



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

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SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2014

Date, Place & Time A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Saturday, May 31, 2014, 1:00 p.m., at Taco Bell Arena, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho

Trustees in Attendance Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ritter

Amended Agenda Approved Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of an agreement with the Meridian Education Association for proposed salary and benefits for the 2014-2015 school year; and to move Item #6, Leadership Premiums as a discussion item.

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

Employment recommendations;

The use of district protective football equipment for summer camps at district high schools;

Bids awarded:

- Interior painting at Chief Joseph School of the Arts to National Coatings, Inc., in the amount of \$69,424;
- Interior painting at Lake Hazel Elementary School to National Coatings, Inc., in the amount of \$48,175;
- Reroof at Gateway School of Language and Culture to Roman Roofs, Inc., in the amount of \$631,467;
- Paving repair at Eagle Elementary to Pavement Specialties of Idaho, Inc., in the amount of \$76,218;
- Paving repair at Eagle Middle School to Curtis Clean Sweep in the amount of \$31,270.10;
- Paving replacement at Gateway School of Language and Culture to Capital Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$457,626.89;
- Paving repair at Peregrine Elementary School to Curtis Clean Sweep in the amount of \$43,597;

Sole source vendor award for fresh bread and bakery products to Franz Bakery in the amount of \$130,202.75;

Consent Agenda – cont.

REVISIONS to district policy:

- Policy Code No. 402.40, *Fringe Benefits & Salary*;
- Policy Code No. 403.10, *Family and Medical Leave Act*;
- Policy Code No. 502.70, *Student Harassment/Relationship Abuse*;

Interagency Cooperative Agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and Ada County Highway District for relocation, design, installation, and maintenance of certain facilities on and adjacent to the Lowell Scott Middle School campus and donation of right-of-way and easements to ACHD;

Appraisal of 13.17+ acres of vacant land located south of Overland Road and west of Stoddard Road (Victory Middle School site);

Recommended student expulsion.

Work Session

Budget workshop -

Dr. Clark provided trustees with an explanation of revenue and expenses for the proposed budget and estimated savings to the current budget. The administrative team worked with directors to determine costs that could be cut from the current year's budget to reduce spending; and moved positions that were paid from the backside salary schedule to the list of duties that will be paid with leadership premiums. The budget is based on projected growth of 650, which includes the addition of Fresco Academy of Arts students.

The board recessed at 2:50 p.m. to attend the Mountain View High School graduation ceremonies. Trustee Calinsky was excused from the meeting at this time.

The board reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

Leadership premiums -

Trustees reviewed a list of extra duty responsibilities that will be paid from leadership money provided this spring during the legislative session. The list was developed by a committee consisting of three teachers, one from each level; three principals, one from each level; and district administrative staff. An intern will be hired part time to administer the hiring of staff for the duties listed and the premiums will be paid out at the completion of each job.

Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the leadership premiums for the 2014-2015 school year.

Key performance indicators and strategic plan -

Dr. Clark shared three years of baseline data for the:

- Kindergarten fall Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) which tells how ready students are to learn and is a fluency test
- Grade 3 spring IRI testing (grade level reading)
- Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)

- Grades 3, 5, 8, 10 – reading and math
 - Fall to spring growth; growth over time; mean RIT comparison to national norms
- Performance assessments (PACE) grades 5, 8, 12
 - Percentage of students scoring at advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic
- Grade 10 PSAT
- Grade 11 SAT
- High school graduation rate
 - Longitudinal comparison; however, methodology of calculation is changing to Federal cohort model
 - Longitudinal data is at whole group level; new methodology will be reported at sub-group level
- Advanced credit completion
 - Advanced placement; international baccalaureate, concurrent credit

Trustees discussed what process should be used to set targets for the next three year plan and asked for some kind of recommendation from staff on what is a reasonable target.

Trustees will set target goals for Dr. Clark's evaluation process for the next three years.

Technology review -

Dr. Clark provided an update on the Techbook initiative:

- Full adoption of the *World History Techbook* in all 6th grade Social Studies classrooms
- Pilot the *World Geography Techbook* in four of our high schools next year (MVHS, CHS, RMHS, EHS – did not move forward with MHS due to construction nor the academies due to their various other initiatives at this time)
- Waiting for feedback from US History 11 teachers on the Beta version they had access to the last few months of school.
- Barbara Morgan piloting the Science Techbook for grades 1-5 beginning in the fall

The student device has been selected and 867 have been ordered by use as classroom sets, and computers have been ordered to upgrade middle school computer labs. A combination of technology and capital monies will be used for the purchase.

The district will continue to pilot the Discovery Techbook and six classrooms will go paperless next year. Meridian Middle and Sawtooth Middle are involved in a math pilot using the Promethean board.

2014-2015 Master Contract
Approved

Trustees discussed the proposed agreement with the Meridian Education Association that includes a 1% increase in salary, one step for eligible employees, the district will pay the 4% insurance increase and qualified employees will move on the career enhancement scale. Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was

unanimous to approve the 2014-2015 master contract with the Meridian Education Association.

North Star Update

Dr. Clark read the following statement from the chairman of the North Star Charter school board:

“Since 2009, NSCS has been obligated to service roughly \$12 million in bond indebtedness. The debt incurred interest at an average rate of approximately 9.46% annually. The annual amount of debt service obligation over 30 years averaged approximately \$1.218, 000 per year.

On Friday, May 30, 2014, NSCS expects to close a Bond Restructuring which surrenders the debt referenced above in exchange for a new bond 2014 series. The new bond structure contemplates approximately \$6.345 million in serviceable debt incurring interest at the rate of approximately 6.7%. The annual debt service obligation will average \$487,000 (approx. 40% of prior average annual obligation). Additional amounts will be paid annually if and only if cash is available to service an additional series of contingent bonds. There is no payment obligation on the contingent bonds upon which a default might be declared until 2049.

With the Bond Restructuring, and assuming a “no growth” scenario in all regards, NSCS can fully and easily operate a sustainable school without risk of financial stress.”

The state is requiring a performance certificate between NSCS and the Meridian School District before they will move forward with the request for NSCS to be authorized by the state Charter Commission. The certificate will be presented for review at the June 10th board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk