



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 27, 2020

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 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, Bret Heller, Mandy White, Char Jackson, Troy Stephens, Jonathan Gillen, Joe Yochum, Dustin Barrett, Tracey Garner, Dave Roberts, and Geoff Stands. Others were remote.
Guests	Angie Elkington, Sue Darden, Candice Johnson, Jenn Halladay, Jeramiah Brown, Sheila Benson, Brad Blankenship, Zachary Boreman, Kelly Reed-Heuer, Assunda Becker, Angela Voll, Kristin, James Krick, Megan Case, Eryca Harekamp, Matthew Heuer, David Phillips, and Mike Vuittonet
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Neuhoff
Additional Information	Chairman Klopfenstein asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The Clerk stated all additional information will be attached to the agenda.
Consent Agenda	<p>Trustee Johnson made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve consent agenda.</p> <p>Employment Recommendations</p> <p>Leave Requests</p> <p>Minutes of the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">October 15, 2020, special board meetingOctober 13, 2020, regular board meeting <p>Alternative authorization-Content Specialist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Andrea Hahn for a Natural Science Endorsement to teach Earth Science and BiologyKelsie Kitz to teach Music K-5Abigael McKnight content Specialist in Elementary Education

Consent Cont.

Bid 030101 scaffold rental for the auditorium projects at Owyhee High School and Meridian High School

Approve lease with Tidwell Service for 20-21

Approve the 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Disposal of District Surplus

Discussion

Review Medical Professional review of West Ada Safety Plan (Dr. Pate)

Dr. David Pate, retired President and CEO of St. Luke's, addressed the board with the independent review of the West Ada Health and Safety Plan. Dr. Pate acknowledged the input and advice from Dr. David Peterman, President and CEO of Primary Health, Dr. Mark Nassir CPE, President of Saint Alphonsus, Dr. Steven Nemerson, Chief Clinical Officer for Saint Alphonsus, and Dr. James Souza, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for St. Luke's Health System. Dr. Pate thanked the West Ada Executive team for the leadership and engaging a panel of medical experts to review the plan. Dr. Pate indicated that the plan needs to be addressed school by school, updated regularly, and recommended a rewrite of the plan to make it more stream-lined, updated, clear and easy for staff to read and understand. Dr. Pate stated physical distancing and wearing cloth face coverings is critical. Dr. Pate stated the community spread is not being mirrored in the school setting. Dr. Pate touched on "pods" if physically distancing is not possible. Discussion focused on classroom audits, staggering lunches, face coverings, and how the virus is transmitted. For the full recommendations provided by Dr. Pate please go to the following and click on Medical Professional review of West Ada Safety Plan.

<https://www.westada.org/Page/169#calendar131/20201029/event/730469>

Options for Remote Learning language in Yellow and Red

Dr. Ranells gave a brief update on the recommendation.

Based on teacher requests for additional planning time but still wanting face-to-face instruction, the Task Force is proposing the following schedule for learning:

- **Grades K-3 School Operations (Starting November 10):**
Daily in-person instruction with early-release Mondays.
- **Grades 4-5 School Operations (Starting November 10):**
Alternating day in-person instruction with early-release Mondays.
Team 1 attends in-person on Tuesday and Thursday and Every Other Monday
Team 2 attends in-person on Wednesday and Friday and Every Other Monday
- **Grades 6-12 School Operations (Starting November 10):**
Alternating day in-person instruction with remote learning Mondays.

Dr. Ranells thanked the medical professionals and the partnership with CDH. Bret Heller, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the operational decision-making process. This included contact tracing, close contacts quarantine/isolate, and several definitions used in the pandemic plan. Tracey Garner, Health Service Coordinator, discussed the District COVID dashboard. The dashboard breaks down school by school levels and student and staff cases. Ms. Garner explained numbers do not always tell the entire story. Trustee had a health discussion on class size, safety procedures, audits of classroom, and the process for contact tracing, communication to families

Discussion Cont. and staff regarding positive cases. Trustee Ozuna thanked Ms. Garner for the dashboard information.

Patron Comments Several patrons addressed the board. Concerns from teachers and parents were echoed in many of the comments. Concerns sending the kids to school, transmission of the virus, safety of families and safety of students and teachers. Patrons also had concerns on the other side of the pandemic. Wanting kids back in school, teacher sick out and remote instruction.

Action **Update of Instructional Quality in Remote learning (Dustin Barrett).** Trustee Johnson made a motion to table this item until the next regular scheduled board meeting due to the time. Trustee Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous

Remote Learning Options

Trustee Ozuna made a motion, in the best interest for kids, to approve the recommendation presented by administration adding grades 4 and 5 to mimic K-3 all day with early release as proposed by administration and giving Dr. Ranells the authority to close schools or individual classroom as needed based on out breaks. Trustee Johnson seconded. Trustee Johnson asked for a friendly amendment to work on options to give parents and teachers a choice for second semester, In January, for in person or remote to distribute our system. Vice Chairman Smylie point of order, this motion be considered separately rather than an amendment. Trustee Klopfenstein point of order friendly amendment the entire board would have to own it. Trustee Ozuna seconded. The vote was 3 in favor, Trustee Klopfenstein, and Vice Chairman Smylie abstained. Trustee Klopfenstein made a friendly any prep time provided to teachers remain specifically for Teacher PLC and collaboration. Superintendent Ranells indicated the worry is we still need to provide instruction on that early release Monday. Trustee Ozuna seconded. Mr. Heller clarified the portion of the day for teacher prep time is truly preparation time. Vice Chairman Smylie indicated against this motion supports the concept but we are in the weeds start adding to the motion. Called for a vote. Trustee Klopfenstein aye, Vice Chairman Smylie, Trustee Ozuna and Trustee Johnson nay, Chairman Neuhoff abstained. Friendly motion failed. The original motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Resignation in Zone 3 and Board Declaration of a vacancy in Zone 3

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded to accept the resignation in Zone 3 and declaration of a vacancy in Zone 3. The vote was 4 in favor with Vice Chairman Smylie recusing himself.

ADJOURNMENT Trustee Johnson made a motion, Trustee Klopfenstein seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk