



West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2014

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 5:30 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Carol Sayles
Trustee Excused	Janet Calinsky
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Eric Exline, Joe Yochum
Guests	Sue Darden, Rhonda McDonough, Loraine Hand, Cindy Whiting, James Whiting, Troy Stephens, Taylor Garner, Gretchen Hart

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Vuittonet

Good News Dr. Clark awarded “*Head and Shoulders Above the Crowd*” certificates to Eric Exline, Troy Stephens and Taylor Garner for the vision, diligence and hard work they exhibited in the creation and implementation of the new district web site.

District Web Site – Mr. Exline reviewed the development of a new district web site. Upgrades to the previous web site (Sharepoint) were unsuccessful and caused some areas to become unstable. Following the request for proposal (RFP) process, staff members narrowed the list of proposals and Schoolwires was chosen as the new web site host and content management product for the district. The summer was spent deciding where content would go and transferring items from the old web site. A number of training opportunities have been held and the staff has been happy with the new site. Chairman Vuittonet thanked Mr. Exline, Taylor Garner and Troy Stephenson for their hard work.

Dr. Clark introduced Rhonda McDonough, Frontier Elementary principal; and Gretchen Hart, Chief Joseph School of the Arts principal and identified them as leaders of two of the district’s high flying schools. Data from last spring MAP testing exceeded national norms to meet or exceed annual student growth.

Ms. McDonough stated Frontier had been a low performing school but there has been a cultural shift to make it a diverse and rich environment for students. The building set goals giving the students’ academic ownership and helping them commit to doing their best. Staff worked with families through conferences and individual meetings to get the

information out about the school's goals and with everyone on board, the results were remarkable.

Ms. Hart thanked the board for inviting them to the meeting. She described finding a staff of strong dedicated teachers in an underperforming school. The staff looked at cultural changes and decided on the following: (1) they would operate as a team; (2) they want every child to grow; and (3) growth is a reason to celebrate. The focus was on student's needs, not adult needs and conversations need to be about kids and academics. The staff settled on one goal, home visits were conducted and they have seen 100% participation in parent/teacher conferences. The half time instructional coach has made a big difference and teachers are on board with the changes.

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the addition of Lisa Croft to alternative authorization requests; the addition of a request to increase the price of lunches at the elementary schools to discussion and action; and the addition of a discussion on board protocol following executive session.

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

Payment of bills dated July 1-31, 2014;

ASB reports;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for the 2014-2015 school year for:

- Katie Miller, teacher, Eagle Middle School;
- Kendra Wisenbaker, teacher, Siena Elementary;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Dr. Linda Clark, three (3) days to attend the Annual Conference of the American Association of School Administrators in San Diego, California;
- Dr. Linda Clark, one (1) day to present at the Idaho State Board of Education meeting in Pocatello, Idaho;
- Shana Hawkins, two (2) days to attend the OECD-America Achieves Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Carrie Jenkins, Debi Nelson, Dave Roberts, and Tammie Shappee, four (4) days to attend the SunGard National User's Group National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland;
- Don Nesbitt, two (2) days to attend the University of Idaho Science Board meeting in Moscow, Idaho;
- Richard Zuercher, off contract, to attend the Idaho State University Early College Program Instructor Workshop in Pocatello, Idaho;

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

Consent Agenda – cont.

Recommendation to seek Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New for the following:

- Emily Malek to work as a consulting teacher in the West Ada School District;
- Lauren Goold, teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing at Ponderosa Elementary;
- Lisa Croft to serve as the Library Media Specialist for the five alternative schools;

REVISED job descriptions for:

- Interpreter/Multiple Role Interpreter;
- Clerk – School Support Specialist;
- Secretary - Medicaid

Use of the following text books at the Idaho Fine Arts Academy:

- *Literature Grade 9*, McDougal Littell, copyright 2008;
- *Literature Grade 10*, McDougal Littell, Copyright 2008
- *Literature Grade 11 American Literature*, McDougal Littell, copyright 2008
- *Literature Grade 12 British Literature*, McDougal Littell, copyright 2008

Quick Books users annual bank activity summary;

Bid awarded to Bronco Motors for the purchase of a 2014 Nissan (to be used as a delivery van by the maintenance department) in the amount of \$27,271.50;

Bid awarded to Mountain Home Auto Ranch for the purchase of a 2015 F-250 Ford 4X4 pickup truck (to be used by the grounds department) in the amount of \$21,704.96 through the State of Idaho contract;

Addition of blacktop to enhance the playground at Christine Donnell School of the Arts, the PTA will cover all costs;

Change orders:

- #3, Centennial High School painting and abuse-resistant wall protection, to Jordan-Wilcomb Construction in the amount of \$2,750.00;
- #1, Gateway School of Language and Culture paving replacement, to Capital Paving Company in the amount of \$11,726.50;
- Deductive change order #1, Meridian Middle School parking lot replacement and asphalt restoration to C & A Paving in the amount of <\$9,261.65>;
- Deductive change order #1, Meridian Middle School interior painting, to Merit Professional Coatings of Boise in the amount of <\$2000.00>.

Discussion/Action

Elementary Lunch Price
Increase Approved

Joe Yochum and Jean Dean presented a request to increase the price of elementary school lunches from \$2.20 to \$2.25 for the current school year. The increase is necessary to meet the average price requirements of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. It was requested by the trustees that Mr. Yochum place an explanation of the cost increase on the web site and send a letter sent to parents of elementary students explaining the change.

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to raise elementary lunch prices from \$2.20 to \$2.25.

Proposed Resolution on
Impact Fees Approved

Trustees discussed potential Idaho School Board Association resolutions regarding impact fees and reviewed resolutions supported by the association in 2007. Patrons have requested the district look at imposing these fees to help offset the costs associated with building new schools as the population of the district increases. Trustee Ritter has been in contact with board members from Middleton, Twin Falls and Bonneville school districts and they have agreed to take similar proposals to

Trustee Ritter made a motion to present the following resolution to the Idaho School Boards Association for consideration at their annual conference in November; Trustee Dean seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 39-4112, Title 39-Health and Safety – Chapter 41-Idaho Building Code Act, states that permit fees shall be as established by rules promulgated by the Board;

WHEREAS, many fast growing school district are unable to meet the facilities needs of new/additional student enrollment growth due to increased subdivision developments; and

WHEREAS, school districts are unable to meet the facility needs of our future students through funding currently available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association, Inc. research, draft and submit legislation to amend Idaho Code 39-4112 to authorize a duly elected board of trustees to impose an impact fee on new construction within the district.

Submitted by West Ada School District

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT FEES

To amend section 39-4112, Idaho Code, to authorize a duly elected board of trustees to impose an impact fee on new construction within the district

to reduce the tax burden incurred through bonded indebtedness, amending section 33-601, Idaho Code to allow the adoption of a motion to provide for the collection of an impact fee when building permits are issued within the school district.

Revisions to Policy Code No. 401.19 Approved The proposed revision to this policy adds a section for administrative tuition reimbursement.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 401.19, Scholarship Program.

Proposals to Revise and Delete Policies Receive First Reading Policies that manage the operation of the Transportation Department were reviewed taking into account the move from a district run department to contracted services. The revisions and deletions will come to the August 26th board meeting for a second reading.

Board Reports/Assignments

- Trustee Ritter met with constituents in Star regarding the upcoming bond election; and attended two meetings of the autonomy and accountability committee.
- Chairman Vuittonet reported the Meridian Education Foundation golf tournament went well and there was good participation; met with the foundation board to discuss expanding their roll to include other types of support; this will also be part of the their strategic planning sessions.

Superintendent's Report

- Attended the 7th Annual Tech Expo today with 700 teachers from 11 districts. The expo received terrific support from the sponsors and they were part of the sessions offered to attendees. Fifty teachers from the modified schools attended a mini expo prior to the start of their school year.
- Today is the first day of school for the four modified year schools. Dr. Clark visited Pioneer and Spalding who, along with Seven Oaks and Chaparral, are reporting enrollment numbers close to projections.
- Meetings with the task force on the career ladder and tiered licensure continue. Recommendations for tiered licensure will be made to the State Board of Education on Thursday. If approved by the board they will go out for public comment.
- Reviewed the eight goals established for her evaluation from the current strategic plan.
- Shared results from the IRI, MAP, SAT, PACE, Senior Project, concurrent credit enrollment advanced placement credits earned and AP exams administered and IB credits earned and exams administered which are part of the KPI metric used to define and reach our strategic goals.
- Shared a copy of a series of case studies produced by Digital Promise examining the work of our district.
- The results of the climate survey will be discussed at the next board meeting August 26th.

- The appraisal for the Idaho Fine Arts Academy is complete and the property is valued at \$6.2 million.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:43 p.m. to move into executive session to discuss a legal issue as defined by Idaho Code 67-2345 (a). Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 7:57 p.m. and continued in regular session.

**Superintendent's Report –
cont.**

- We have hired 165 new teachers to the district;
- The board will be asked to consider an amended budget that will show a higher fund balance than originally budgeted.

Board Protocol

The reviewed what protocol should be followed when visiting a school or department.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk