



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2019 Annual Meeting

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Phil Neuhoff, Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Steve Smylie, and Ed Klopfenstein
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Dave Roberts, Jonathan Gillen, Devan Delashmutt, Cindy Sisson, Ramona Lee and Cathy Wright.
Guests	Sue Darden and Dawnetta Earnest
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Neuhoff
Amendments to Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked that item #12, Recommendation to move forward with the Idaho Fine Arts Project, be moved to discussion and action to ask some clarifying questions. Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
Reorganization of the Board/Action	Vice Chairman Vuittonet nominated Trustee Klopfenstein as board chair for the 2019-2020 school year. Trustee Ozuna asked if anyone else had interest in the position. Trustee Klopfenstein nomination was unanimous. Trustee Smylie nominated Trustee Vuittonet as Vice Chair and the nomination was unanimous. Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded and the other elected appointments were approved as presented by administration. Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve designated public posting places for board meetings as presented by administration. Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustees Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the meeting dates for 2019-2020 Sign Code of Ethics for the 2019-2020 school year by all Trustees. Documents will be on file with the Board Clerk. Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, Vice Chairman Vuittonet seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda.
Consent Agenda	Payment of bills dated December 1-31, 2018

Consent Cont.

P-Card Payments dated November 1-30, 2018

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Request

Approve Bid #835501: Rental of Portable Toilets

Recommendation to approve Geotech Service Contract

Recommendation to approve ISBA Membership renewal

Approve development agreement/conditions of approval for Owyhee High School

Recommendation to move forward with the Idaho Fine Arts Project

Recommendation to approve Student Tours:

- a. Mountain View High School Yearbook to travel to Anaheim, California to attend the JEA and NSPA, departing April 23, 2019 and returning April 29, 2019
- b. Meridian High School Choir to travel to Anaheim, California to attend Spring Choir Tour, departing April 11, 2019 and returning April 14, 2019

Disposal of District Surplus

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

Student Expulsion

Discussion

Revised Policy 102, Code of Ethics of the Idaho Teaching Profession (third reading) Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented revised Policy 102 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 702.10, General Operation - Transportation (third reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented revised Policy 702.10 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no question.

Revised Policy 603.2, High School Credits & Graduation (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented revised Policy 603.2 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 603.21, High School Diploma and Graduation Ceremony (third reading) Cindy Sisson

Discussion Cont.

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented revised Policy 603.21 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 603.22, Advanced Opportunities Program (third reading)

Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented revised Policy 603.22 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 1001.2, Outside/Community Speakers (third reading)

Cindy Sisson

Cindy Sisson, Curriculum Director, presented revised Policy 1001.2 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 1003.20, Rental Fees (third reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented revised Policy 1003.20 with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no question.

Revised Policy 206, Public Charter Schools, (second reading) Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, presented revised Policy 206. The only change was the removal of a West Ada employee serving on a charter school board. No questions were asked of Mr. Yochum. This policy will return for a third reading.

Health Textbook Resource Adoption (Lori Gash)

Lori Gash, Curriculum Coordinator, presented the recommendation for a Health textbook adoption at the elementary, middle and high school level. Ms. Gash presented the timeline, evaluation tool and public comment procedures she followed. The committee's recommendation is the McGraw Hill products. Trustee Ozuna asked Ms. Gash if the parents the trustees have recommended had been helpful. Ms. Gash indicated they were. Trustees also questioned the online material and if this was updated over time. Ms. Gash indicated it is not we would have to pay for the updated information. Ms. Gash stated the company guaranteed this online would match the hard copy of the book. Trustee Neuhoff asked if the company would continue to provide materials for the entire 10 years. Ms. Gash stated this is a contract agreement. Trustees thanked Ms. Gash and the committee for the process.

Set a date for Superintendent evaluation of the 2018-2019 school year and to suspend Policy 300 and extend dates according to Idaho Code 33-513

Trustees discussed the extension of the policy. Superintendent Ranells stated the West Ada Policy indicates the evaluation needs to be completed by January. Idaho State code states no later than June. Trustee Smylie was comfortable in moving forward with a contract and Superintendent Ranells is a great leader and was nominated as Superintendent of the year for the State of Idaho and the top four in the Nation. Trustee Neuhoff indicated he had sent a rough draft of an evaluation to all the Trustees. Trustee Neuhoff stated it is appropriate to move the Superintendents evaluation away for the January reorganization meeting. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated he would like to hold a work session to produce an evaluation tool to used. Trustee Neuhoff suggested a timeline as follows: Suspend policy 300, the second meeting in January a work session followed by the evaluation the second meeting in February. Trustee Neuhoff indicated the Trustees would need to make this timeline in the motion.

Discussion Cont.

Recommendation to move forward with the Idaho Fine Arts Project

Vice Chairman Vuittonet requested this item removed from consent to clarify some questions. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked if the budgeted amount would be adequate to complete the project. Mr. Yochum noted that the budget is the amount from the previous plant levy and the revenue from the sale of land to Idaho State. Mr. Yochum indicated a desire to move forward with hiring an architect. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated that he would be more comfortable with the plans being done first and an estimated cost of the building. Mr. Yochum noted that this project could also be built in phases and completed with plant levy funds. Vice Chairman Vuittonet preferred the plans first. Mr. Yochum indicated that we can't proceed without doing an RFQ and hiring an architect. Trustee Smylie asked about some of the facility needs of the IFAA program. Trustee Smylie asked about the auditorium and the possibility of Renaissance and IFAA sharing such a facility. Mr. Yochum indicated that there would be a 400-seat auditorium. Trustee Smylie asked about the timing of the project. Mr. Yochum indicated that the property is out for bid currently. If there is no bid, the current property can be sold without a bid process. Mr. Yochum indicated a 14 to 16-month construction time with a size of 40,000 to 45,000. The building would be ready for occupancy at semester of 2019-2020. Trustee asked what fund the proceeds of the sale of IFAA would go into. The proceeds would go back into the capital account and would be available for any capital project in the district. Trustee Neuhoff recalled seeing a conceptual plan that was like Pathways with a cost estimate in the past. Mr. Yochum indicated that this document does exist, but not for cost purposes. Trustee Neuhoff asked what the memo is requesting. Mr. Yochum indicated that the request is permission to take the first step in the project by hiring an architect. Trustee Neuhoff asked the potential cost. Mr. Yochum indicated that the going rate for architects is 6% of construction costs. Trustee Neuhoff asked about the status of the subdivision of the land to the West of the DSC. Mr. Yochum answered that the document will be on the January 29th Regular Meeting of the Board if ISU is ready. Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated he would still like a rough estimate to build IFAA. Trustee Neuhoff indicated that clarification could be made in the motion. For example, the motion could be to only authorize the architectural work. Trustee Ozuna asked if the current plant levy can be used to add on to existing structure. Mr. Yochum answered yes. Trustee Ozuna asked if phased projects cost more. Mr. Yochum indicated yes. Trustee Ozuna asked what guidance administration would give to the architects. Mr. Yochum indicated that the district would ask the architects to be flexible in the design. Trustee Ozuna asked if the estimates come from the architect. Mr. Yochum indicated yes. Trustee Ozuna asked if the approval should take place before action by the State Board of Education approves the purchase of the approximately 5 acres west of the District Service Center. Trustee Ozuna asked if there is a way to guarantee that the revenue from the sale of the IFAA building will go back into the plant fund. Mr. Yochum indicated that the money could not be used for general operational expenses. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked if the architects could provide an early estimate of the cost of the building. Mr. Yochum indicated that is possible. Mr. Yochum indicated that a motion to approve hiring an architect is the first step. Trustee Smylie noted that his opinion is to move forward on the project. Dr. Ranells noted that this project is similar to the Pathways project, with the current facility clearly being inadequate for the students and the program. She also noted that she has cut the ribbon on four schools by the start of her fourth year in West Ada, that this is the first step toward building number five. Trustee Ozuna asked about the interest at the informational parent student night. Principal Housel indicated that at this point the applications are 25% higher than last year and had 165 attendees at the information night. He also indicated that many of the applicants are from all

Discussion Cont.

areas of the district. Trustee Ozuna asked about concerns with 400 students. Trustees asked if the school should be larger to accommodate future growth. Mr. Housel indicated that 400-600 is a good size. Trustee Ozuna asked if IFAA will lose some students from the northern part of the district. Mr. Housel indicated that is a possibility, but currently IFAA has no students from the southern part of the district and feels that the school will fill. Trustee Neuhoff asked about the college entrance rate at IFAA. Mr. Housel indicated a 92% go on rate. Trustee Neuhoff asked if the master schedule will be better able to offer classes necessary for college entrance. Mr. Housel indicated that is a challenge, but the master schedule will be better able to meet the course offerings necessary for college entrance. Trustee Neuhoff asked about 6th grade. Mr. Housel answered that is still being discussed.

Action

Minutes of the December 20, 2018, special board meeting

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the motion passed with one abstention from **Trustee Neuhoff**.

Revised Policy 102, Code of Ethics of the Idaho Teaching Profession

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 102.

Revised Policy 702.10, General Operation - Transportation

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 702.10.

Revised Policy 603.2, High School Credits & Graduation

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 603.2.

Revised Policy 603.21, High School Diploma and Graduation Ceremony

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 603.21.

Revised Policy 603.22, Advanced Opportunities Program

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 603.22.

Revised Policy 1001.2, Outside/Community Speakers

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 1001.2.

Revised Policy 1003.20, Rental Fees

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 1003.20.

Health Textbook Resource Adoption

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Health Textbook Adoption.

Date for Superintendent evaluation of the 2018-2019 school year and to suspend Policy 300 and extend dates according to Idaho Code 33-513.

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion to suspend policy 300, to set a work session for the January 29, 2019 meeting, and to have the evaluation possibly ready for an Executive session February 26, 2019. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Recommendation to move forward with the Idaho Fine Arts Project

Action Cont.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion moved to hire an architect to begin the process for the construction of IFAA. **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** amended his motion to have a report on the estimated cost as soon as possible. **Trustee Neuhoff** confirmed his second. **Trustee Smylie** asked clarification is to approve the memo. **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** indicated that his motion is to proceed with the hiring of the architect but to approve the expenditure on the project in the future. **Trustee Smylie** noted that the project will come before the board again to approve the conceptual plans, bids, etc. The vote was unanimous.

Trustee Neuhoff indicated the possibility of three issues in the legislative session that will affect the school district and we need to make sure our voices are heard. He also congratulated Chairman Klopfenstein.

Board Report

Trustee Ozuna thanked the staff at Rocky Mountain High School and the dedication to improve the grading policy. She requested a copy of the letter that went out to parents and would like the the Clerk to sent out information on the protocol patron need to follow when they have concerns.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the upcoming Gala and wanted all trustees to pay close attention to upcoming legislative issues.

Trustee Smylie reported that west Ada needs to be proactive when legislative issues become a concern to the district. He discussed his meeting with representative Kerby and the alternative authorization, and the funding formula.

Chairman Klopfenstein thanked Trustee Neuhoff for all his hard work as board Chair. He reported on the great community donation to the principal lunch accounts throughout the district.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ranells reported the story on the lunch account donations. The purchasing agent, Mike Carrithers, challenged the district office to raise money. This is such a great community that takes care of their kids. She also reported on her recent trip to Washington D.C. She was excited to brag about all the good things going on in the West Ada School District

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk