



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **September 10, 2020**

Date, Place & Time	The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. 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 (phone), Rene Ozuna, and Amy Johnson
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Bret Heller, Dave Moser, Dr. Mandy White, Marcus Myers, Geoff Stands, Char Johnson, Troy Stephens, Devan Delashmutt, and Dave Roberts
Guests	Sue Darden and remote listeners
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Klopfenstein
DISCUSSION	<p><u>Connectivity for students</u> Devan Delashmutt, Chief Technology Director, reported on the technology teams continue work on the connectivity problems. Mr. Delashmutt explained the modification to the firewall and filtering system. A corrupt file on the server was causing the slowness and would not allow the system to push out information. The devices were wanting to install updates which were taking up. Some devices were able to connect while others were not. The team described several options to try to resolve the problem. Tests were being conducted on the server. The technology team felt confident the several options would help with the connection. Mr. Delashmutt also indicated when the students returned for alternate day education the devices on the campus would have the ability to connect. This would free up some space for other devices to connect. The team will be sending updates to parents and staff Friday and during the weekend. The change in the configuration to the iPads will allow them to connect without having to establish a VPN connection. This will reduce the load on the filter allowing more devices to connect. Trustees asked a variety of questions. The main concerns were the ability to have connection and being able to provide remote learning when in Red and when in Yellow.</p> <p><u>Teacher Prep for Yellow</u> Chairman asked if there is a concern about training for teachers before they go into yellow remote learning. Teachers are online all the time with student that can connect, and the prep time is limited. Bret Heller addressed the question are teachers and instruction ready for next week. Mr. Heller stated most of the teachers are ready, but the last few days have been very hard with the connectivity. We have provided time for teachers to prepare. Teachers are</p>

Discussion Cont.

ready most teachers have spent all summer thinking about how to teach in yellow. They are excited to see their kids again. Concerns about recess and when they would have time to prep. The idea to bring alternating days to get a routine. Next week will be working on solutions to have time for prep for teachers.

Making up lost school days

Chairman Klopfenstein asked Trustee Johnson to outline the question not all students could get in. How do we move forward to make up those school days? Do these days count as school days? Dr. Ranells explained days of school were not cancelled, and they still count as days of instruction. What the kids missed that will take time to pull information together from classroom teachers. Teachers will help those kids make up this instruction. We did not cancel school. We will go back and reassess in the next couple of weeks. Dave Roberts stated we do have amazing teachers adding days at the end is not the answer teachers will make up those, we have good teachers and good teachers will do this.

ACTION

Revised Reopening Plan

Trustee Johnson made a motion to table this item until the September 15 Special Board Meeting. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

School Calendar Adjustment Request

Trustee Johnson made a motion that District staff reports back on September 22 and whether we need to address this and the process. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Trustee Johnson made a motion 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; **Trustee Ozuna** seconded. The Chairman took roll call to enter Executive Session. **Trustee Johnson** Yea, **Trustee Ozuna** Yea, **Trustee Neuhoff** Yea, **Vice Chairman Smylie** Yea and **The Chairman** Yea. The Board left at 8:25 p.m. and entered Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. and ended at 9:34 p.m.

The Board returned to special session at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Vice Chairman Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk