



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2018

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff (by phone), Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Steve Smylie, and Ed Klopfenstein
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Don Nesbitt, Ramona Lee, Cathy Wright, Jonathan Gillen, Cindy Sisson, Mandy White, Staci Low, Denise Shumway and Devan Delashmutt
Guests	Sue Darden, Sydney Sasser, Hayley Regan, and Ally Meers
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Vice Chairman Vuittonet
Amended Agenda	Trustee Smylie made a motion to remove item #11 from the consent agenda and place item on discussion and action. Trustee Ozuna seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
Spotlight	Staci Low, CTE Director updated the Board on the residential construction program. The students are working on the community center at Peregrine along with the Boise State construction students. ESI donates time and materials for the foundation work. The project started this week and students are on site working. Denise Shumway, Federal Programs Director, presented the purpose of the Community programs. The purpose is to provide services for families in need, with generous donations from community partners. West Ada receives a grant to support the staffing. Two staff members, Sydney Sasser and Ally Meers, answered questions from the Board. The biggest challenges are affordable housing with all the growth in the valley this is hard to find. Trustee Smylie asked about efforts to coordinate with the Salvation Army. Staff members responded this is done on a regular basis. The staff indicated over 100 students have received some sort of support from the Community program and the number continues to grow. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the involvement the program has with the West Ada Foundation. Staff members indicated West Ada Foundation is already helping the program.

Consent Agenda

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

Payment of bills dated September 1-30, 2018

P-Card Payments dated August 1-31, 2018

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the September 25, 2018 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New for Lynn Fouts as a GT World Geography Teacher

Recommendation to approve design development documents for Mountain View High School expansion

Recommendation to approve design development documents for Meridian High Auditorium

Recommendation to delete Policy 602.64, Building the Knowledge and Skills of Parents and Guardians

Revised Policy 603.30, Middle School Credits

Disposal of district surplus

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

Discussion

Revised Policy 502, Alcohol, Drug, & Tobacco Policy (second reading) Mandy White

Mandy White, Regional Director, reported she had made the changes requested by the trustees. The addition of nicotine was included in the revised policy and the alignment with the student handbook was also included in the revision. Chairman Neuhoff would like to see the signs placed in around the school to use the word nicotine instead of tobacco.

Revised Policy 602.6, Special Education (first reading)

Discussion Cont.

Ramona Lee

Ramona Lee, Director of Special Education, presented the revised policy. The policy changes included a name change and the deletion of line items that will be placed in other policies.

Revised Policy 602.62, Private/Home /Parochial School Special Services (first reading) Ramona Lee

Ramona Lee, Director of Special Education, presented the revised policy 602.62. The revision included a name change to the policy and the policy includes the Idaho Special Education Manual as developed by the Idaho State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education. Trustee Klopfenstein asked how non-public students are identified. Ms. Lee explained the annual child find program that coordinates with private schools. Ms. Lee stated district staff go to the sites and provide the services as part of a contract. Trustee Smylie asked about charter schools. Ms. Lee reported charter schools that West Ada are responsible to have services available. Charter schools that are not part of West Ada are required to provide service for their students.

Revised Policy 602.63, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (first reading) Ramona Lee

Ramona Lee, Director of Special Education, presented the revised policy with minor changes. The updated contact information was included on the revision. Trustees asked the differences between students on an IEP and students on a 504. Ms. Lee explained there are students with an impairment that limit substantial life activity, and there are students that have one of 13 particular disabilities that require special education services. Some students receive services until the age of 21. Chairman Neuhoff asked for the number of students protected under Section 504. Ms. Lee estimated between 2,000-2,5000 who are protected but do not qualify for Special Services. West Ada has over 4,000 students on IEP's.

Revised Policy 602.65, Out-of-State Students in Residential Facilities, (first reading) Ramona Lee

Ramona Lee, Director of Special Education, presented the revised policy by changing the name and moving parts of the policy to Policy 602.62.

Action

Recommendation to delete Policy 602.64, Building the Knowledge and Skills of Parents and Guardians

Trustee Smylie asked for this item to be pulled from the consent agenda to provide clarity. Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, indicated this policy is not related to special services. The district is required to have parent involvement in Title 1 school and

parent involvement is outlined in special services manual.
Trustee Smylie thanked Mr. Nesbitt for the clarification.

Action Cont.

Minutes of the September 28, 2018 special board meeting

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

Recommendation to delete Policy 602.64, Building the Knowledge and Skills of Parents and Guardians

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded, and the vote was unanimous to delete Policy 602.64.

Board Reports

Chairman Neuhoff reported on the Meridian High School Diesel opening and the success of the program

Trustee Smylie reported on the City Council meeting and the overall support for Owyhee High School from the West Ada staff and all the Trustees.

Trustee Klopfenstein reported he was pleased with the support at the City Council meeting. West Ada will build a high school. He also reported on the funding challenges the district will face.

Trustee Ozuna requested more information on Special Education and a possible Spotlight section in a future meeting.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet thanked the Trustees for all attending the City Council meeting and all the support. He also continues to work on the facilities legislation and will reach out to legislators and other school board trustees.

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Ranells reminded the Board of the upcoming Special Meeting Friday October 12, at 9 a.m. The agenda item will give the board a chance to review and approve the safety busing plan for Owyhee High School. The October 23rd regular board meeting has been cancelled because of the City Council meeting. Dr. Ranells asked the Board if they would like staff to organize a dinner with the legislators. Trustees agreed this would be a positive step. Trustees agreed we need to have specific topics and the possibility of a luncheon instead of a dinner to accommodate schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Neuhoff made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

