



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 28, 2020

Date, Place & Time

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020, **at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.** The board will convene in regular session at 5:00 p.m. The entire audio content of the meeting is posted on the West Ada website at www.westada.org

Trustees in Attendance

Trustees: Ed Klopfenstein, Steve Smylie, Phil Neuhoff, Rene Ozuna, and Amy Johnson

Staff in Attendance

Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Joe Yochum, Jonathan Gillen, Bret Heller, Marcus Myers, Dr. Mandy White, Dr. Dustin Barrett, Eric Exline, Troy Stephens, Dave Moser, and Marcus Myers.

Guests

Remote guest

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Spotlight

Gina Pannell, from Central District Health, reported on what is being seen in the community and how community is defined. Ms. Pannell also discussed the mask mandate for school how that will look for lunch and recess. Ms. Pannell stated a meeting was being held to determine the categories. Trustees asked a variety of clarifying questions.

Dr. Jim Souza, from St. Luke's, outlined the need to have a "Shock Test". Dr. Souza stated St. Luke's had to redesign the workplace. This would be a plan of action for a building to look at for example: How to enter the building, where they sit, how far apart, what they wear, what we wear, created priorities for testing,, contact testing when and how to send an employee home, and when to bring them back. Every school that opens will be faced with students that might become sematic how to identify student, who will be notified, is there going to be a test, where are you getting the test, who pays for the test are just a few questions that need to be answered. Dr. Souza stated younger kids are less likely to spread it and less likely to get ill. Older kids are like small adults, middle school students and can carry it and can get ill. Wear your mask and wash your hands, is the key.

Tracey Garner, WASD Health Service Supervisor, reported we have been running programs since March. We have been using these techniques that have been suggested by Dr. Souza and have been working with Central District Health. We have implemented handwashing, physical distancing, sanitization and provide education for our kids.

Russ Duke, Central District Health, stated county to county will see variations and won't be consistent. Mr. Duke updated the public health orders and will assign a category by next week. We will have guidance on the colors, or stages by next week.

Recommendation

Dave Roberts, Chief Human Resources Officer, had a recommendation for the Chief Communication Officer. Mr. Roberts paid tribute to Eric Exline. Mr. Exline is an extraordinary leader with values and beliefs that kids come first. Mr. Roberts stated it has been an honor to work alongside such an amazing person. Mr. Exline will be missed, and we all wish him the best in his retirement. Administration recommends Char Jackson. Ms. Jackson's background includes Communications Manager for the Boise Fire Department, Communication Specialist for Blue Cross of Idaho and News Producer for KTVB News Group.

Additional Information

Chairman Klopfenstein asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The Clerk stated additional information was emailed to all Trustees and attached to the website for patrons.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular board meeting

Recommendations

Leave Requests

Approve recommendation for Chief Communication Officer

Renewal of an Alternative Authorization-Teacher to New

a. Robert Getzin II to teach German

b. Christina Morgan to work as a Social Studies and Economics Teacher

Approve recommendation for Professional Services: Electrical Engineering

Recommendation to approve the adjustment on the 20-21 school calendar Modified and Traditional

Disposal of District Surplus

Discussion

Revised Policy 501.92, Dual Enrollment, (fourth reading) Dave Moser

Dave Moser, Regional Director, presented the policy with the language change under transportation. Trustees had no questions.

Revised Policy 501.9 (904), School Attendance Zones, (second reading) Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, indicated the changes to the policy reflect the suggestions made during the last meeting. The rank order and importance when making recommendations on attendance areas was updated. Mr. Exline stated the importance of making the decisions based on what is best for kids. The policy will return for another reading.

Revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy, (second reading) Mandy White

Mandy White, Regional Director, presented the policy with the suggested

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changes to the Illness Section. This change will allow school administration to address absent on case by case situations.

Revised Policy 501.1, Secondary Attendance Policy, (first reading) Dave Moser

Dave Moser, Regional Director, presented the policy with the suggested changes to the Illness Section. This change will allow school administration to address absent on case by case situations. This policy has the same language as Policy 501.30

Student Handbooks

- a. Elementary School
- b. Middle School
- c. High School

Mandy White, Regional Director, presented all handbooks with the additional information regarding the West Ada School Responsibility Use Agreement. She indicated she had worked with Trustee Neuhoff on some other minor edits throughout all the handbooks.

Action

Revised Policy 501.92, Dual Enrollment

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 501.92.

Revised Policy 501.30, Elementary Attendance Policy

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 501.30.

Revised Policy 501.1, Secondary Attendance Policy

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy 501.1.

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Trustee Ozuna made a motion to approve all three of the student handbooks, **Trustee Neuhoff** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve all Student Handbooks.

Work Session

Bond 2018 update - Joe Yochum

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, highlighted the bond and capital projects throughout the District. This included Mountain View High School expansion, Star Elementary expansion, the new Pleasant View Elementary completion. Mary McPherson expansion, and the Owyhee High School progress.

Capital Projects - Joe Yochum

- a. IFAA - Completion date November 2021 Move in date of December 2021
- b. Meridian Middle School Cafeteria – Completion date TBD
- c. Meridian High School Auditorium – Completion date December 5, 2021

Fall Learning update- Bret Heller

Bret Heller, Assistant Superintendent, indicated the information is based on

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what we know as of today. Mr. Heller highlighted the need to educate our students safely, what is best for staff and to partner with our local health experts. Mr. Heller stated the choice for our families is important as well as flexibility. West Ada will deploy 1:1 device K-12 for the 20-21 school year. The primary platform is Microsoft Teams with continued training for students, staff and parents. The final document will be presented to the board for approval.

Chairman Klopfenstein asked for a short recess. The meeting was called back to order at 8:15pm.

Long Range Facility Plan - Eric Exline

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, updated the Long-Range Facility Plan. This document is located at www.westada.org under the section about us for full details. Mr. Exline pointed out the updated school enrollment and design capacity of the document.

10-year Bond proposal

Eric Exline, Chief Communication Officer, presented the 10 year bond concept. Run a single bond that would cover the costs of projected schools over the next ten years. Mr. Exline outlined the current projections of school needed, geographic areas, financial plan, and the communication campaign. Mr. Exline also highlight the pros and cons of running a 10 year bond.

Supplemental Levy Language

All information about the supplemental levy is found on the West Ada home page

Board goals for CIP Plan

Chairman Klopfenstein moved this item to another work session.

Calendar for Board

Chairman Klopfenstein moved this item to another work session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

Clerk