



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2020

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 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: Phil Neuhoff, Ed Klopfenstein, Rene Ozuna, Amy Johnson, and Sheena Buffi
Staff in Attendance	Mary Ann Ranells, Cheri Newbold, Bret Heller, Marcus Myers, Troy Stephens, and Geoff Stands. Others were remote.
Guests	Jared Lucas, Sue Darden, Linsy Heiner, Abbee Hawkes, Tyler Hurst, Jamie Thompson, and Sheila Benson
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE	Chairman Neuhoff
Additional Information	Chairman Neuhoff asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The Clerk stated all additional information will be attached to the agenda.
Reorganization	The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Sheena Buffi.
Recommendations	<p>Marcus Myers, Regional Director, thanked the staff at Joplin Elementary. Mr. Myers also wished Dr. Gallagher the very best and supports the difficult decision he made to support his family. Administration recommendation as the interim principal for Joplin Elementary is Christopher Kelley. Mr. Kelley was a principal at Estudillo Elementary in California. Mr. Kelley stated he was excited to be given the opportunity.</p> <p>Geoff Stands, Regional Director, expressed how important it is to build a culture and traditions. Administration recommends Cliff Rice as the first and new principal of Owyhee High School. Mr. Rice stated he was excited to build the culture and tradition in students, staff, and parents.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Trustee Johnson made a motion, Trustee Ozuna seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approved consent agenda.</p> <p>Payment of Bill dated November 1-30, 2020</p> <p>P-Card payment for October 1-31, 2020</p>

Consent Cont.

Monthly Reports

Minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular board meeting

Associated Student Body Reports

Employment Recommendations

Interim Principal for Joplin Elementary School

New Principal for Owyhee High School

Alternative Authorization -Teacher to New

a. Brook Snyder to work as an English 9 Teacher

b. Brett Walberg to teach Health

Course description handbook

Approve Interagency Governmental Agreement for Waiver of Costs and Fees with the City of Eagle

Approve Memorandum of Agreement for Joint Use of Sports Facilities with the City of Eagle

Grant temporary easement to Idaho Transportation Department

Approve Exhibit A (reimbursable expenses) of Kreizenbeck Constructors construction management contracts for IFAA and Blue Valley

Terminate contracts with Consurco for Owyhee High School and the Meridian High Auditorium

Approve Pathways Easement with The City of Meridian for the Idaho Fine Arts Academy Project

Approve Bid #033401 Owyhee High School food service equipment

Approve Change Event 174 for Owyhee High School (McDermott Sewer Backfill)

Approve guidelines and RFQ for selection of professional surveyors

Approve construction testing and special inspections agreement with Atlas (formerly MTI) for Idaho Fine Arts Academy project

Approve Instructional hours for Rebound School of Opportunity

Disposal of district surplus

Non-resident student enrollment request for the 2020-2021 school year

Consent Cont.

Suspension report for first semester

Early Graduation One Semester early

Early Graduation One Year early

Early Graduation Virtual School House (second and third quarter)

Discussion

Revised Policy 803.20, Disposal of Surplus Real and Personal Property (Joe Yochum)

Joe Yochum, Assistant Superintendent, indicated the revisions of this policy would align with Idaho Code.

Pandemic Operations Plan (Bret Heller)

Bret Heller, Assistant Superintendent, thanked Dr. Pate for the many hours he has dedicated to facilitate the rewrite of the Pandemic Operation Plan. Dr. Pate addressed the benefits of the plan that provides guidance for parent, teachers, and students. The main body of the plan addresses information everyone should read. The appendices are references to certain programs such as Special Education, Choir, Band, and PE. The focus in Section 2 has the prevention strategies such as ventilation in school. All schools have increased the air exchange to 4 to 6 times per hour. Dr. Pate outlined the protective measure he has seen in the schools when conducting his walk-through audits. He praised the students for wearing masks properly. He acknowledged all hand sanitizers were all filled and being used. He outlined the different protective measures to social distance students during lunch and PE. He is concerned with the overwhelming hours the nursing staff is working. The need for a call center would be one of his recommendations to assist with some of the questions. Dr. Pate also discussed the return of students in the secondary level full time. Discussion centered around the efficiency of this group transmitting the virus. He indicated the return of all students is not a recommendation. The hybrid schedule is difficult to physical distance students so it would be a challenge to do this with all students back in person. Trustees asked Dr. Pate a variety of question. The definition of a cluster was clarified, he vaccine, and masks were discussed. For the detailed information please visit the audio recording: [Board of Trustees / Board Meeting Recordings \(westada.org\)](https://www.westada.org/Board-of-Trustees/Board-Meeting-Recordings)

Patron Comments

Linsey Heiner commented on the mental health of students. Ms. Heiner students should be able to go to school if they want to. She expressed concern for the educational gap.

Abbee Hawkins commented on student technology and the priorities of the board. Second semester should be a choice given to parents and students on what education should look like.

Tyler Hurst commented on similar concerns on the shut down of schools harming children emotion and social aspects.

Jamie Thompson commented on the mental health and safety of students. The representation of students and parents are not being heard.

Sheila Benson echoed the same options as expressed by other patrons.

Jarid Lukas has concerns for his six kids and the educational needs.

The entire patron comments can be heard by going to the following: [Board of Trustees / Board Meeting Recordings \(westada.org\)](#)

Action

Revised Policy 803.20, Disposal of Surplus Real and Personal Property
Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approved revised policy 803.20.

Pandemic Operation Plan

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion to approve the Pandemic Operation Plan. The motion died for lack of a second. **Trustee Ozuna** made a motion to call a special meeting to give staff an opportunity to have legal counsel review the document related to the mask exemption issue and trustees time to review the additional items added to the document. **Trustee Buffi** seconded. Trustee Johnson asked if the motion maker would agree to any other changes to the plan. Trustee Ozuna accepted this. Chairman Neuhoff called for a vote. The vote was 4 aye and **Trustee Klopfenstein** opposed and voted nay. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Johnson made a motion, **Trustee Ozuna** seconded to adjourn. Chairman Neuhoff announced he will resign effective 11:59 p.m. and will hand the clerk a letter of resignation after the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. Adjournment time 8:32 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk