



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2014

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 6:24 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, Barbara Leeds, Trish Duncan

Guests Sue Darden, Angie Hickman,

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Anne Ritter

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Ritter took a roll call vote of the board at 6:26 p.m. to move into executive session for personnel. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, and Trustee Ritter voted yes.

Executive session was recessed at 6:40 p.m. and the board reconvened in regular session.

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of a report on North Star Charter School, Fresco Arts Academy and an update on Victory Middle School added to the superintendent's report.

Good News School Based Health Clinic – Dr. Clark reported the clinic has begun seeing students and has expanded to include service to feeder school of Meridian Middle. Transportation is available for students that need help getting to the clinic. The board was invited to attend the ribbon cutting on April 25th at 11:30 where groups that donated to make this possible will be honored.

Sue Darden, a sixth grade teacher at Galileo STEM Academy, shared her methods of using technology to differentiate in a middle school math classroom with trustees. Students were given a pre-test at the beginning of each unit and groups were organized for students who needed the same skills and concepts. Assignments and video lessons were given to each group based on those needs. Three sources of technology were used by the students:

- Video lessons from Leanzillion.com
- ALEKS – an adaptive, individualized online program
- Educreation – student create their own instructional videos

Ms. Darden shared data showing significant increases in growth through the ALEKS program and noted that students strongly support the group work over individualized learning.

Consent Agenda

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

Payment of bills dated March 1-31, 2014;

Building student activity accounts;

Minutes from the March 11, 2014 regular board meeting;
Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Diana Brunello, para professional, ten (10) days;
- Reg Dockins, maintenance tech, five (5) days;
- Karen Lamb, bus assistant, one (1) day;
- Colleen O'Connell, teacher, eight (8) days;
- Catherine Woods, teacher, forty-eight (48) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Stan Adona, three (3) days; Paul Meunier, Jeanne Paseman, four (4) days to attend the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indian;
- Brooks Crowe, Mike Dawley, Terrance Green, Jon Nettleton, two (2) days to attend the NIKE Coaches Clinic in Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Wayne Hanners, three (3) days to inspect used portables at the Idaho Falls School District in Idaho Falls, Idaho;
- Dave Harrison, off contract, to attend PowerSchool University in San Francisco, California;
- Shana Hawkins, off contract, to attend IB Administrators Training Level 2 in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Emily Hoadley, off contract, to attend the College Board Advanced Placement Physics 1 Workshop in El Paso, Texas;
- Betsy Howard, off contract, to attend the National Association of School Nurses Conference in San Antonio, Texas;
- Tobey Jossis, one (1) day, to attend "Creating Personalized Learning Environments through Blended Learning: Implementations and Best Practices" in Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Robbie Kolman, three (3) days, to attend the ASL Workshop in Orem, Utah;
- Melissa Knueven, three (3) days, to supervise the RMHS Diamond Dancers at the Miss Drill Team Competition in Anaheim, California;
- Monica Kraack, six (6) days, to attend the Health Occupations Students of America National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida;
- Selena LaMantia, three (3) days, to attend the Idaho State Prevention and Support Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho;

- Shane Stevenson, three (3) days, to attend the FFA State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Trish Stokes, two (2) days, to attend the Idaho State Envirothon in Challis, Idaho;
- Eric Thies, off contract, to attend the College Board Advanced Placement Physics Conference in San Diego, California;

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

REVISED job description for Academic Coach/STEM – Secondary;

Improvements to district facilities:

- Christine Donnell, installation of a set of parallel bars on the playground, funded through Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant and the PTA;
- Crossroads Middle School, installation of a walking path around the field area, funded through Fuel Up to Play grant;
- Lowell Scott Middle School, students from the Primera Arts Enrichment School of Arts will paint a mural based on their participation in the Go On Foundation;
- Willow Creek Elementary, installation of a “Friendship bench” donated by the Simis family; concrete pad will be donated by CM Company;

Bid awarded for exterior painting at Centennial High School to Gafford Construction in the amount of \$184,480;

Bid awarded for interior painting at Centennial High School to Jordan-Wilcomb Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$478,600;

Affiliation agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and Idaho State University for the placement of students to obtain clinical education experiences;

Recommended disposal of surplus property;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Trustee Vuittonet made a motion to amend the agenda to include a review of property owned by the district for future school sites in the superintendent’s report, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the addition.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Sayles reported on her attendance at the annual Meridian Education Foundation dinner.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Clark attended the League of Innovative Schools meeting in Tucson during spring break. The league will try to resurrect part of their Race to the Top grant for personalized learning.

Spent Monday at committee meeting for the task force recommendations. Dr. Clark is serving as the co-chair of the career ladder committee. The committee is working under a tight time line with mid-August as their completion deadline.

The post-legislative tour webinar was today and the changes in laws and rules from the legislative session were reviewed. Dr. Clark will provide an analysis of the money distributed by the state at the next meeting.

North Star Charter School has received its own LEA status as of July 1, 2014. They are continuing their work with the charter commission to transfer authorization from the district to the state; and have made some progress with their bond holders on financial issues.

Following preliminary meetings with the owners of Fresco Arts Academy, work has begun to move the academy from a private to a public school. Dr. Horning has been named district liaison and a low priced long term lease agreement for the building is under development. The school currently houses 115 students with capacity for 180 and there are empty lots associated with the lease that would be available for portables as needed.

Dr. Gestrin shared the first renderings of Victory Middle School with trustees. This model is a rebuild of Heritage and Sawtooth with slight modifications to the plan including an improved bus loop to help alleviate problems with traffic flow in the front of the building. The bond committee will meet in May to finalize their recommendation to the board in anticipation of an August 26th election.

Dr. Gestrin continued with an inventory of current and future school sites in the district and explained the preliminary plan for schools on each property.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk