



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 28, 2020

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Trustees: Phil Neuhoff, Rene Ozuna, Steve Smylie, Ed Klopfenstein, and Amy Johnson
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Eric Exline, Bret Heller, Devan Delashmutt, Dave Roberts, Jonathan Gillen, Gloria Rolland, Kim Harp, and Ramona Lee.
Guests	Sue Darden, and Wendy Webb
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Klopfenstein Chairman Klopfenstein asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The Clerk stated she did not.
Amendments	Trustee Johnson asked the minutes to be pulled due to a spelling error. Trustee Ozuna seconded, the vote was unanimous. Trustee Neuhoff asked the surplus disposal to be removed from agenda, Clerk Newbold stated we did not have surplus for this meeting. Vice Chairman Smylie seconded and the vote was unanimous to strike item.
CONSENT AGENDA	Vice Chairman Smylie made a motion, Trustee Johnson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve amended agenda. Minutes of the January 14, 2020, regular board meeting Employment Recommendations Summary of Leave Requests Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist for Emily Blackburn for Standard Secondary French Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New for Ellen Harding Earth Science teacher at Meridian High School Approve Bid #000901, disposal of used Dairy Equipment

**Consent Agenda
Cont.**

Approve Bid #932301, Meridian High School Auditorium Project

Approve Bid #921004 package 20 with corrections

Approve Architect Contract amendment #1 for Achievement House remodel

Approve General Conditions with CM Company for Achievement House remodel

Approve General Conditions with CM Company for Meridian High School locker room remodel

Approve Construction Management contract with CM Company for Meridian High locker room remodel

Approve schematic design for Blue Valley Elementary

Approve construction management contract for Centennial High School turf project

Approve change order for Owyhee High School-Gravity Irrigation

Material testing and inspection for Meridian High School Locker Room and Auditorium

Rebid the rough carpentry work for the Achievement House remodel

Approve Mountain View High School Club Unify to travel to Washington D.C. to attend Capital Hill Day departing February 9th, 2020 and returning February 12, 2020

Surplus Disposal

Approve students graduating one semester early

Student Expulsions

Discussion

Revised Policy 302, Intern Program (third reading) Bret Heller
Brett Heller, Curriculum Director, presented the policy with no changes from last meeting. No questions were asked.

Minutes of the January 14, 2020, regular board meeting
Trustee Johnson stated a spelling error needed to be corrected.

ACTION

Revised Policy 302, Intern Program
Vice Chairman Smylie made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 302.

Minutes of the January 14, 2020, regular board meeting
Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes with spelling correction.

Work Session

Current Reality/Construction/Classroom inventory (Joe Yochum)

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, updated the 2018 bond projects:

1. Mountain View High School Expansion has been completed
 - a. 15 additional classrooms
 - b. 1 Engineering Lab
 - c. Expanded Cafeteria
 - d. Bathrooms

2. Star Elementary Expansion
 - a. 8 General Education Classrooms
 - b. Bathrooms
 - c. Offices
 - e. New Gymnasium and Kitchen
 - f. Expanded parking lot and parent drop off

3. Mary McPherson Expansion
 - a. 6 Classroom
 - b. Bathrooms
 - c. Expanded Parking Lot and new Parent drop off
 - d. Removal of Portables

4. Pleasant View Elementary
 - a. 650 capacity New Elementary
 - b. Completion 2020

5. Owyhee High School
 - a. New High School Capacity of 1800
 - b. Completion August 2021

Vice Chairman Smylie asked about the expansion of Highway 16. Mr. Yochum provided a rendering of the project.

Mr. Yochum provided drone footage of the Owyhee High school project.

Classroom inventory was provided from each school. Mr. Yochum indicated special programs take additional space such as Special Education, ELL, Gifted and Talented and tuition kindergarten classes. Trustee Johnson had concerns about the tuition kindergarten classes and referred to a school that lost the program and the negative impact on the parents and families. Dave Roberts, Human Resource Officer, indicated the decision was made to provide space for kids to attend the neighborhood school instead of being bussed further away. Tuition kindergarten is an added choice. Dr. Ranells indicated moving a program is sometimes a positive impact and the district looks at the impact on all students district wide. Trustee Neuhoff asked about the seven classes at Eagle High School. Mr. Yochum indicated he would research this number and report back to the Trustees.

Long Range Facility Plan (Eric Exline)

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Director, gave a brief history starting with the first bond in 1957. Mr. Exline explained how he calculates future enrollment. He highlighted the number of plats south of the freeway, in the North Meridian corridor and Eagle and Star. He indicated Eagle and Star have the most growth potential. Mr. Exline projected the future projects of the district in 2020-2026 to be five new elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. He outlined the current property owned by West Ada and

Work Session Cont.

the potential property donations. Trustee Johnson asked how to do we let the City of Meridian know when we can't accommodate growth. Mr. Yochum indicated the district has provided The City of Meridian with a letter stating the impact the housing development will have on the school if the housing development is approved. This has not stopped the development in the past. The only time the City denied a small development was recently. Trustees indicated this could be because of a new mayor and new council members.

Update on attendance boundaries (Eric Exline)

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Director, outlined the process as follows:

1. A committee of 12-14 people
2. Four people are on permanent boundary committee
3. There is no voting the committee must come to a consensus
4. Public presentations with patron input are scheduled
5. Presentation and recommendation to the Board

Trustee Johnson indicated the outcomes of the boundary committees were not consistent. She asked what the priorities are when adjusting boundaries. Mr. Exline indicated different committees have different priorities. Trustee Johnson had concerns about the communication. Mr. Exline stated emails go out to all parents whose school would be impacted with the change. The meeting dates are sent, and volunteers are asked to serve on the committee. Information is communicated to all patrons giving everyone an opportunity to participate in the informational meetings. Mr. Exline indicated this process has worked for many years.

Update on bond committee (Eric Exline)

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Director, outlined the potential projects as follows:

1. Blue Valley Elementary south of 1-84 (support 98.5%)
2. Replacement of Eagle Elementary (support 94.2%)
3. Career Technical Center (support 88.4%)
4. Centennial High School 6 additional classroom and daylight second floor (support 82.6%)
5. Desert Sage 6 additional classrooms (support 82.6%)
6. Lake Hazel remodel (support 99.3%)
7. Elementary playground upgrades (support 81.6%)

Total bond proposal \$62.7 million.

Funding around growth (Jonathan Gillen)

Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the 10-year plan. Mr. Gillen used a conservative figure of enrollment increase of 500 students per year. The Excel spread sheet projected the additional school that will need to be added, new transportation cost, and staffing for the new schools. The decrease in textbook adoptions and the increased in insurance was also discussed. Trustees asked how we compare to other surrounding districts on salaries. Mr. Roberts indicated classified 40%-50% less than Boise's, certified about 10% less than surrounding districts, and district personal about 30% less than Boise and Boise has twice as many people doing the same amount of work we do.

Synopsis

Dr. Ranells provided the following:

1. West Ada must successfully pass a bond every two years or pass one bond that will meet the facility needs for the next 10 years.
2. Sound financial management, especially considering the general fund cost of opening new buildings.
3. Successfully pass a supplemental levy every two years at the current amount or greater.
4. Renew the plant facility levy in seven years at the same or higher amount.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Trustee Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk