



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **February 26, 2019**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 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, Eric Exline, Jonathan Gillen, Cindy Sisson, Don Nesbitt, Ramona Lee, Staci Low, and Cathy Wright
Guests	Scott Hill, Randy Yadon, and Wally Hedrick
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Klopfenstein
Spotlight	<p>Meridian Technical Charter High School - Randy Yadon and Wally Hedrick</p> <p>Wally Hedrick, Board Chairman for the Charter School, gave a brief history of the partnership West Ada School District and the Technical Charter School has developed over the years. Principal Randy Yadon presented the performance report to the Trustees. He has been the principal for the past 5 years. Mr. Yadon had worked for West Ada for 22 years, prior to the transition to the Charter School. He indicated the unique relationship complements West Ada and The Technical Charter School. He indicated the reauthorization application asked four questions; Is the school an academic success? Is the school organizational sound and compliant with applicable laws and regulations/ Is the school a fiscally sound, viable organization? If renewed, what is the school's plan for it next performance certificate term? Mr. Yadon gave examples in a report for Trustees to review prior to the next Board meeting where reauthorization will be voted on. Trustee Neuhoff questioned the long-term plan and if that plan included the expansion of the facility and enrollment. Mr. Yadon indicated that would be a discussion in the future. Trustee Ozuna asked about the overlapping of the CTE program between West Ada and the Charter School. Mr. Yadon indicated they serve a different population of students. The main difference is the Charter School can offer intern programs for students. Approximately 84 businesses support the internship program. Staci Low, CTE Director for West Ada, serves on the Charter School board and provides direction and insight to the program. Trustee Ozuna asked if the reauthorization includes</p>

Spotlight cont.

expansion. Mr. Yadon indicated it did not.

Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School - Scott Hill

Principal Scott Hill reported his performance information could be found on line and is available to the public. Mr. Hill highlighted the Medical Art Charter as curriculum that builds year after year. The curriculum layers the skill progression required by the health care industry. A total of 52 credits can be earned by students attending the Medical Arts Charter. Mr. Hill indicted the Medical Art Charter is a big loser in all the enrollment based formulas being proposed by the state.

Trustees questioned both Charters on the lottery process used and how many students are on waiting list. They also questioned the gender equality. Trustee Neuhoff questioned the academic offerings and college credits offered. Both Charters expressed the need to have a solid partnership with West Ada.

Chairman Klopfenstein asked if the Clerk had any additional information to add to the consent agenda. The Clerk had nothing to add at this time.

Amended Agenda

Trustee Smylie made a motion to remove item number 6: Request to review and support changes to Section 49-1422, Idaho Code to increase penalties for Stop Arm violations to discussion and action, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 board meeting

Employment Recommendation

Summary of Leave Requests

Recommendation to approve Mountain View High School Varsity Choir to travel to Anaheim, California departing April 25, 2019 and return April 28, 2019

Alternative Authorization Teacher to New for Codie Renz to work as a 4th Grade Teacher at Summerwind STEM

Request to review and support changes to Section 49-1422, Idaho Code to increase penalties for Stop Arm violations

Request to add College Middle East History and Culture to the 19-20 Renaissance High School Course Description Book

Request to cancel Wide Area Network Proposal

Consent Cont.

Approve bids for Star Elementary expansion

Recommendation to approve Architects for:

- a. Lewis and Clark Middle School Reroof
- b. Meridian High School Locker room
- c. Achievement House expansion

YMCA and WASD Preschool Collaboration Agreement 2019-2020 school year

Disposal of District Surplus

Student Expulsions

Discussion

Continuous Improvement Plan(CIP) revised Don Nesbitt

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, presented the changes in the goal areas of the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). The changes reflected the new parental surveying required by the state and to no longer use the district's parent survey. The other change was in the districts goal to create highly reliable schools. Trustee Neuhoff asked what is the timeline of the changes. Mr. Nesbitt indicated the changes would be made in order to write the CIP for the board to review in the fall. Chairman Klopfenstein asked if a list could be created to reflect where the schools are in the HRS process. Mr. Nesbitt indicated that could be done.

World Language textbooks Cara Hinkson

Cara Hinkson, Curriculum Coordinator, World Languages, GT, and Fine Arts presented the proposed adoption. Trustees had received information prior to the meeting. Trustee Smylie indicated the price of textbooks seems to be out of control. Trustees Neuhoff asked what the price would be if we offered every student a book instead of just one classroom set. Ms. Hinkson indicated approximately \$1 million. Trustee Ozuna asked how a language class works if not every student has a book of their own. Trustee Ozuna stated she believes students should all have a book to take home for homework assignments. Ms. Hinkson stated today's method of learning a foreign language is done through listening and responding. This process involves real life situations and allows students to use on line resources and teachers the flexibility in teaching. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the consistency in the schools. Ms. Hinkson stated this is what all language teachers work on in the PLC groups. Trustee Neuhoff had concerns about the increasing use of internet learning and the lack of services or accessibility some students may have.

Delete Policy 200, Statement of Guiding Principals (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Dr. Ranells presented all three policies before standing for any questions. The only revision was in Policy 201.4 in regard to the compensation for the clerk and treasurer. Trustees had no questions.

Discussion Cont.

Revised Policy 201.1, Legal Status and General Power (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Revised Policy 201.4, Organization of the Board, (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Revised Policy 501.60, Homeless Students (second reading) Jeannie Buschine

Don Nesbitt, Assistant Superintendent, present revised policy with no changes from the last reading. Trustees had no questions.

Revise Policy 300, Superintendent of Schools, (first reading) Dr. Ranells

Dr. Ranells presented the revision to reflect Idaho code. Trustees had no questions.

Request to review and support changes to Section 49-1422, Idaho Code to increase penalties for Stop Arm violations

Trustee Smylie asked for this item to be pulled to discuss the proposed fine amount. Trustee Neuhoff stated this is a concern among patrons in the district. He indicated he would vote no because a change in the code would not change the behaviors. Dr. Ranells, on behalf of Cascade Transportation and the district's Transportation Liaison, said that although this may not be the answer, but something needs to be done because this is a growing safety issue that will at least draw attention to the issue. Trustee Smylie will work with Miranda Carson, Transportation Liaison, and wordsmith the letter. This letter will be presented during the March 12 board meeting.

Action

Continuous Improvement Plan

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded to approve the CIP plan. Trustee Smylie asked if that includes the suggested changes made by the Board. Mr. Nesbitt answered yes. Vice Chairman Vuittonet amended his motion to reflect Trustee Smylie's clarification. Trustee Ozuna seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously.

World Language Textbooks

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve World Language Textbook. Trustee Ozuna requested an update on how the use of online impact teachers and students.

Delete Policy 200, Statement of Guiding Principals (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to delete Policy 200.

Policy 201.1, Legal Status and General Power (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Action Cont.

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 201.1.

Policy 201.4, Organization of the Board, (second reading) Dr. Ranells

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 201.4.

Revised Policy 501.60, Homeless Students (second reading) Jeannie Buschne

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 501.60.

Request to review and support changes to Section 49-1422, Idaho Code to increase penalties for Stop Arm violations

Trustee Smylie made a motion to hold item until the March 12, 2019 board meeting. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Trustee Smylie motioned to move into Executive Session- per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student; Chairman Klopfenstein took roll call **Trustee Neuhoff** yes, **Trustee Ozuna** yes, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** yes, **Chairman Klopfenstein** yes and **Trustee Smylie** yes. The board left for executive session at 8:15p.m. Trustees reconvened in regular session at 9:10p.m.

Action

Superintendent contract for 2019-2020

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the Superintendent contract with final details to be determined pending the completion of the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk