



SUPERINTENDENT
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, 5:34 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho.

Trustees in Attendance Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Robert Chandler, Reid Olsen, Louis Pifher, Anne Ritter

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, Trish Duncan, Wendel Bigham, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Barbara Leeds, Dr. Jan Horning, Cathy Thornton, Scott Stuart, Eric Exline, Dr. Jerry Reininger, Eeve Kiler

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. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

Upon recess from executive session at 5:55 p.m., the board continued in work session.

Guest Kevin Plew

WORK SESSION *EHS Booster Club Request to Fundraise* – Wendel Bigham, construction and facilities supervisor, introduced Kevin Plew. Mr. Plew, representing the EHS football booster capital improvement committee, reviewed the committee's research and proposal to fundraise for the purchase and installation of artificial turf on the football stadium and practice field. Trustees questioned Mr. Plew regarding budget, annual maintenance costs, future turf replacement, fundraising timeline, safety issues, and savings to the district in water and field maintenance. Trustees discussed an agreement to deed the capital improvement project to the district, and agreed that the committee could host an open house prior to the January 24th board meeting for the public to hear their proposal.

REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Karel Olsen, Cathy Hagadone, Cindee Powell, Jim Correia, Joe Palaia

Guests As above, Kevin Mueller, Shannon Murdock, Tessa Wickham, Loraine Hand, Debbie Lichter, Gordon Margulieux, Frances Margulieux

Consent Agenda Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda with the following changes: move item 10, *request for permission to fundraise by the Eagle Football booster capital improvement committee*, to discussion/action; and remove item 11A, *CHS Skateboard Club request*, for further review. The approved items are:

Consent Agenda - continued

Payment of bills to date to include check numbered 411968-413128 and manual checks numbered 1830-1845;

Minutes of the December 13, 2005 regular board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay from:

- Nancy Benolkin, special needs bus assistant, fifteen (15) days;
- Jennifer Ferguson, extended resource room assistant, two (2) days;
- Gail Franklin, preschool assistant, thirty-six (36) days;
- Amanda McCrory, teacher, ten (10) days;
- Michael Shrader, bus driver, fifteen (15) days;
- Carol Yokom, PLC assistant, twenty-one (21) days;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Elizabeth Burtner, three (3) days, Cultivating Student Success, Fresno, California;
- Mike Conroy, Terra Frei, Rick Jordan, Don Nesbitt, Claire Parker, DebAnn Rippey, Chris Zarr, three (3) days; Randy Fout, Shauna Murray, Amy Shumway, four (4) days, Small Learning Community Leadership Institute West, Los Angeles, California;
- Jim Correia, Eeve Kiler, five (5) days, IFAS Training, Chico, California;
- Shawna Exline, Shannon Loree, five (5) days; Charles Frode, Don Nesbitt, four (4) days; Bryon Yankey, four and one-half (4½) days, Framework Trainer Certification, San Diego, California;
- Karla Angell-Holmes, Carol Kulack, Wes Remaley, two and one-half (2½) days; Mary Helppie, one and one-half (1½) days, Love and Logic Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Kim Huntley, four (4) days, Legislative Action Conference, Washington, DC;

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

Placement of student interns for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year:

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| • Angie Penner | BSU | Seven Oaks Elementary |
| • Miranda Williams | NNU | Lake Hazel Middle School |
| • Angela Baldwin | BSU | Chaparral Elementary |

Traditional school year calendar for 2007-2008;

Extended rental requests for school district facilities (as required by Policy Code No. 1003.10):

- Eagle Heights Baptist Church for the use of Eagle High School;
- Columbia Bible Church for the use of Mary McPherson Elementary;

Waive rental fees at Meridian Middle School on January 25, 2006 for the Meridian Kiwanis Club;

Establishment of Latin Club at Mountain View High School;

Award bid to lowest responsible bidder, Circle H Construction, for the Heritage Middle School site gravity irrigation relocation, in the amount of \$139,867;

Consent Agenda - continued Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion / Action

EHS Fundraising Request At the request of trustees, the proposal will come before the board at the January 24, 2006 board meeting. The booster club will provide information from an open house that will be scheduled before the January 24th meeting.

Special Programs Update Cathy Thornton, director of special programs, introduced members of her staff, Cathy Hagadone, Karel Olsen, and Cindee Powell. Ms. Thornton guided trustees through a comparison of six years data on the growth of special education students beginning with school year 2000-2001. Data shows significant growth in autism, developmentally delayed, and emotionally disturbed students, and a 200-student decrease in students with learning disabilities. Ms. Thornton indicated that the decrease comes from a healthy educational system with the district doing a great job educating students in general education classes. Ms. Thornton reviewed the three tiers of early intervention services and shared ISAT reading, math, and language proficiency scores for special education students. Ms. Thornton highlighted the three areas of concern for her department: retaining special education teachers, recruitment of qualified special education teachers and supporting schools having students with disabilities AYP challenges.

Trustee thanked the special education department and Ms. Thornton for all they are doing to meet the needs of students.

REVISED Policy Code No. 501.90, *Student Transfers*, approved Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy Code No. 501.90, *Student Transfers*.

REVISED Policy Code No. 603.20, *High School Credits and Graduation*, approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Chandler seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revised Policy Code No. 603.20, *High School Credits and Graduation*, with recommended wording changes to the portion of the policy that addresses senior projects. Trustees recommended that the graduation committee further research additional credits to the AB block.

Superintendent's Report

District Activities Report – Eric Exline, public information officer, shared with trustees a review of on-going activities in the district including: high school finals/end of course tests are January 18-20; middle school finals are the week of January 16; the boundary committee has formulated two elementary and two middle school proposals, which the committee will not reconcile; the plans for Galileo Math and Science Center go before Eagle Planning and zoning tonight; planning for the expansion of the Christine Donnell School of the Arts 7th grade is underway; winter ISAT's will begin January 17th and be completed by January 31st; and Representatives Basion, Snodgrass, Smylie and Senators Bunderson, Burkett, and Andreason have signed on as co-sponsors of our new school distribution factor legislation.

April 11, 2006 board meeting cancelled – Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to cancel the April 11, 2006 regular board meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Dr. Clark expressed her appreciation to the IT department as they work to install new software to assist the special education, and payroll/personnel departments; and a new email server.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Clark gave details of a meeting held with Governor Kempthorne continued
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– Dr. Clark gave details of a meeting held with Governor Kempthorne proposing a partnership between Boise State University and the Boise and Meridian School Districts to bring a community college to Ada County. The school districts will provide classroom space to the college as the program expands beyond the BSU West campus.

The Meridian Library will request funds, as part of a bond issue, to partner with the Meridian School District in placing a branch library within Rocky Mountain High School. A joint announcement will be made within the next couple of weeks.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk