



# West Ada

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2014**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, West Ada School District, convened on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 5:31 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Anne Ritter, Carol Sayles
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Trish Duncan, Jean Dean, Cathy Thornton, Barbara Leeds, Diane Oliva, Cindy Sisson, DebAnn Rippy, Staci Low, Jackie Thomason, Terry Powell, Alex Simpson, Jeff Dodds, Eric Exline
Guests	Sue Darden, Ray Blair, Sharon Blair, Todd Hicks, Mary Walker, Glenn Potter, Fred Wood, Kim Bekkedahl,

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mike Vuittonet

**Good News/Spotlight** District Mentor Program – DebAnn Rippy, staff development coordinator, reviewed the district peer-to-peer mentor program which provides a process of high quality mentoring and induction practices for beginning educators; and assists experienced educators in building their capacity for supporting new educators in ways that help them to be fully qualified and fully satisfied.

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

Minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Request for leave without pay for Annette Keating, ERR assistant, eighteen (18) days;

Requests for professional and activity leave for:

- Dr. Linda Clark, one and one-half (1½) days to attend Future Now @White House in Washington D.C.;
- Dr. Linda Clark, two (2) days to attend the American Association of School Administrators Digital Consortium meeting in Seattle, Washington;
- Eian Harm, Cindy Sisson, two (2) days to attend the AYPF and Digital Promise Study Tour in Concord, New Hampshire;

**Consent Agenda – cont.**

- Leta Kipper, one (1) day, to attend the University of Idaho AG Day in Moscow, Idaho;
- Ryan O'Rourke, two (2) days to attend the Jackson Hole Culinary Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming;
- Andrew Smith, three (3) days to attend Project Lead the Way STEM Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Eric Taylor, three (3) days to attend the Children's Athletic Training Education Program in Seattle, Washington;

Requests to alter/improve school property at:

- Mountain View High School, fencing project on the junior varsity softball field, labor supplied by coaching staff, family and friends. Donation and fundraising have paid for materials;
- Peregrine Elementary, installation of four toss up basketball buckets, funded by the PTO in the amount of \$4000;
- Silver Sage Elementary, installation of sound system in the gymnasium, funded through the PTO in the amount of \$8,244.95;

Special meeting for board training on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Service Center;

Recommended disposal of surplus items;

Recommended student expulsion.

**Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent's report was moved at the request of the Chairman. Dr. Clark shared:

- A recap of Magnet School funding/expenditures as requested by the board.
- District and school efforts on bullying
- A list of teachers by school and subject who are currently teaching concurrent credit classes in the district.

The bond rating process was held last week with Moody's and Standard & Poor's. The district's rating will remain the same and November 4<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for the sale of bonds. Advisors anticipate a significant savings to the tax payers.

**Discussion/Action**

Fall MAP Testing Data

Terri Powell reviewed fall MAP math and reading data with trustees stating the test is web-based and administered to students in grades 2-8. The data provides instructional information and is aligned with the common core standards. Test data by school was shared with trustees indicating the district has outperformed national norms on both tests.

2014-2017 Proposed Strategic Plan Reviewed

Dr. Clark acknowledged central office administrators who were available for questions regarding the proposed 2014-2017 strategic plan.

Dr. Gestrin provided an overview of the process and revisions to the document for trustees. Tonight's review will be considered a first reading; the document will be posted for public comment and will be considered for approval at the November board meeting.

NEW Policy Receives First Reading

Dr. Gestrin reviewed new Policy Code 504.61, *Student Data Privacy and Security* with trustees. The policy is based on state and federal regulations protecting the security of individual student data. Tonight's review will be considered a first reading and the policy will come before the board for approval at a future board meeting.

NEW Policy Approved

Dr. Gestrin reviewed new Policy Code 801.91, *Continuing Disclosure Agreement for Outstanding General Obligation Bonds*.

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the policy as proposed.

REVISED Policies Approved

Dr. Gestrin shared a proposed revision to Policy Code 402.40, *Classified Salary Schedule Addendum B*. Employees currently placed on the salary schedule as a grade 2 will be moved to a grade 8 effective January 6, 2015. The transportation category will be removed from Addendum B and the food nutrition supervisor has been charged with creating a salary schedule for nutrition employees.

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 402.40, *Classified Salary Schedule Addendum B*.

Jean Dean, food nutrition supervisor, reviewed proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 504.70, *Wellness*. A committee comprised of students, principals, teachers, and nurses reviewed the former policy and guidelines from the United States Department of Agriculture to bring the policy into compliance with the federal guidelines.

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed revisions to Policy Code No. 504.70, *Wellness*.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Calinsky attended the instructional strategic plan meeting the previous night and stated it was a pleasure to be part of the process.

Trustee Ritter and Chairman Vuittonet were part of a group that heard school presentations regarding their turn around status.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board at 7:30 p.m. to move into executive session for personnel. Trustee Dean voted yes, Trustee Sayles voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 7:44 p.m. and continued in regular session.

Personnel                      Trustee Dean moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to confirm the placement of Employee "C" on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation by the Human Resources director.

Board Protocol                The trustees discussed protocol for presenting testimony at a public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**                Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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Chairman

Clerk