



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2018

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff, Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Steve Smylie, and Ed Klopfenstein
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Eric Exline, Don Nesbitt, Ramona Lee, Jonathan Gillen, Miranda Carson, Eian Harm, Dave Roberts, Mandy White, and Cara Hinkson
Guests	Sue Darden, Sherry Dismula, and Eric Thies
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Phil Neuhoff
Spotlight	Dr. Ranells presented a PowerPoint the events and awards during the 2017-2018 school year. Highlights included the opening of Pathways, Marzano High Reliability Schools, student enrollment growth, and countless awards by West Ada Teachers and West Ada student groups.
Consent Agenda	<p>Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Payment of bills dated August 1-31, 2018</p> <p>P-Card Payments dated July 1-31, 2018</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Associated Student Body Reports</p> <p>Employment Recommendations</p> <p>Summary of Leave Requests</p> <p>Recommendation to approve renewal of an Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist</p>

Consent Cont.

- a. Tanner Faris with an ENL endorsement and a Math endorsement to teach at Centennial High
- b. Laurie Gebert, as a German teacher for Mountain View High School
- c. Alyssa Ollivier to teach secondary ESL classes at Meridian High School

Request approval for the Diesel Tech program to receive the CWI donation of two Diesel Trucks

Recommendation to approve the GT self-contained curriculum for the Middle Schools

Recommendation to approve ISU to distribute research recruitment fliers to students at Galileo

Recommendation to approve request to participate in a pilot study "Teachers Beliefs"

Disposal of District Surplus

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

Revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy

Revised Policy 501.90, Student Transfers

Revised Policy 504.50, Closed Campus-Schools

Discussion

The Emergency Levy budget adjustment - Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Emergency Levy Budget adjustment. Mr. Gillen had the budget based on the enrollment numbers of 650 new students. The enrollment to date increased by 571 students. Less student enrollment means less support units from the state and the need to adjust the budget. Mr. Gillen stated the difference in the enrollment is a decrease of 4 support units.

FY2019 Tax Certification for Ada and Canyon Counties - Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, presented the rate of property taxes collected to be reduced by 10 cents. Mr. Gillen indicated reducing the amount we collect in the bond fund will not impact the operations, we will still meet our current debt obligations and will not impact students. This reduction will allow West Ada to manage the levy rate and pay off debt faster. Trustee Smylie indicated he would like to keep the rate we are authorized to collect.

Transportation update - Miranda Carson

Miranda Carson, Transportation Liaison, presented an update to the board on the beginning of the year student transportation. Ms. Carson

Discussion Cont.

indicated the volume of calls and the wait time to resolve issues had decreased this year. Ms. Carson attributed the success to the Power school icon that allows parents to locate the bus stop and the bus times. Ms. Carson indicated the average ride time is 18 minutes. Currently 55 students ride time is longer than 1 hour. Most of this is due to students do not attend their neighborhood school but attend a school of choice. Ms. Carson indicated Cascade needs more employees. Trustee Ozuna asked how many students are close to the hour limit. Ms. Carson indicated she could get that information for her. Ms. Carson reported the safest transportation to school is a school bus. Ms. Carson reported the additional child-check at the end of the day by bus drivers and the Blackboard notification system to alert parents if a bus is delayed increase the confidence in parents. Trustee Ozuna indicated the only feedback she had received from parents is the mismatch of bus stops and times in PowerSchool. Ms. Carson indicated this is because a second bus is sometimes assigned to a neighborhood. Vice Chairman Vuittonet thanked Ms. Carson for her outstanding work and the successful start to the new school year. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the savings for the district over the five-year contract we have had with Cascade. Ms. Carson will bring that information to the Board when we discuss the renewal of the transportation contract. Ms. Carson indicated the dollar amount negotiations won't be difficult because the amounts are built into the renewal contract.

Minutes of the August 28, 2018 regular board meeting

Chairman Neuhoff pulled the August 28, 2018 minutes because he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Owyhee High School update

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, explained the meeting where the Planning and Zoning Commission upheld the staff's recommendation to not approve the annexation and re-zoning to build the new Owyhee High School. The recommendation to not approve will go to the Meridian City Council meeting scheduled for October 2nd. The location of Owyhee High School will help the overcrowding at Eagle and Rocky Mountain High School. The voters approved the bond to build the new high school. Mr. Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, outlined the staff's conditions required for approval. Some of the requirements included building more than 2 miles of sidewalk, building a road for a private developer, and locating and securing a site for a future City of Meridian fire station. Mr. Exline stated it is important to get ahead of the growth and save the taxpayers money before the land is developed. The delayed process will mean the school will not be opening by 2020. Trustees questioned if the application is denied what options do we have. Mr. Exline stated the district's other route is to go to Ada County since it's county land. This will push the project back further.

Action

Approve or deny Emergency Levy budget adjustment

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

Action Cont.

Approve or deny FY2019 Tax Certification for Ada and Canyon Counties

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion to approve the tax certification as recommended by the administration with the .10 reduction. **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was 4-1 with **Trustee Smylie** voting no.

Minutes of the August 28, 2018 regular board meeting

Trustee Ozuna, made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the minutes were approved with a vote 3 yes and 1 abstention from **Chairman Neuhoff**.

Bus routes for the 2018-2019 school year

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the 2018-2019 bus routes.

Board Report

Trustee Smylie reported the big attendance at the football game. He also attended seminar and the need to teach our students the soft skills.

Trustee Ozuna thanked the staff for sending out the Blackboard message to parents on the textbook adoptions. She would like this to be a regular procedure. She stated patrons want to be involved in the schools and this gives them an opportunity to do so. Trustee Ozuna enjoyed the work session and would like to see a work session on PowerSchool.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the meeting he attended with the Idaho Transportation Department and the discussion on adding a light at Floating Feather. He also reported the ISBA voted no on our Resolution we submitted.

Chairman Neuhoff thanked the other Trustees for attending meeting while he was out of town.

Trustee Klopfenstein reported on a meeting he attended, and the topic centered around how dependent on technology today's students have become.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ranells thanked the Trustees for a great work session and Board meeting. She indicated she would like the second meeting of the month to be a work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

