



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 22, 2020

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. The board will convene in regular session at 6:00 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	Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Troy Stephens, Char Jackson, Marcie Horner Geoff Stands, Dave Moser, Jonathan Gillen, and Jeanne Buschine.
Guests	Sue Darden, and Eric Thies.
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Klopfenstein
Open Hearing	<p>Chairman Klopfenstein asked for a motion to open the insurance for devices hearing. Trustee Ozuna made the motion, Vice Chairman Smylie second. Chairman took roll call, Trustee Neuhoff Aye, Vice Chairman Smylie Aye, Trustee Johnson Aye, Trustee Ozuna Aye and the Chairman was Aye.</p> <p>Jonathan Gillen, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the optional device charges. The dollar amount would be \$25 per device for a one-year coverage for accidental damages. The contract with Rycor will allow parents to either pay online or pay at the school. Mr. Gillen would like to look at the possibilities of this bill system to be used in other areas of our district.</p>
Close Hearing	Chairman Klopfenstein asked for a motion to close the insurance for devices hearing. Trustee Johnson made the motion, Vice Chairman Smylie second. Chairman took roll call, Trustee Johnson Aye, Trustee Ozuna Aye, Vice Chairman Smylie Aye Trustee Neuhoff Aye , and the Chairman was Aye.
Spotlight	Jeanne Buschine, Counseling Supervisor, outlined many of the factors that influence children's mental health which included trauma, abuse neglect, poverty, homelessness, substance abuse and addiction. The COVID-19 pandemic also has added stressors to our student's lives. Ms. Buschine discussed the prevention and intervention available to students. She highlighted the toolbox students use to cope with situations. Ms. Buschine explained how the school counselors and district social workers are helping with students' basic needs. The mandatory training videos are a requirement

Revised Agenda

for all employees to watch yearly. Ms. Buschine provided strategies for adults to use to help students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Klopfenstein asked for a motion to approve the revised consent agenda because it was posted after the 48-hour deadline. Good Faith reason administration needed to add the approval of the insurance for devices.

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Vice Chairman Smylie** second and the vote was unanimous to accept the revised agenda as posted.

Additional information

Chairman Klopfenstein asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The clerk stated she attached all additional documents to the agenda online and had provided all Trustees with a hard copy of the updated scope of the attendance area.

Consent Agenda

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

Employment Recommendations

Leave Requests

Minutes of the:

- a. September 15, 2020, special board meeting
- b. September 10, 2020, special board meeting
- c. September 8, 2020, regular board meeting
- d. September 1, 2020, special board meeting

Alternative Emergency Provisional Certificate for Brittany Streicher to work as a Speech Language Pathologist

Approve contract with Andersen for Meridian Middle School cafeteria expansion/new kitchen

Approve calendars for the 20-21 school year, Traditional and Modified

Approve the Instructional Calendars for the 20-21 school year

Discussion

Seven Oaks and Chaparral Elementary school being moved to a traditional school calendar- Char Jackson

Char Jackson, Chief Communication Officer, presented the plan to change the two modified schools to a traditional school. This would allow balance in enrollment with the nearby schools. The space at these two schools will reduce overcrowding.

Eagle Elementary School no longer being a School of Choice- Char Jackson

Char Jackson, Chief Communication Officer, presented the Eagle Elementary School to no longer be a School of Choice. Eagle Elementary School has an enrollment number of 343 students and has a design capacity of 500. Eagle Hills Elementary has an enrollment of 594 students and has the design capacity of 500. This would help the overcrowding at Eagle Hills Elementary and accommodate projected growth.

Discussion Cont.

Scope of attendance area committee-Char Jackson

Char Jackson, Chief Communication Officer, outlined the attendance area adjustments and timeline for committee meetings.

School Calendar Adjustment

Trustees had asked for this item to be on the agenda to possibly add days of instruction due to the days lost with technology issues. Superintendent Ranells stated this would not be the recommendation of administration. Teachers worked during the technology issues and did get students connected. Superintendent Ranells stated our teachers are good and will assess students and use this information to help students with any gaps in instruction.

Action

Seven Oaks and Chaparral Elementary school being moved to a tradition school calendar

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Vice Chairman Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Eagle Elementary School no longer being a School of Choice

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Vice Chairman Smylie** seconded, and the vote was 4 -1 with **Trustee Neuhoff** voting Nay.

Scope of attendance area committee

Trustee Neuhoff made a motion to approve the scope of the attendance committee with the modification that we limit item 4 (slide 4) to situations consequential to the other items in the scope. **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous at approve the scope of attendance area.

Optional device insurance

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, **Trustee Johnson** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve optional device insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Vice Chairman Smylie** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk