



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 5:30 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet
Trustee Excused	Tina Dean
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Lori Gash
Guests	Barbara Morgan, Ryan Wilhite, James Langan, Melissa Langan, Sue Darden, Jill Wrem, Loraine Hand, Ralph Chappell, Cathy Wright, Lynnea Shafter

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ritter

Amended Agenda Approved

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of a good news update on the district's mobile app; the addition of Kenneth Nakis' resignation to employment recommendations; and a letter requesting a three day waiver of ADA for the Rebound School of Opportunity due to a lack of electrical service in the building.

Good News

Barbara Morgan thanked the board for their support of the Barbara Morgan STEM Academy which is providing wonderful opportunities to students. Ms. Morgan stated her pride in being associated with the school and stressed what an amazing school it has become. Chairman Ritter thanked Ms. Morgan for her partnership, valued leadership and inspiration.

Eric Exline shared the district's new mobile app that was created by a parent at no cost to the district. Booster groups or school based groups will have the opportunity to find people to advertise on the site with the proceeds split between the school and district office to offset costs associated with a variety of projects.

Dr. Clark took a moment to acknowledge Eric's efforts to get the application online and his effectiveness in getting communication out to the parents, staff, students, and patrons in a variety of ways.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Vuittonet asked to move item 11b, *Bid award for custodial floor maintenance equipment* to Discussion/Action for further review. Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was

unanimous to approve the consent agenda as proposed minus 11b.
Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated December 1-31, 2013;

Building student activity accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Bonnie Hanebutt, teacher, two (2) days;
- Shay Plummer, teacher, four (4) days;
- Melinda Prindle, nutrition, twelve (12) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Dr. Linda Clark, one (1) day, to attend the Region III Superintendent's Meeting in McCall, Idaho;
- Dr. Linda Clark, off contract, to attend the League of Innovative Schools Meeting in Tucson, Arizona;
- Michelle Conger, Wendy Spencer, five (5) days, to attend PowerSchool University in San Francisco, California;
- Susan Daly, Jennifer Fletcher, Amy Hirsch, Tana Jons, Jason Newell, Steve Thompson, Teresa Wagner, two (2) days to attend the Northwest Council for Computer in Education in Seattle, Washington;
- GayLynn Erb, nine (9) days to attend the Leadership in Mathematics Education Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Barbara Leeds, two (2) days to attend the Labor Law and Labor Arbitration Sessions in Seattle, Washington;
- Diane Oliva, Sam Perez, Olivia Tate, off contract, to attend the Teachers of English and Other Languages Conference in Portland, Oregon;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 school year;

REVISED Job Descriptions:

- Extended Reading Intervention Teacher;
- Extended Reading Intervention Coordinator;
- Extended Reading Intervention Assistant;

Request from Travis Ceniga to rescind the one year leave of absence previously granted by the board;

Student request to graduate one semester early;

Request to cancel the February 25, 2014 board meeting and change the March board meeting from March 18, 2014 to March 11, 2014;

Award bid for two new school buses to Rush Truck Centers in the amount of \$79,800 with an option cost of \$365;

Consent Agenda cont. Improvements to Centennial High School's shot put landing area, funded through private donations;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Custodial Floor
Maintenance Equipment
Bid Rejected

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to reject the bid and to rebid the purchase of custodial floor maintenance equipment.

Approval of
Recommendation for North
Star Charter School to
Become Own LEA

Dr. Clark brought forth a request from the North Star Board of Directors to become their own LEA. If the request is approved by the district, North Star will make the necessary revisions to their charter petition and present it at a future board meeting for approval. The State Board will consider their request at the April meeting if all necessary paperwork has been filed by North Star. Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the request from North Star Charter School to become their own LEA.

World History Techbook
Approved

Lori Gash, curriculum coordinator, reviewed a recommendation to purchase the World History Techbook through Discovery Education for use in the Early World Civilization 6 classrooms. A pilot was conducted during spring semester of 2012-2013 at the following schools using different models: Donnell, EMS, Galileo, HMS, LCMS and LSMS. Feedback from the pilot has been positive and the non-pilot schools will have an opportunity to use and preview during spring semester of this year. The cost of the Techbook is \$48 per student for six years as compared with a regular textbook whose average cost is \$89-\$90 per book. This book would be available 24/7 unlike a regular textbook that is part of a classroom set and must be checked out each night by the student.

Sue Darden – a sixth grade teacher at Galileo was part of the pilot and stated the use of the Techbook was a positive experience. There is a need for better wireless connectivity in the elementary schools which will be addressed with additional hardware from the high schools installed by the end of the school year.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the adoption of the World History Techbook for use in the Early World Civilization 6 classrooms.

REVISED Policy Code No.
401.13 Approved

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 401.13, *Certified Transfers* with a change on line 28 from "voluntary transfer request" to "internal application".

Revisions to Policy Code No.
402.40 Received First
Reading

Dr. Gestrin reviewed revisions to Policy Code No. 402.40, *Fringe Benefits & Salary*. Trustee Sayles requested the administration look into how PERSI counts a full year of service so the wording in the policy will be aligned with practice. The policy will receive a second reading at a future board meeting.

**Resolution Calling for a
Supplemental Levy
Approved**

Alex Simpson, budget director, reviewed the expenditures associated with the current supplemental levy which supported the reinstatement of nine school days, covered one time funds (federal jobs bill and two year transfer of money from the School Plant Facilities Levy to general fund for operations) and offset \$1,850,000 in operational funding cuts from the state. Evaluation of trends in the district's market value indicate an increase for the coming year which will allow the district to lower the levy rate for the proposed supplemental levy giving tax payers a decrease in their property taxes. The resolution is set at the same amount as the previous levy, \$14 million per year for two years totaling \$28 million.

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to approve the resolution calling for a supplemental levy to be held March 11, 2014 for \$14 million dollars per year for two years for a total of \$28 million dollars, which will result in a decrease in the levy rate for patrons of the district. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayles and passed unanimously.

Board Reports

Chairman Ritter has received a number of calls regarding the legislative session. The chairman reminded trustees to get their registration paperwork in for the Day on the Hill in February.

Trustee Vuittonet encouraged trustees to participate in the training on the superintendent evaluation scheduled in Melba at the end of the month and updated trustees on the governmental affairs meeting he attended.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reported the legislative session has started and she has been very active already. She is encouraged by reports the education budget will be done at the beginning of the session and the task force recommendations have receive positive support. Work continues to add a K-5 component to Digital Schoolhouse through K-12 to engage home school students.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk