



Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Linda Clark

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2006

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 5:42 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho.

Trustees in Attendance Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Robert Chandler, Louis Pifher, Anne Ritter; Trustee Reid Olsen joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, 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 personnel and legal. Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

Upon recess from executive session at 6:07 p.m., the board continued in work session.

WORK SESSION The Board of Trustees discussed the appointment of a temporary clerk during a conversation regarding board governance. Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Trustee Anne Ritter as temporary clerk during the discussion. Dr. Clark and Ms. Duncan were excused at 6:07 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding board governance and communication regarding legislative issues.

Dr. Clark and Ms. Duncan rejoined the work session at 6:40 p.m.

Staff in Attendance As above, Eeve Kiler, Dr. Jerry Reininger, Wendel Bigham, Jim Correia, Jana McCarthy, Dr. Jan Horning, Barbara Leeds, Eric Exline

Guests Chris Porter, Apple Computers; Jake Danaher and Dick Choyke, MBIA Asset Management Group

Investment Management Program Review – Eeve Kiler, budget and finance director introduced Jake Danaher and Dick Choyke, respectively, from MBIA Asset Management Group. Mr. Danaher guided trustees through an explanation of market environment; proforma bond proceeds portfolio model; portfolio performance review; and bank credit analysis as it pertains to investment of the 2005 bond proceeds. Mr. Danaher reported that projected earnings on the investments are slightly higher than the targeted rate. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Vuittonet thanked Mr. Danaher and Mr. Choyke for the report and expressed the board's appreciation for their work.

REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Linda Pence, David Moser, Kelly Davies, Joann Livermore, Cindy Sisson

Guests As above, Jan Sylvester, Guy Pence

Good News!!!!!!

Barbara Leeds, secondary director, expressed her pleasure in honoring a remarkable professional employed at Sawtooth Middle School. Ms. Leeds introduced David Moser, Sawtooth Middle School principal who in turn introduced Linda Pence, a math teacher at Sawtooth Middle School and state finalist for the 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for K-12 teaching in these fields. Ms. Pence was chosen for her classroom success in using innovative methods and strategies and joins 253 other state finalists for this prestigious award. Ms. Pence called the award a unique opportunity and that it was an honor to represent the district and Sawtooth Middle School. Trustees thanked her for her hard work.

Dr. Linda Clark, superintendent, presented Eeve Kiler, finance manager, with the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Office and the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. This is the third year Ms. Kiler and her department have been awarded the GFOA award and the fifth year they have received the Meritorious Budget Award from ASBO. Trustees expressed their appreciation to Ms. Kiler and her staff for all of their hard work developing the budget each year.

Dr. Clark presented the Head & Shoulders Above the Crowd Award to Jan Sylvester, a patron of the district, for her meritorious service as a guardian of education. Dr. Clark applauded Ms. Sylvester for the endless hours she has spent monitoring education issues at the legislature, and being an advocate of public education.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #14, (recommendation to approve agreement to purchase PowerSchool Products from Apple Computer, Inc.), as presented. The approved items are:

Payment of bills to include checks numbered 413129-414181, and manual checks numbered 1846-1859;

Minutes of the January 24, 2006 regular board meeting;

District Financial Summary;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment Recommendations;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Jennifer Allen, extended resource assistant, sixteen (16) days;
- Teresa Allen, safe school assistant, three (3) days;
- Donald Bogdanski, bus driver, twenty-nine (29) days;
- Kimberly Cadwell, teacher, eighty-one (81) days;
- Angie Creasey, teacher, two (2) days;
- Brenda Davis, extended resource assistant, one (1) day;
- Toni Elmer, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Krista Fritz, teacher, twelve (12) days;
- Lenae Germano, extended resource assistant, January 20, 2006 through the last day of school (June 7th);
- Ben Graves, safe school assistant, ten (10) days;
- Melissa Ireland, teacher, nine (9) days;
- Amy Kelly, secretary, three (3) days;
- Adelle Thomas, teacher, fifteen (15) days;
- Linda Vincent, bus driver, thirteen (13) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Jim Baxter, four (4) days, Magnet school visits, Pasadena, California;
- Gail Chumbley, off contract, American History Summer Institute, Murray, Utah;
- Dr. Linda Clark, two (2) days; Reid Olsen, three (3) days; Louis Pifher, Mike Vuittonet, five (5) days, National School Board Association Annual conference, Chicago, Illinois;
- Sharon Borton, Alice Clemans, Nicholas Johnson, Karen Lindauer, Troy Rice, Lars Sandven, Matt Smith, Wanda Telin, one (1) day; Lisa Austin, Mary Moench, one and one half (1½) days, Idaho Middle Level Association Conference, Pocatello, Idaho;
- Lynne Dewey, off contract; Becky Kelly, Alyson Townsley, one (1) day; Karen Coleman, Erinn Erickson, Dana Knudsen, Samuel Kristensen, Carol Kulack, Lisa Nevin, Stephanie Powell, Lars Sandven, Tammy Schneider, Alison Terrill, Tamra Venegas, Beth Vawter, two (2) days, 2006 Idaho Prevention Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Kathy Crowley, three (3) days, IASA Leaders Summit, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Dennis Keogh, two (2) days, Learning and the Brain Conference, Boston, Massachusetts;
- Missy Nida, three (3) days, Waterford Best Practices Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Mandy Saras, three (3) days, National LRP Conference, Orlando, Florida;
- Jim Seaney, two (2) days, kickoff of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week, Washington D.C.;
- Judy Walling, three (3) days, Igniting Creative Energy Challenge (Judge), Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Judy Walling, one (1) day, IMLA Annual Conference, Pocatello, Idaho;

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

Consent Agenda – cont. Agreement for educational services with Aylee Schaefer, vision specialist, January 27, 2006 through June 30, 2006;

Recommended graduation dates for the 2006-2007 school year:

Eagle Academy	CHS Auditorium	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday May 30, 2007
Meridian Academy	CHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday May 30, 2007
Central Academy	CHS Auditorium	5:30 p.m.	Thursday May 31, 2007
Centennial H.S.	Taco Bell Arena	8:00 p.m.	Thursday May 31, 2007
Eagle H.S.	Taco Bell Arena	7:00 p.m.	Friday June 1, 2007
Mountain View H.S.	Taco Bell Arena	4:00 p.m.	Saturday June 2, 2007
Meridian H.S.	Taco Bell Arena	7:00 p.m.	Saturday June 2, 2007

Permission for the Sawtooth Middle School Ski and Snowboard Club to travel to the Sun Valley Ski Resort;

Installation of two basketball poles and backboards in the 6th grade playground area at Meridian Middle School by their PTSA organization;

Rental fees waived at the following:

- Mountain View High School for the Bigs N' Blue Charity Basketball Tournament, March 11, 2006;
- Chaparral Elementary for the Parkside Creek Neighborhood Association meeting;
- Sawtooth Middle School for a Pack 62 Cub Scout Troop function, February 25, 2006;
- Eagle Middle School for a Girl Scout Troop 358 function, February 24, 2006;
- Sawtooth Middle School for the Lochsa Falls Homeowners Association meeting, March 16, 2006;
- Chaparral Elementary for the Turnberry Homeowners Association meeting, March 21, 2006;

Recommendation to award a contract for Internet/Ethernet Services to Time Warner Telecom (Exhibit A – breakdown of costs);

Change Order #1, Joplin Elementary parking lot expansion to C&A Paving Company in the amount of \$3,278.40;

City of Meridian sanitary sewer easement at Chaparral Elementary;

Disposal of district equipment;

Recommended student expulsion.

Discussion / Action

Agreement with Apple Computers, Inc. Approved

Dr. Jerry Reininger, information technologies director, and Chris Porter, Apple Computers, Inc., reviewed the purchase and installation agreement moved from the consent agenda (Item 14). Dr. Reininger gave a brief history of the software currently in use for the student information system, payroll, personnel, and accounts payable departments. Trustees questioned Dr. Reininger and Mr. Porter regarding state requirements, the timeline for installation, budget for the project, and problems that would arise if the project was put off until the summer of 2007.

At the conclusion of the discussion Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve an agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and Apple Computer, Inc., for the purchase and installation of PowerSchool products (Exhibit B).

Language Arts Improvement Update

Joann Livermore, language arts instructional support specialist, commended the academic coaches for their excellent work and explained to trustees the success of this teacher support program. Grant funds have provided Junior Great Books for the Gifted and Talented program as well as innovative grammar resources for grades 6-8. The State Board has revised ISAT testing and released a blueprint for district use. Teachers have had access to a variety of training opportunities including the Senior Project and Technical Paper and new programs include the 8th grade PACE project, alternate graduation plan, PLATO credit recovery and high school concurrent credit.

Math Improvement Update

Cindy Sisson, math instructional support specialist, reviewed new programs including middle school math sequences, Intro to Calculus courses, PLATO credit recovery courses and the 8th grade PACE program. Ms. Sisson expressed her appreciation to Michelle Carney and Casey Schlien for their work with teachers, buildings, and the district as an academic coach. The department is looking at adoptions in middle school, Intro to Calculus, and AP Calculus and expressed their excitement for the K-5 adoption roll out. Ms. Sisson reminded trustees that previous training and curriculum development costs were covered with a \$3.2 million grant from Albertson's Foundation. No external funds are available to cover these costs at this time.

Chairman Vuittonet thanked Ms. Livermore and Ms. Sisson for their reports.

Personnel

New Area Director Named

At the recommendation of Dr. Jan Horning, assistant superintendent, Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the appointment of Don Nesbitt as the district's new area director.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk