



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2019

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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, Dave Roberts, Don Nesbitt, Jonathan Gillen, Gloria Rolland, Michelle Farrell, and Cathy Wright
Guests	
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Ed Klopfenstein Chairman Klopfenstein asked if the Clerk had any additional information to add to the consent agenda. The Clerk had no additional information.
Consent Agenda	Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, Trustee Smylie seconded to approve the consent agenda and the vote was unanimous. Payment of bills dated P-Card Payments dated Monthly Reports Minutes of the: a. May 28, 2019, Regular Board Meeting b. June 1, 2019, Special Board Meeting Associated Student Body Reports Employment Recommendations Summary of Leave Requests Alternative Authorization Renewal Teacher to New for Jessica Waldbillig for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Endorsement Recommendation to approve revised modified State Instructional Calendars Recommendation to renew Idaho School Boards Association membership for the 2019-2020 school year

Consent Cont.

Recommendation to approve Lewis and Clark reroof

Recommendation to approve pending change order to Dahle Construction for Ustick Road utilities modifications (Owyhee High School)

Disposal of District Surplus

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

Out of School Suspension Report 4th Quarter

Discussion

Budget Hearing - Jonathan Gillen

a. Adopt Amended 2018-2019 budget

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, explained to the trustees the amended 2018-2019 budget needs to be adopted to reflect budget adjustments that were made during the year.

b. Adopt Proposed 2019-2020 budget

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, indicated the budget presentation is the same presentation the Trustees had seen during the May 14th board meeting. The West Ada projected enrollment increase for the 2019-2020 school year is estimated 500 new students. Mr. Gillen highlighted budget items such as:

- Transportation increase of \$1.5 million
- Growth in Support Units
- Salary Based Apportionment, including benefit
- Staffing increase
- Medical insurance
- Copier contract

Mr. Gillen also highlighted other increases and decreases in other funds such as:

- College and Career Advisors an increase
- IT Staff an increase
- Leadership Premiums an increase
- Literacy funding an increase
- Professional development remains the same
- Safe and Drug free school loss of funding
- Lottery Funding an increase
- Technology an increase

Trustee Smylie asked about the per pupil funding in Idaho. Mr. Gillen indicated it is about \$5400 per student. Vice Chairman Vuittonet asked about the district's levy rate. Mr. Gillen stated this information will be available over the summer. Trustee Neuhoff asked about the counseling expense. Trustee Neuhoff expressed concerns about the future funding and reaching a deficit-free budget.

Revised Policy 801.80, Balanced Budget (first reading) Jonathan Gillen

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, presented the revised policy which requires a balanced budget. Trustee Neuhoff suggested this item be tabled until the vote on the budget. Dr. Ranells agreed.

Revised Policy 603.22, Advanced Opportunities Program (second reading) Michelle Farrell

Michelle Farrell presented the revised policy with no changes. Trustees had no questions.

Discussion Cont.

Revised Policy 601.30, Class Size & Load (first reading) Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented data on the history and purpose of the policy that increased class size. The change in the policy is to reflect the teachers' contract that outlines the use of overcrowded aides and the funds available for teachers that prefer to manage a class above the policy recommendation. Mr. Roberts noted classroom size in elementary schools is difficult to manage when additional classrooms are not available. Trustee Ozuna asked if the language in the policy could be modified. Dr. Ranells stated the use of an overcrowded aide takes time and is not immediately addressed. The principals give the teachers time to know their students and decided if an aide is the best fit for their classroom and student population. Trustees expressed concerns over the long-term goal to decrease the class size and load placed on teachers. Trustee Neuhoff asked about the average class sizes at the secondary level. Mr. Roberts responded that the spreadsheet shows that the average secondary class loads. Trustee Neuhoff asked if Mr. Roberts could provide the numbers for the five main high schools and middle schools for the next reading of the policy. Mr. Roberts responded that the question is further confused by programs like special education, which also have smaller class loads. Trustee Ozuna asked how many hours per day were paid for overcrowded aides. Mr. Roberts answered that he has the number but will bring it to the next reading. Chairman Klopfenstein thanked the district for managing and balancing the demands competing for class sizes, salaries, and other budgetary needs. Mr. Roberts responded that this proposed change came from teachers who suggested the system would work better with the change in the policy.

ISBA Resolution

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the proposed Idaho School Board Resolution for the November ISBA meeting. The Resolution asks the state of Idaho to pay for half the cost of bonds that are approved by voters. Trustees suggested ways to make this attractive to small Districts and large Districts. Trustees suggested a few modifications to the Resolution. Mr. Exline will bring this back to the Board in July.

Action

Adopt amended 2018-2019 budget

Trustee Smylie made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to Adopt amended 2018-2019 budget.

Adopt proposed 2019-2020 budget

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion to table this item until acting on action item 3. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to move this item after action item 3.

Revised Policy 801.80, Balanced Budget

Vice Chairman Vuittonet made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Revised Policy 801.80.

Adopt proposed 2019-2020 budget

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to Adopt proposed 2019-2020 budget.

Revised Policy 603.22 Advanced Opportunities Program

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Revised Policy 603.22.

ISBA Resolution

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion to table the ISBA resolution to take into

Action Cont. consideration the revisions as discussed, **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** seconded and the vote was unanimous to table The Resolution.

Board Reports Trustee Smylie reported on all the graduations he attended. Each ceremony was special for the students, parents and staff.

Vice Chairman Vuittonet reported on the progress made in the efforts to raise money for the drug dog. He stated this is an opportunity to work with local government and corporations in the Meridian area.

Trustee Ozuna reported on the graduation and the celebrations.

Trustee Neuhoff reported on various discussion he heard about the success of the alternative schools. He also discussed the article on number of homes that have computers and those that do not. He would like to make sure all families have resources available to them.

Chairman Klopfenstein reported date for the Board Retreat has been changed to June 26. He thanked Don Nesbitt for the Work Session on HRS.

Superintendents Report Dr. Ranells reminded Trustees she will not be at the Special meeting Friday and Mr. Yochum will be in attendance. She also asked Trustees about the scheduled meeting in July. Two of the trustees will be attending the HRS training in Denver. She invited Trustees to attend the Principal Data talks that will take place this week and next. She reported she had three articles where she was able to brag about West Ada School District. She also reported on the different committees associated with the governor's task force.

ADJOURNMENT **Vice Chairman Vuittonet** made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk