



# JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK  
SUPERINTENDENT

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**March 11, 2014**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 5:30 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Eric Exline, Barbara Leeds, Lori Gash, Trish Duncan
Guests	Lauren Dean, Sue Darden, Loraine Hand, Rachel Moorhouse, Ray Blair, Sharon Blair

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ritter

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ritter took a roll call vote of the board at 5:31 p.m. to move into executive session for personnel and negotiations. Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 6:12 p.m. and continued in regular session.

Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of Charles Frode to employment recommendations (retirement).
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### Good News

Eian Harm, research coordinator, shared an overview of the levels of research currently conducted in the district. Outcomes of both external and internal research projects support data-based decision making in the district.

### Consent Agenda

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended consent agenda as presented. Approved items are as follow:

Payment of bills dated February 1-28, 2014;

Building student activity accounts;

Minutes of the:

- January 28, 2014 regular board meeting;
- February 11, 2014 regular board meeting;

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Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Candice Adams, nurse, five (5) days;
- Marcene Blunck, administrative assistant, five (5) days;
- Marcene Blunck, administrative assistant, three (3) days;
- Richard Brown, bus driver, fourteen (14) days;
- Reginald Dockins, maintenance tech, three (3) days;
- Brandi Jensen, bus driver, four (4) days;
- Michael Lewis, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Kristin Martinez, teacher, 2014-2015 school year;
- Lee Naples, bus driver, eleven (11) days;
- Michael Rohm, bus driver, one (1) day;
- Larry Terry, bus driver, one-half (½) day;
- Nancy Towler, five (5) days;

Professional leave requests for:

- Pamela Arriola, Kimberly Chrz, Ashley Mayhugh, five (5) days to attend the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida;
- Pamela Arriola, five (5) days to attend the National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Khristie Bair, Sarah Baker, Amy Birch, Kim Hollingsworth, Tina Kohli, three (3) days to attend the National Council of Computer Education in Seattle, Washington;
- Jack Blattner, Alan Heikkila, Elizabeth Russell, Will Schumaker, Trish Stokes, Jason Tindall, Kya Vines, Steve Wilder, three (3) days to attend the Annual FFA State Leadership Convention in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Dean Brigham, two (2) days to attend a celebration banquet for grants his school received in Worley, Idaho;
- Paul Durham, three (3) days to attend the Business Professionals of America 2014 National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Kasia Forster, Cristina Gould, Sherry Stanish, four (4) days to attend the NSTA STEM Forum & Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Terra Frei, two (2) days to attend the National High School Journalism Convention in San Diego, California;
- Lori Gash, one (1) day to attend the National Conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Los Angeles, California;
- Don Howell, off contract, to attend the High School of Business Training in Denver, Colorado;
- Don Howell, four (4) days, to attend the International DECA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Pam Juel, two (2) days, to attend the Northwest Council for Computer Education in Seattle, Washington;
- Shannon Loree, three (3) days, to attend the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana;

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- Staci Low and Angie Neal, one (1) day, to attend the Professional-Technical School Administrators Meeting in Burley, Idaho;
- Collin Roberts, two (2) days, to attend the National Wrestling Coaches Association Clinics and Events in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
- Lisa Roper, one (1) day, to attend the 2014 NWATA District 10 Athletic Trainer's Symposium in Portland, Oregon;
- Lisa Roper and Eric Taylor, off contract, to attend the 2014 National HOSA Student Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida;
- Karl Topping, two (2) days, to attend the Intel Regional Science Fair in Portland, Oregon;
- Stephanie Wheeler, five (5) days, to attend the National BPA Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years;

REVISED Job Descriptions:

- Administrator – Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds;
- Bookkeeper – Secondary;
- Coordinator – Testing;
- Secretary – Testing – Secondary;
- Specialist – Assistive Technology;
- Supervisor – Assistant Payroll;

Recommendation to set the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees for July 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.;

Recommendation to set the 2014-2015 budget hearing for June 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.;

Improvements to district facilities:

- Galileo STEM Academy, installation of a metal arbor structure to the garden beds, funded through a grant to the school;
- Galileo STEM Academy, Eagle Scout project to engrave the rock at the entrance of the building and redo the flower bed surrounding the rock, the scout will do fundraising to pay for the improvements;
- Star Elementary, accept the donation of six park benches from the Star City Lion's Club to be placed around their new Centennial Track;
- Summerwind STEM Academy, installation of a covered Outdoor Learning Center in the school garden and the addition of two basketball courts to the southwest side of the school; the projects will be funded by donations, grants, the PTO and K-Kids Club;

Award bid for snow guards on the roof at Seven Oaks Elementary to Upson Company in the amount of \$52,800;

Recommendation to accept the Request For Proposal from Schoolwires to provide web hosting services for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$38,160; and for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$77,850;

**Consent Agenda cont.**

Recommendation to approve Quitclaim deeds splitting the Stoddard property at the corner of Overland and Linder Roads into two parcels;

2013-2014 tentative agreements between the Meridian Education Association and Joint School District No. 2 for academic freedom and responsibility, bereavement leave, parental leave of absence, personal leave, professional leave, section 125 cafeteria flexible benefits plan, short term disability insurance, and the supplemental salary schedule;

Agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and the Eagle Police Department to continue hosting a receive-only antenna and receiver on the roof of Eagle High School;

Request from Mountain View High School to join with Kuna High School in a cooperative program for dance for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years;

Request from Cyndi Cook to conduct her doctoral research on "improving Behavioral and Academic Outcomes for High School Students with Reactive Attachment Disorder" in district schools;

Request from April A. Schottelkorb and the Department of Counselor Education at Boise State University to conduct research on whether play therapy is effective in decreasing children's anxiety symptoms and improving the way they act and feel at school and other settings;

Request from Maureen Toomey and the University of Idaho Extension, 4-H Youth Development, to provide the 4-H program, *Healthy Skills for Youth*, to family consumer science students at Centennial High School;

Recommended student expulsion;

Request from Jason Tindall and Alan Heikkila to drive two school buses to the FFA Leadership Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho, April 9-12, 2014.

**Discussion/Action**

Adoption of New 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Growth and Development Films Approved

Lori Gash, curriculum coordinator, reviewed a proposal to adopt new 5<sup>th</sup> grade growth and development films titled *Meet the New You for Boys* and *Meet the New You for Girls*. Ms. Gash explained the current film is over 20 years old and out of date. The new films are presented as a science lesson and provide a more realistic medical illustration of the anatomy, a more scientific explanation of glandular and hormonal physiology and give specific guidelines for bathing, showering, brushing teeth and flossing. Parent previews will be offered throughout the district prior to viewing and written permission is required before a student can see the video.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the new 5<sup>th</sup> grade growth and development films.

School Board Standards  
Adopted

Trustee Vuittonet discussed the standards developed by the Idaho School Boards Association to define the role of the School Board Member and to provide specific steps for development and continual improvement of the District's management team. Districts across the state are considering adoption of the standards but they are not mandatory. The standards would provide a framework for the board to become more effective leaders in governance and provide information for new board members.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded the motion to adopt the ISBA standards. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, and citing redundancy of what they are already doing, Trustee Sayles voted no.

Board  
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Sayles reported on her attendance at the Day on the Hill activities. The format worked very well and she enjoyed the luncheon with the district legislators.

Trustee Calinsky attended the We the People showcase at Siena Elementary and the MTCHS board meeting.

Trustee Dean also reported on her attendance at the Day on the Hill which was an effective use of time. The senators were open to discussion and stated they would like to get funding restored to districts.

Trustee Vuittonet attended a meeting with the TVEP committee on the FAFSA competition. TVEP will partner with the Village shopping center on an event to encourage and support the competition. The Meridian Education Foundation board met and the annual dinner will be held on April 2. The ISBA governmental affairs committee continues to meet each week.

Chairman Ritter attended a dinner with leadership of the house and senate to talk about finance and budget issues. She and Trustee Sayles visited Eagle Hills Elementary to view Brian Fisher's classroom. Ms. Ritter was also in attendance at the FFA breakfast and the band fundraiser at EHS.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Clark requested a special board meeting for the board to act on the recommendation of the book reconsideration committee.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to hold the meeting on April 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawtooth Conference room.

Dr. Clark shared a list of professional technical students who competed in the TSA, BPA and DECA state competitions and will advance to the national competitions.

Dr. Clark provided an update on the status of North Star Charter Schools financial restructuring. They are currently looking at a "senior" and

“junior” debt on their loans, the senior debt would be a lesser amount than they owe now and at a competitive interest rate. The “junior” debt would not have fixed payments, would be on a 30 year agreement and the payments would be made with leftover cash in June of each school year. The bond holders have specific ideas on how fund raising should be done to help with the finances of the school.

North Star continues the process to become their own LEA, and have been meeting with Michele Clement-Taylor. Ms. Clement-Taylor has targeted March 21<sup>st</sup> as the date the new charter is due to her and our district. This should give them sufficient time to make changes and for our board to approve the new charter before moving it forward to the Charter Commission in June. Issues with special education and finances could hold the process up.

Following the review of a letter requesting the creation of a committee for renaming a building, Trustee Dean moved and Trustee Sayles seconded a motion to take no action on the request as the person considered for the name change does not meet the qualifications in board policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Clark has been busy behind the scenes at the legislature with emails and phone calls regarding legislation.

**Personnel**

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to uphold the superintendent’s recommendation to place Employee “E” and Employee “F” on paid administrative leave; and allow Employee “E” to use extended sick leave for the remainder of the school year.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation to hire Shana Hawkins as the new principal at Renaissance High School. Ms. Hawkins will replace Penny Andrews who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk