



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2014

Date, Place & Time The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 5:33 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, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan, Shana Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ritter

Reorganization of the Board Board Chairman and Vice Chairman Elected

Nominations for board chairman was opened. Trustee Dean nominated Trustee Vuittonet and Trustee Calinsky nominated Trustee Ritter. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Trustee Dean voted for Trustee Vuittonet, Trustee Vuittonet voted for himself, Trustee Ritter voted for herself, Trustee Calinsky voted for Trustee Ritter and Trustee Sayles abstained from the vote. As the vote was a tie, as described in Idaho Code, a coin toss was used to determine the winner and Trustee Vuittonet was elected as Chairman of the Board for the 2014-2015 school year.

Nominations for vice chairman were opened. Trustee Calinsky nominated Trustee Ritter and as there were no other nominations, Trustee Ritter was elected vice chair by acclamation.

Board Appointments, Meeting Dates, and Designated Public Places for Posting of Notices Approved

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve meeting dates, designated public places for posting of notices, and appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to identify staff responsible for the following duties and programs:

- Clerk – Trish Duncan
- Treasurer – Alex Simpson
- Title I – ESEA – Denise Shumway
- Title II-A – ESEA/Improving Teacher Quality – Cindy Sisson
- Title IV-A – Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities – Jeanne Buschine
- Title VI-B – IDEA – Cathy Thornton
- PL 874 Impact Aid – Alex Simpson
- Perkins III – Professional Technical Act – Staci Low
- Section 504 Compliance Officer – Cathy Thornton
- ADA Compliance Officer – Don Lowman
- Surplus Property Custodian – Don Lowman
- AHERA Designated Person – Don Lowman
- All other Federal funds – Alex Simpson

Consent Agenda

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

Payment of bills dated June 1-30, 2014;

ASB reports;

Minutes of the:

- a. May 13, 2014 regular board meeting;
- b. May 31, 2014 special board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Request for leave without pay for the 2014-2015 school year, Scott Hale, teacher at Crossroads Middle School;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Will Schumaker, Kay Vines, Steve Wilder, five (5) days to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky;
- Shauna Steglich, off contract, to attend the College Board Advanced Placement Summer Institute in English Language and Composition in Denver, Colorado

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 school year;

Recommendation to seek Provisional Authorization for:

- Micah J. Claffey to teach Music at the Idaho Fine Arts Academy;
- Leora H. McCloskey to teach English at the Idaho Fine Arts Academy;

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New, for Melissa S. Slocum to facilitate Gifted and Talented education;

Recommendations to seek Alternative Authorization – content Specialist, for Jessica Waldbillig to teach American Sign Language at Rocky Mountain High School;

New job descriptions:

- Academic Coach/Consulting Teacher – Special Services Early Childhood Special Education;
- Transportation Liaison;

Change orders:

- Change order #1, Centennial High School painting project, to Jordan-Wilcomb Construction in the amount of \$1,677.50;
- Change order #2, Centennial High School painting project, to Jordan-Wilcomb Construction in the amount of \$5,280.00;
- Change order #1, Centennial High School exterior painting project, to Gafford Construction in the amount of \$1,120.00;
- Change order #1, Frontier Elementary interior painting project, to all Colors Inc., in the amount of \$4,092.00;

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- Change order #1, Lake Hazel Middle School sewer line project, to Dahle Construction in the amount of \$2,720.00;

Bids awarded to:

- Electrical work for portable installation at Idaho Fine Arts Academy to Tri-State Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$39,275.00;
- General construction for portable install at Idaho Fine Arts Academy to Triple G construction in the amount of \$49,830.00;
- Electrical work for portable install at Mary McPherson Elementary to Rundle Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$29,477.00;
- Electrical work for portable install at Lowell Scott Middle to Tri-State Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$33,130.00.

Discussion/Action

IB Career Certificate
Proposal

Shana Hawkins, principal of Renaissance High School, reviewed a proposal to integrate professional technical classes into the International Baccalaureate program. The program, titled the IB Career Certificate Program, would develop a range of broad work-related competencies and deepen student understanding in general areas of knowledge; develop flexible strategies for knowledge acquisition and enhance in varied contexts; prepare the student for effective participation in the changing world of work; foster attitudes and habits of mind that allow students to become true lifelong learners who are willing to consider new perspectives; and involve the student in learning that develops the capacity and will make a positive difference. To receive an IB career certificate, students are required to take a minimum of two Diploma Program (DP) courses, additional language development courses, and a new class, *Approaches to Learning*. They must have 50 hours of community service tied to the path they have chosen and will do a reflective project which is similar to the senior project. The IB Career Certificate will allow students the rigor of the IB Diploma Program and the ability to take PTE courses their junior/senior year such as Engineering, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician or Pharmacy Technician. Students will be required to make a choice of whether to continue with the IB DP or to pursue the PTE capstone classes. The IB Career Certificate will allow student to experience both the IB and PTE courses after meeting specific criteria.

Ms. Hawkins is seeking approval to move forward with adding this program to the RHS curriculum.

Following discussion by the board, this will be considered a first reading and Ms. Hawkins will bring information regarding costs of the proposal to a future board meeting.

Board
Reports/Assignments

Trustee Ritter reported on her work with the NSBA on the legal issues with special education and the Governor's task force on accountability and autonomy.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reviewed the ISBA training that will be provided with funds set aside by the legislature this year.

We have received notification from the State Charter Commission that Compass Charter School they will be increasing their enrollment by 100 students this fall. The district has the opportunity to make a statement at the scheduled hearing and provide testimony. The board directed Dr. Clark to make no statement at the hearing.

The transportation contractor has been interviewing staff and making offers to mechanics and office staff. They have employed 162 drivers and have moved ahead with training. The Public Employee Retirement System has ruled drivers over the age of 55 and are not vested in their system will be unable to access their contributions for 90 days. This will effect about thirty employees. Our attorney has reviewed the ruling and Dr. Clark will ask them to contact PERSI again.

Bill Roberts from the Statesman will be writing an article on the bond and enrollment. The article will include what the district has done without bond dollars since 2005 by reallocating funds and using capital dollars.

The Office of Civil Rights continues to look at the district for equal opportunities for girls to play sports. Over the past year the district has instituted a no-cut policy, increased squads and moved swimming from a club sport to interscholastic. They are now asking for us to look at girl's lacrosse in our high schools. We would have to move this sport from a club sport to interscholastic which will have financial implications for the district. The Civil Rights office will continue to observe and the district will report in October and May about the information they are seeking.

Work Session

Process for board evaluation and goal setting

Trustees discussed setting goals, evaluating themselves on student achievement, climate and community surveys and what tool they would use for that evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 6:50 p.m. to move into executive session to discuss a legal issue. 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 7:10 p.m. and continued in regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk