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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **December 13, 2005**

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 5:30 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho.
Trustees in Attendance	Mike Vuittonet, Chairman, Robert Chandler, Reid Olsen, Louis Pifher, Anne Ritter
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Dr. Jan Horning, Dr. Mandy Saras, Barbara Leeds, Jana McCarthy, Wendel Bigham, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Mike Vuittonet
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board to move to executive session to discuss legal and personnel. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes. Chairman Vuittonet declared the board out of executive session at 6:05 p.m.
WORK SESSION	
Guest	Gordon Margulieux
Staff in Attendance	As above, Bob Vialpando, Tammy Schneider, Terry Beck, Alta Graham

Class Ranking Review – Barbara Leeds, secondary director, reviewed GPA and ranking proposals for the graduation policy. Ms. Leeds explained the unintended consequences of the current 5-point scale, and the advantages and disadvantages of the current ranking system, un-weighted GPA, and ranking GPA and rank independently. Bob Vialpando, math teacher at Mountain View High School, Alta Graham, principal Centennial High School, Gordon Margulieux, parent, and Tammy Schneider, counselor Mountain View High School guided trustees through the proposal that includes changing weighted GPA's to un-weighted GPS's, examining the strength of a students schedule, and an explanation of the formula that will be used to figure rank at district high schools. Trustees discussed implementation of the new plan and requested that administration send letters to juniors and seniors offering them an opportunity to have their ranking figured under the old and new system.

Chairman Vuittonet expressed the boards' appreciation to the members of the committee who developed the new ranking formula.

Critical Beginners Program Update – Craig Ayala-Marshall, principal at McMillan Elementary, reviewed current numbers and ethnicity of students enrolled in the critical beginners program at McMillan. Mr. Ayala-Marshall introduced ELL (English Language Learners) teacher Diane Olivia to the board. Ms. Olivia explained the program was currently serving eighteen students one to two hours per day and that a large number of the students were being taught the very basics of life in this country. Many have never seen a book, and don't understand what the print means. A major goal of the

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program is to get these students into the regular classroom. The face of the program has changed from month to month as students from a variety of countries enroll and then move on to other parts of the country.

Chairman Vuittonet expressed the board's appreciation for all of their hard work in putting a program together from nothing and belief they were performing miracles with the kids.

Trustees will hear the EHS and CHS schedule reviews during work session at the January 10, 2006 board meeting

Chairman Vuittonet declared a brief recess at 7:06 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance

As above, Jason Leforgee, Jackie Meyer

Good News!!!

Dr. Mandy Saras, elementary director, presented McMillan principal Craig Ayala-Marshall with the Idaho Association of School Administrators 2005 Rookie of the Year Award. The nominee for this award must be in his first two years as an administrator, and have demonstrated administrative leadership beyond the exhibited or expected of any average new administrator during the first two years of service.

Dr. Saras then presented Summerwind principal, Jackie Meyers with the Idaho Association of School Administrators 2005 Gem Award for Administrative Leadership. Ms. Meyers received the award based on her superior leadership as the instructional leader of her school.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented with items #13 A & B moved to the discussion/action portion of the meeting. Approved items are as follows:

Payment of bills to date including checks numbered 410718-411966 and manual checks numbered 1817-1829;

Minutes of the November 9, 2005 special board meeting; November 15, 2005 regular board meeting; and the November 22, 2005 special board meeting;

District Financial Summary;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment Recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay from:

- Charlet Bentzinger, bus driver, fourteen (14) days;
- Charmaine Chavez, secretary, thirty-five (35) days;
- Maureen Coon, teacher, six and on-half (6½) days;
- Karma Cusack, nurse, four (4) days;
- Jessy Garcia, custodian, fifty-seven (57) days;
- Monique Hughes, bus driver, six (6) days;
- Ascensao Mohn, bus driver, four (4) days;
- Jody Solloway, special education assistant, fifteen (15) days;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Christi Arnold, Carolyn Loffer, two (2) days, National Title I Conference, Dallas, Texas;

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- Nichole Deakins, one (1) day, Sara Iwerson, one and one-half (1½) days, Jackie Meyer, two (2) days, Priscilla Anderson, Pamela Curry, Donna Hensley, Judy Herman, Quyann Kerby, Carolyn Yoder, two and one-half (2½) days, and Kathy Crowley, three (3) days, Creating a Love & Logic School, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Anne Marie Bebber, Karen Kuklinski, three (3) days, Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Institute, San Antonio, Texas;
- Debbie Gourley, two (2) days, Symposium on Teacher Induction, San Jose, California;
- Dr. Jan Horning, four (4) days, Bryan Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Joe Yochum, three (3) days, 2006 Summit – The Power of Learning communities, Phoenix, Arizona;
- Joe Kelly, three (3) days, State Board of Education Hearing, Pocatello, Idaho;
- Dennis Kerfoot, three (3) days, Project Leadership, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Sandra Schultz, four (4) days, ASCD Conference, Chicago, Illinois;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2005-2006 school year;

Authorization to seek Consultant Specialist Certificates from the Idaho State Department of Education to hire the following for the 2005-2006 school year:

- Sarah Anderson – social worker;
- Michele Bloom-Leftwich, extended resource, Meridian Middle School;
- Kathryn L. Fredericksen, school nurse, Spalding Elementary;
- Shawna Manhire, social worker;
- Erin Martin, extended resource room, Meridian Elementary;
- Sharon Seid, English language learner, Lake Hazel Elementary;
- Andrea Singleton, early childhood program;

Placement of student interns in the Meridian School District for the 2005-2006 school year:

- Justine Wald, University of Phoenix Online, Pioneer Elementary;
- Katria Taylor, University of Idaho, Christine Donnell School of the Arts (January 11 thru March 19) and Mountain View High School (March 20 thru May 12);
- Joe Horning, University of Idaho, Mountain View High School;

Establish the following clubs:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Club of Centennial High School;
- FIRST (For Inspiration Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotic Team – Mountain View High School;

Research study by Jan Byers, “The Roles of Paraeducators in Title I Reading Programs”;

Waiver of rental fees for the use of facilities contingent upon receipt of required deposit, hold harmless agreement, and proof of insurance:

- Summerwind Elementary by the Shenandoah West Neighborhood Association for their monthly board meetings;
- Lowell Scott Middle School by the Ada County 4-H program for their Super Saturday Training, January 21, 2006;

Bid awarded to lowest responsible bidder, Warner Construction, for the construction of an access road at the Transportation facility, in the amount of \$107,000.00;

Consent Agenda - continued Acceptance of appraisal on 10.47 acres (Paramount Elementary site) in the amount of \$1,570,000.00, to determine the value of the site donation by Brighton Development;

Authorization to pay an additional \$37,927.00 for site improvements to the elementary school site in Silver Leaf Subdivision;

Disposal of district equipment;

Recommended student expulsions;

Recommendations to file habitual truancy with the prosecuting attorney.

Discussion / Action

Centennial High School
Change Orders #10 and #11
Approved Wendel Bigham, facilities and construction manager, responded to trustee questions concerning costs and reasons for the two change orders at Centennial High School

Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Change Order #10 in the amount of \$9,907.00, and Change Order #11 in the amount of \$489,902.00, at Centennial High School.

2005 Fall ISAT Report Jackie Thomason, testing coordinator, guided trustees through a comparison of ISAT scores from Fall 2004 to Fall 2005. The tests are given to students in second through ninth grade in math, reading, and language, and Ms. Thomason reported that the district consistently exceeds growth expectations in all areas; but there are concerns with growth figures in special education and limited English proficiency sub-groups in math.

End of Course Validity Study Dr. Carolyn Keeler, University of Idaho professor, reviewed her report of validity and reliability on adopted mathematics end of course tests to meet the alternative graduation standards. Dr. Keeler's report states, "the statistical evidence of internal structure, internal consistency (reliability), and the association between the EOC assessments and the ISAT grade level assessments is very strong. The K-R 20 procedure resulted in Alpha Coefficients ranging from a low of $\alpha = .872$ in Algebra II to a high of $\alpha = .998$ in Pre-Algebra. These values are evidence of high validity and reliability. The Pearson Product-Moment Correlation Coefficients ranged from a low of $r = .628$ in Algebra II to a high of $r = .752$ in Geometry. These values provide strong concurrent evidence of validity when making comparisons to the ISAT High School Mathematics assessment, which measures these constructs."

Trustees thanked Dr. Keeler for her work on the report.

2006-2007 High School and
Middle School Course
Description Changes
Approved Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Chandler seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the 2006-2007 high school and middle school course description changes as proposed.

REVISED Policy Code No.
601.20, *Adverse Conditions
and Emergency Closures*,
Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve REVISED Policy Code No. 601.20, *Adverse Conditions and Emergency Closures*, as presented. Dr. Gestrin reviewed plans for a one hour delayed school start on days that the weather is bad. Information regarding the plan will be sent to parents via newsletters from the schools and the district website.

Personnel

Dr. Clark reported that Bill Suggs, night school principal, has been deployed. Gene Yundt has been appointed as interim night school principal for the remainder of this school year.

Superintendent's Report

Eric Exline, public information officer, reviewed the legislative action plan with trustees. Mr. Exline has presented information regarding funding for growing districts to the Boise Chamber of Commerce political sub committee, Vallivue School District trustees and legislative representatives, and the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Clark reminded trustees that the December 21st meeting of the board had been cancelled by previous action, and the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2006. Dr. Reininger and his staff are currently rolling out 1000 computers across the district as part of their annual upgrade. The rollout should be completed by Christmas. Administrators participated in the presentation of thirty-eight night school senior projects and seniors graduating early will present their projects at district high schools. The district website has a new item called "what's new", where trustees and patrons can find information on all the music programs throughout the district for the remainder of the school year. PLATO representatives and members of the State Board of Education visited district sites to hear about training and use of the PLATO product. Dr. Clark stated that the Educational Technology staff deserves credit for the success of the implementation of this program in our schools.

Trustee Olsen and Trustee Ritter will review the superintendent evaluation process during work session on January 10th.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk