



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2014

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| Date, Place & Time | The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, June 10, 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, Dr. Mandy Saras, Joe Yochum, Barbara Leeds, Trish Duncan |
| Guests | Michael Keith, representing Piper Jaffray, Nick Miller, representing Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley, Teresa Wood-Adams, Lynda D. Learsch, Bob Learsch, Mary Walker |

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. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, and Trustee Ritter voted yes.

The board reconvened in regular session at 5:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Vendor report for May 1-31, 2014;

Minutes of the:

- April 8, 2014 regular board meeting;
- April 22, 2014 regular board meeting;
- April 30, 2014 special board meeting;

ASB reports;

Employment recommendations;

Request from Patrick Schan to rescind his notice of resignation from Joint School District No. 2;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Tracey Civiello, paraprofessional, four (4) days;
- Summer Cook, teacher, 2014-2015 school year;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Neemia Faafo, security, seven (7) days;
- Barbara Groom, teacher, 2014-2015 school year;
- Alfred Van Paepeghem, teacher, 2014-2015 school year;
- Kim Veit, ERR paraprofessional, one (1) day;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Cheryl Botkin, three (3) days, to attend the SubSolutions 2014 Conference in Park City, Utah;
- Ann Boyd, Jeannie Coulson, Leta Kipper, Lisa Knight, Shannon Phillips, off contract, to attend the National FCCLA Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas;
- Alan Heikkila, off contract, to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.;
- Vern Hickman, off contract, to attend the American Culinary Federation National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri;
- Karla Kakaria, off contract, to attend Project Lead the Way curriculum training in Layton, Utah;
- Zach Rehwalt, four (4) days, to attend the Lightspeed Connect 2014 Conference in Austin, Texas;
- Jason Tindall, Steve Wilder, off contract, to attend the College of Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp in Twin Falls, Idaho;

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

Job descriptions:

- REVISED Digital Content Coach;
- NEW Curriculum Coordinator – Library;
- NEW Para Instructional – Online Head Mentor;
- NEW Supervisor – Training – School Nutrition;

Improvement to district property at Eagle Hills Elementary, resurfacing the walking track and installation of reflective window tinting on outside doors, funded through the PTO;

Request to raise secondary lunch price for the 2014-2015 school year;

Request from the YMCA to place a modular unit at Siena Elementary for their Guided Discovery Preschool program; costs of the unit, foundation, utilities, insurance, and other areas will be paid by the YMCA:

Bids award for:

- Reroof at Lake Hazel Elementary School to Pro-Tech Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$673,730;
- Parking lot replacement at Meridian Middle School, to C&A Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$449,699;
- Replacement of walk-in combination cooler/freezer unit at Joplin Elementary to Standard Restaurant Supply, in the amount of \$29,357.45;

Discussion/Action

Resolution for a Bond Levy
Election August 26, 2014
Approved

Loraine Hand, bond committee co-chair, reviewed a recommendation from the committee to run an bond levy election on August 26, 2014 for \$104,000,000 to build two (2) middle schools, one (1) elementary school, provide dollars to complete the Meridian High School remodel on a faster track, and to purchase land for future school sites.

The first middle school will be built near the corner of Overland and Stoddard Road and will be scheduled to open the fall of 2016 to alleviate crowding in the southern portion of the district. The second middle school will be built on property located near Star off Pollard Road and will open in the fall of 2017 or 2018. The elementary site will be south of the freeway and will open the fall of 2017. Fast tracking the remodel at Meridian High School will decrease the timeline by approximately two years and free plant facility funds for other capital projects.

The bond levy will decrease the levy rate currently charged from 4.38 to 3.99 per thousand which equates to a reduction of \$38 on a \$100,000 home.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the bond resolution as proposed.

North Star Charter School
Performance Certificate
Approved

Dr. Clark reviewed the North Star Charter School Performance Certificate for 2014-2015. Although the school is working to move authorization from the school district to the state Charter Commission, the certificate is required by the end of the June and the transfer of authorization may not be completed by that time.

Trustees discussed financial issues with the school if the state does not approve the transfer of authorization and whether the district would be able to continue oversight of the school.

Trustee Dean moved, and Trustee Sayles seconded a motion to approve the North Star Charter School performance certificate at the request of the State Board with the financial solvency to be reviewed if the state Charter Commission does not approve in a timely manner. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW District Policy Code
No. 401.16 Receives First
Reading

Dr. Gestrin provided a recap of Policy Code No. 401.16, *Certificated Personnel Problem Solving Mechanism* to the board. The policy was developed to address the removal of the certified grievance procedure from master contract. The Meridian Education Association worked with the administration in the wording of the policy and will be part of the process if any revisions are required to the policy.

Following discussion among the board regarding the timeline for the initial filing, the policy will come before the board for a second reading at the end of June.

REVISED District Policy
Code No. 603.20, *High
School Credits & Graduation*
Approved

Dr. Clark reviewed revisions to Policy Code No. 603.20 regarding graduation requirements and dividing the original policy to create a second policy (603.21) to delineate the diploma and graduation ceremony requirements.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 603.20, *High School Credits & Graduation*.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approved new Policy Code No. 603.20, *High School Diploma and Graduation Ceremony*.

Elementary, Middle and
High School Handbooks
Approved

Dr. Mandy White and Joe Yochum reviewed proposed revisions to the elementary, middle and high school handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed revisions to the elementary, middle and high school handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Board
Assignments/Reports**

Trustee Dean attended the high school graduations which was exhausting and wonderful

Trustee Vuittonet – met with the TVEP committee on college readiness to see what they will do next year. The FAFSA competition will continue, but schools have not been decided yet. The Meridian K-12 strand has been meeting all year looking at best practices. They are moving ahead carefully and will present to the board later in the year.

Trustee Sayles visited thirty-one elementary schools from the middle of May to the end of school and commended teachers on keeping students engaged and focused at such a difficult time. The visits gave her insights she did not have before.

Janet – attended the MTCHS board meeting where the budget was approved, they said goodbye to Principal Housel and welcomed Principal Yadon.

Trustee Ritter – attended another task force meeting and traveled to Washington, D.C. to work at the national level on student achievement. Her next meeting is in Seattle at the end of the month and then New York in September.

Superintendent's Report

The bids for the transportation contract were opened on June 5th. Three bidders turned in paperwork, one bidder was declared non-responsive. District staff is going through the data to determine the final amount from each bidder. Dr. Clark recommended the board set a special meeting to discuss the bids and to hold a forum for the transportation staff to address the board

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to hold a special board meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Service Center.

Dr. Clark continues her work as the co-chairman of the career ladder and tiered licensure committee and following the meeting scheduled for June 11th, hopes to put something on the table to address concerns.

The summer JFAC committee meeting and panel discussion will be held on June 11th and Dr. Clark will participate as a panel member representing the Workforce Development Council.

Dr. Clark has begun her annual meetings with principals to review data, talk about key performance indicators and where their building is in technology.

Dr. Clark requested the strategic plan for 2014-2017 be presented at the October board meeting. Staff is off for the summer and the passage of the bond will affect work plans.

Personnel

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the hiring of Spencer McLean to replace Wayne Hanners as administrator of buildings and grounds.

Work Session

Board Goals and Self-Evaluation – trustees discussed the process for setting their goals and self-assessment. Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to set a special work session for Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at the District Service Center to look at goals and assessments.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk