



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 9, 2019

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| <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, April 9, 2018 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.   |
| <b>Trustees in Attendance</b>     | Trustees: Phil Neuhoff, Mike Vuittonet, Rene Ozuna, Steve Smylie, and Ed Klopfenstein   |
| <b>Staff in Attendance</b>        | Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Eric Exline, Don Nesbitt, Mandy White, and Jonathan Gillen   |
| <b>Guests</b>                     | Dawn Zesige, Rhonda Mcdonough, Sue Darden, Julie Prince, Michelle Story,  |
| <b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; PLEDGE</b> | Chairman Ed Klopfenstein<br><br>Chairman Klopfenstein asked if the Clerk had any additional information to add to the consent agenda. The Clerk had two items.<br><br>Consent agenda item#12 Trustee Smile asked if the farm leases are the same amount we received last year and the market value of the crops. Mr. Joe Yochum responded in an e-mail that the leases are for the same amount as last year and the consultant we use for farm leases felt we were doing good because the commodities market has softened.<br><br>Consent Item # 15 Trustee Ozuna asked about the pricing of the 2 firewalls that were approved in March and the price incentives. She also asked if a single firewall will work long term. Devan DeLashmutt responded in an e-mail that it is acceptable to run a single firewall and the pricing incentive is a concern and he will be meeting with Palo Alto over these concerns and hopes to receive the pricing incentive in the future. |
| <b>Amendment</b>                  | <b>Trustee Neuhoff</b> asked for the minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting be removed and placed under action. He did not attend this meeting. <b>Trustee Ozuna</b> seconded and the vote was unanimous.  |
| <b>Consent Agenda</b>             | <b>Vice Chairman Vuittonet</b> made a motion, <b>Trustee Neuhoff</b> seconded to approve the amended consent agenda and the vote was unanimous.<br><br>Payment of bills dated March 1-31, 2019<br><br>P-Card Payments dated February 1-28, 2019<br><br>Monthly Reports<br><br>Minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular board meeting   |

**Consent Cont.**

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Summary of Leave Requests

Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New for Kimberly Shafer to work as a Geography GT teacher for Lake Hazel Middle School

Recommendation to approve Testing and Inspection service for the Owyhee High School, main building and outbuilding structures

Recommendation to approve CSHQA, Inc. for the Architect for Achievement House

Recommendation to approve the extension of Bid # 810609, Fresh Produce

Recommendation to approve Farm Leases

- a. Sam Rosti Farms
- b. Richard Durrant - Big D Ranch
- c. Rod Wagner - Wagner Farms
- d. Mike Murgurtio Lease

Recommendation to approve RFQ to select construction managers for a five-year term

Recommendation to approve Meridian High School Pathways easement

Recommendation to cancel Palo Alto firewall/approve award for the Palo Alto single next generation firewall to CompuNet

Recommendation to approve Shelburne South construction easement and permanent easement (for sewer)

Approve land donation for Pleasant View Elementary School

Disposal of District Surplus

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

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2019-2020 school year

Student Expulsions

**Discussion**

**Pleasant View attendance area proposal - Eric Exline**

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, thanked the attendance area committee and all the hours spent working on the proposal. Mr. Exline outlined the timeline that included community informational meetings, boundary committee meetings and public presentations of the boundary proposal. The committee assignment was to propose an attendance area for Pleasant View Elementary that will go into effect in the fall of 2020. The elementary school would optimize enrollment, including Hunter and Prospect Elementary. The committee would also need to determine if a cap should be

**Discussion Cont.**

placed on Hunter's enrollment for 2019. The other proposal the committee needed to consider is the overcrowding at Hillsdale. The committee members began as two independent subcommittees. Each subcommittee created an attendance area proposal for Pleasant View, to reduce overcrowding at Hunter, and to reduce overcrowding at Hillsdale. Creating an attendance area included understanding the feeder system and calculation based on future growth. During the process the committee received several alternatives that the committee considered. Mr. Exline highlighted some of those proposals. The concerns expressed by the Hunter proposal included moving students to Ponderosa, parents purchased their home to attend Hunter, Ponderosa is further and the traffic conditions. The concerns with the Hillsdale proposal included the purchase of the home to attend Hillsdale, putting a cap would divide the community and decrease home values, and Silver Sage is too far away. Mr. Exline presented the committee recommendation for Pleasant View Elementary. The committee recommends adoption the Pleasant View Elementary attendance area as proposed and adopting the Hunter attendance area as proposed. The committee also recommended to cap Hunter's enrollment on students who move into the Hunter attendance area for the remainder of this year and during the 2019-2020 school year. Students will be reassigned to Paramount Elementary for one year until Pleasant View Elementary School opens in the fall of 2020. Students that are in the Hunter attendance area that will be part of the Ponderosa Elementary attendance area will be reassigned to Ponderosa starting the fall of 2020. Incoming kindergarten students in the area to become Ponderosa can decide to attend Hunter for one year or start at Ponderosa for the 2019-2020 school year. The cap on enrollment would be lifted for fall 2020 with the opening of Pleasant View Elementary School.

Mr. Exline presented the committee recommendation for Hillsdale Elementary. The committee tried to reduce overcrowding at Hillsdale but in each case one or more schools reached student enrollment numbers that were not feasible. Based on this the committee recommends that West Ada propose a bond measure in the spring of 2020 to include an elementary school south of 1-84 and any other projects the bond committee deems necessary based on enrollment. The committee recommends the rapid increase in this process, so the school can open in the fall of 2021 if possible. If Hillsdale's enrollment reaches a level that requires regular classes to be held in a non-classroom space of the same grade has more students than the district's class size standard than the committee recommends a cap be placed on Hillsdale until the new school opens. The cap would only apply to residents who move into the Hillsdale attendance area after the cap is approved.

Patrons were given the chance to testify. The common statement was the division of subdivisions, the purchase of the property was so their children could attend that school and the busing of students.

Trustees all thanked the committee and the patrons. Trustee Ozuna asked clarifying questions on busing. Trustee Smylie asked locations of future school sites, Vice Chairman Vuittonet indicated this is a difficult decision. Trustee Neuhooff indicated the neighborhood school is a gift and to increase a school size in students you need to also increase size of staff. Chairman Klopfenstein indicated the need for the state to support growth.

**Action**

**Pleasant View attendance proposal**

**Trustee Neuhooff** made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation outlined attendance area in the proposal as well as the cap proposals at

**Action Cont.**

Hunter Elementary school until Pleasant View Elementary opens, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded. Trustee Smylie asked to clarify if it was the last two pages of the document. The vote was unanimous.

**Minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular board meeting**

**Trustee Smylie** made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote 3 yes and Trustee Neuhoff abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk