school

Recommendation to approve the SRO agreement with the Meridian Police Department

Recommendation to approve the SRO agreement with Ada County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the YMCA (Hillsdale)

Recommendation to approve Victory Middle school for an outdoor adventure field trip to Garden Valley, Idaho September 20-22, 2018

Recommendation that all proposals are rejected and that the Request for Proposals is resubmitted to the public

Disposal of District Surplus

## Discussion

### **CIP Plan - Don Nesbitt**

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, indicated the addition to the CIP Plan from the last board meeting included the addition of the SMART goals. Trustees had no question for Mr. Nesbitt

### **Levy rate update - Jonathan Gillen and Eric Herringer**

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Levy Rate plan. He introduced Eric Herringer from Piper Jaffrey. Mr. Gillen presented the Board with several scenarios to consider, each of which allow the district to utilize the increase in market value to benefit property tax payers by reducing the tax levy rate, accelerating the payoff of current bond debt, or a combination of both. Mr. Gillen explained the L2 certification process (the process used to notify the county regarding how much revenue a taxing district is authorized to collect from its voters) and reviewed current property values in West Ada. Mr. Gillen discussed the components of the 21-month calculation, how it is calculated, and the impacts it has on the school district levy rate. Trustee Smylie asked questions concerning how refinancing and defeasance of debt can impact the 21-month calculation, the available revenue in the bond reserve fund and how the bond reserve fund limits the 21-month bond payment calculation. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked for clarification of the 21-month process. Mr. Gillen responded this is the amount that a taxing entity is allowed to collect to pay for bond debt, but the 21-month calculation first requires subtracting the amount that the taxing entity has in its bond reserve fund. Trustee Ozuna asked how the additional revenue generated by increased property values impacts the preparation of the L2 form, in particular in comparison to the numbers presented in the budget in June. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the protentional change in the funding formula and the impact this potential change could have on general fund revenues and any impact on the levy rate conversation. Mr. Gillen indicated this has been built into the scenarios he would present. Mr. Gillen continued with the presentation of various scenarios in regard to the levy rate certification:

#### Scenario #1 – Base case

- Inputs
- Zero assumed increase in property values
- Requested total dollars remain constant – assumes levy rate remains constant
- Allow for possible increase in the supplemental M & O levy if needed
  
- Advantages
- Maintains status quo
- Allows the district to increase bond fund cash balances

#### Scenario #2 –10 cent reduction in the tax rate

**Discussion Cont.**

Inputs

- 10 cent reduction in the tax rate
- Growth rate remains flat
  
- Advantages:
  - Gradual reduction in our levy rate conveys conservatism and planning
  - Allows us to gather additional data concerning property values and economic trends

Scenario #3 –10 cent reduction in the tax rate - stress test

Inputs

- Reduction in property values by 33% in 2021
- Same 10 cent reduction in the tax rate shown in scenario #2

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Scenario #4 – 10 cent reduction with growth

Inputs

- Growth rate used is 20-year average compound growth rate
- Same 10 cent reduction in the tax rate shown in scenario #3 and #2

Advantages

- Outlines financial plan that aligns with long-term growth trend
- Provides a picture of the impact of the tax rate based on 20-year average growth in market value

Trustee Ozuna asked options concerning the 21-month calculation and what options the school district has to adjust debt due dates and timelines to maximize savings for taxpayers.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet requested information identifying how the potential ISBA resolution being proposed by WASD would impact the

levy rate conversation and scenarios presented.

**Action**

**Minutes of the August 14, 2018, regular board meeting**

**Trustee Smylie** made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the minutes were approved with a vote 3 yes and 1 abstention from Trustee Ozuna.

**CIP Plan**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Klopfenstein** made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk