



# West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2021**

<b>Date, Place &amp; Time</b>	The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at <b>the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho</b> . The board will convene in special session at 5:00 p.m. The entire audio content of the meeting is posted on the West Ada website at <a href="http://www.westada.org">www.westada.org</a>
<b>Trustees in Attendance</b>	Trustees: Amy Johnson, Rene Ozuna, Ed Klopfenstein and Sheena Buffi (All Remote)
<b>Staff in Attendance</b>	Mary Ann Ranells, Troy Stephens, Bret Heller, Marcus Myers and Dave Moser. Others were remote.
<b>Guests</b>	Remote listeners
<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; PLEDGE</b>	Chairman Johnson
<b>Additional Information</b>	Chairman Johnson asked the Clerk if she had any additional information. The Clerk stated all additional information will be attached to the agenda. The patron comments were pulled and attached.
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b><u>Process used to move candidate to verbal interview</u></b></p> <p>Chairman Johnson presented a process for Trustees that could potentially be used. She indicated she would like feedback and would need to vote on the process before moving to the action portion of the agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Each trustee will select their top eight candidates to move on to the verbal interview round.</li><li>2. Each trustee will rank order their top eight candidates on level of importance to the trustee that the candidate moves on to the verbal interview round. Ranking will be from one to eight, with eight being the highest and one being the lowest rank possible.</li></ol> <p>NOTE: This rank order only signifies the importance level on which the trustee believes the candidate should move forward to the verbal interview, it does not signify the overall support by the trustee for one specific candidate over another.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Trustees will email their ranking to the clerk during agenda Item C. - Discussion on candidates that move on to the verbal section.</li></ol>

4. The clerk will tally the scores from all board members and display for the board only the total scores by applicant in rank order from highest to lowest.

5. Board Trustees must make a motion during agenda Item D. - Action on candidates that move on to the verbal section to select the applicants that will move on to the verbal interview round. The board combined total ranking along with any board discussion can be used as a consideration by trustees for developing a motion.

Trustee Klopfenstein asked for clarification on numbering.

**Process used to move candidate to verbal interview**

**Action**

Trustee Klopfenstein made a motion, Vice Chair Ozuna seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the process to move candidates to the verbal interview.

**Discussion**

**Candidates that move on to the verbal selection**

Trustees emailed Clerk Newbold and Troy Stephens the ranking order. A 10 - 15 break was taken. The Clerk and Mr. Stephens received emails from each trustee and placed the information on a spread sheet. Results were projected on the screen.

Cory Williamson	27
KimberlyAynn Brown	19
David Bailey	19
Liza Long	17
Reuben Orettega	12
David Binetti	11
Wendy McKinney	8
Rusty Coffelt	7
Kyle Campbell	6
Travis Robbins	5
Alexis Morgan	4
Tiffany Honn	4
Robert Gruver	3
David Garner	0
Jared Lucas	0
Justin Butler	0
Kristopher Stice	0
Rebecca Barrios	0
Scott Carter	0
Scott Thompson	0
Steven Christensen	0
T Bell	0
Thomas Jones	0

**Action**

**Candidates that move on to the verbal selection**

**Trustee Buffi** made a motion to move the top 8 candidates to the verbal selection. (top 8 highlight in yellow above) **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**Discussion**

**Interview candidates for vacant seat in Zone 4**

Trustees interview the top 8 candidates according to the ranking given by each Trustee. Chairman Johnson had each candidate answer 8 questions in a two-minute time limit. Each candidate had an opportunity to be the first to answer the questions (in a round robin type forum). Complete questions and answers from all candidates can be found by this link. [Board of Trustees / Board Meeting Recordings \(westada.org\)](#) (board took a 5-minute comfort

break after question 5) Board took a break to reflect on decision 8:25p.m. and reconvene at 8:30p.m.

**Action**

**Appointment of candidate for vacant seat in Zone 4**

**Trustee Buffi** I believe this appointment needs someone in community service, managing growth and strategic planning. Trustee Buffi nominated Rusty Coffelt, **Trustee Klopfenstein** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to appoint Mr. Coffelt for the vacant seat in Zone 4.

**Boundary Committee Recommendations (Owyhee High School, Southern Elementary Schools, and Northern Elementary Schools)**

**Vice Chair Ozuna** made a motion, **Chairman Johnson** seconded, to accept the Boundary Committees recommendation. Trustee Klopfenstein wanted talk about the concerns from patrons but thanked the committee for the professionalism. Three concerns we expressed. Parents wanted to keep the boundaries as is until other elementary schools are added south of the freeway. High growth in this area is a challenge. Parents wanted to send kids to Siena or Hillsdale. Discussed open enrollment at Mary McPherson to address parents' concerns with this option. Parents should consider visiting the schools. Trustee Buffi indicated the feedback she received was more of the timing because this has been a tough year for may of the kids. The proposals do comply with the policy. The vote was unanimous to approve the Boundary Committee recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Klopfenstein** made a motion, **Vice Chair Ozuna** seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk