



# Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT  
Dr. Linda Clark

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2006

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 5:39 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 Excused Reid Olsen

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Barbara Leeds, Wendel Bigham, Dr. Jerry Reininger, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan, Eeve Kiler, Dr. Mandy Saras, Jana McCarthy

**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 property and personnel. Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

Upon recess from executive session at 6:51 p.m., the board continued in work session.

**WORK SESSION** At the request of Dr. Clark, a discussion regarding the one percent initiative was added to the work session agenda.

*Kindergarten Screening and Registration* – Dr. Mandy Saras, elementary director, Shawna Exline, K-3 reading and academic coach, and Missy Nida, kindergarten coach, reviewed the kindergarten invention program and kindergarten registration process with trustees. Ms. Exline and Ms. Nida explained the readiness backpack that has been a great success in the kindergarten invention process and shared the packet that students received at kindergarten registration. Packets were developed with grants and donations from area businesses. Trustees discussed enrollment numbers from spring kindergarten registration and will review capacity at a number of buildings before addressing overcrowding for the next school year.

The board recessed the work session to reconvene at the conclusion of the regular session.

## REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Berlene Mace, Mary Moench, Cindy Potts, Kathy Crowley, Dean Brigham, Jim Baxter, Cynthia Clark, Joy Hawks, Heidi Fry, Barbara Horn

Guests Mark D. Enger, Ben Enger, Dean McKellip, Beverly Barnes, Loraine Hand, Erin A. Moore, Ben Laufenberg, Maddy Cutbilt, Claine Beech, Sahand Keshavarz-Rahbar, Cole DeSilvia, Brett Suci, Joseph Kaetfer, Alex Gale, Josy Gray, David Gray, Taylor McQuiston, Nick Dale, Soheila Keshavarz-Rahbar, Rachel McQuiston, James Hoyle, Lauren Fry, Nancy and Dean Hagerman

**Good News!!!** Berlene Mace, Pioneer School of the Arts principal, introduced Cindy Potts, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who had received an Honorable Mention for the GIANTS (Governor's Industry Award for Notable Teaching in Science) Award. Ms. Potts was nominated in recognition of her efforts to form real world connections between the classroom and industry and will receive a \$500 stipend which will be used to build a student garden and purchase additional hands on science equipment for the school.

*2005-2006 Friend of Education Award Recipients*

Members of the board congratulated and recognized the 2005-2006 *Friend of Education* award recipients, *Dean McKellip*, individual winner, and *Idaho Central Credit Union*, business winner, for their exceptional contributions to the students of the district and to education in the community.

Moved from Discussion/Action *"We the People" Presentation* – Heidi Fry and Joy Hawks, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Andrus Elementary, introduced 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who presented a program entitled "We the People" to trustees. Students have researched the Constitution and Supreme Court cases to present a prepared statement and answer questions from two panels of judges. Dr. Clark and Chairman Vuittonet congratulated students on a job well done and thanked Ms. Fry and Ms. Hawks for sharing the program with trustees and staff.

Barbara Horn, principal, shared the names of students who will have an opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. and participate in the People to People Leadership Conference this summer. They include Cole DeSilvia, Summer Moffat, Carly Souhrada, Rhett Suci, Eric Swider, and Lindsay Williams.

**Consent Agenda** Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as written with the removal of item #3, district financial summary. Approved items were:

Payment of bills to date to include checks numbered 416606-418009, 200072-200090, and manual checks numbered 1870-1890;

Minutes of the April 17, 2006 special board meeting and the April 25, 2006 regular board meeting;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment Recommendations;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests for leave without pay from:

- Terri Brannon, nurse, the 2006-2007 school year;
- Jan Gardner, secretary, sixty (60) days;
- Frances Inman, 2006-2007 school year;
- Allison Terenzio, 2006-2007 school year;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Craig Ayala-Marshall, off contract, The Leadership Institute, San Diego, California;
- Wendel Bigham, two (2) days, site visit, Moscow, Idaho;
- Kathleen Hodge, four (4) days, Destination Imagination, Knoxville, Tennessee;
- Rick Jordan, four (4) days, 2006 National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Donna Larsen, Business Professional of American Leadership Conference, Orlando, Florida;
- Buffy Nelson, two (2) days, Love & Logic Conference, San Jose, California;
- Judy Walling, two (2) days, National Nuclear Education Workshop, Pocatello, Idaho;

Agreement for educational services with Marlene Fitch, sign language interpreter, May 1, 2006 - June 16, 2006;

Waiver of rental fees:

- Sawtooth Middle School May 11<sup>th</sup> for the Clearbrook Homeowners Association annual meeting;
- Eagle Middle School for the Silver Sage Council Service Unit #56 Mother & Daughter PJ Party;
- Ponderosa Elementary May 11<sup>th</sup> for ACHD public information meetings;

Sawtooth Middle School Destination Imagination team traveling to Knoxville, Tennessee May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>;

Centennial Baseball Group, Inc, to connect concession stand to Boise City water and assume all costs and provide labor associated with the project;

Bid awarded to lowest responsible bidder for:

- Aluminum platforms, stairs and ramp systems for re-locatable classrooms at Lake Hazel Middle School to Welcome Ramp Systems in the amount of \$41,797;
- Parking lot installation and site improvements at Eagle Elementary to Hillside Landscape Construction in the amount of \$131,000;

Agreements with Meridian Technical Charter High School for the 2006-2007 school year:

- One (1) year lease and use agreement;
- Food services;
- Transportation services;
- Accounting and payroll services;

- Consent Agenda – cont.      Agreements with Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School for the 2006-2007 school year:
- Food services;
  - Transportation services;
  - Accounting and payroll services;
- Recommended student expulsions;

**Discussion / Action**

Certificate of Election – Reid Olsen Returns to School Board for Second Term of Office      Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Pifher seconded the motion and the motion was approved to confirm a Certificate of Election declaring Reid Olsen elected as trustee to represent Zone No. 3 of our district for a 3-year term of office without the necessity of formal balloting, with Trustee Pifher voting yes, Trustee Chandler voting yes, Trustee Ritter voting yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voting yes.

As outlined in Idaho Code 33-502B (*Board of Trustees – One Nomination – No Election*), the Clerk of the Board will deliver the document to Mr. Olsen; he will be sworn in as trustee for a second term of office on the board at the annual meeting scheduled on July 11, 2006.

2006-2007 Elementary Handbook Revisions Approved      Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Chandler seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to the 2006-2007 elementary handbook with the following change in the section titled "Emergency Care": *The student's family will be charged by the responding entity if the student is transported or if medication/supplies are used at the scene.*

Policy Revision Receives First Reading      Dr. Bruce Gestrin, assistant superintendent, reviewed proposed changes to Policy No. 403.72, *Child Abuse/Neglect*. The policy will come before the board for a second reading at a later date.

Policy Revisions Approved      Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Policy Code No. 503.70, *Student Tours, Excursions, and Overnight Trips*.

Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 504.40, *Self Transportation by Students*.

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 504.60, *Student Records*.

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

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 602.90, *Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes*.

Discussion/Action – cont. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 702.54, *Criminal and Driving Record*.

**Personnel**

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation to rehire certified and classified employees of Joint School District No. 2. This recommendation includes individuals that have been on growth plans and probation. The recommendation does not include individuals on Category 2 contracts that are not being recommended for rehire. Further, this recommendation does not include individuals that are hired based on one-time funding and the funding has been exhausted, or individuals that are hired for specific special needs students, and the student is not returning to the school district next year.

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-514, it is reaffirmed that all Category 1 teachers working on a limited contract will be terminated at the end of the current contract year.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Clark requested that trustees set a special board meeting for May 30<sup>th</sup> to award bids for the construction of Galileo K-8 and Rocky Mountain High School. Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to schedule a special board meeting for 7:30 a.m., May 30, 2006 at 911 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, Idaho.

Dr. Clark reminded trustees of the revised graduation schedule for this year, and that a candidate forum would be held Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Boise School District administration office to hear the five candidates for state superintendent. ISAT testing is near completion throughout the district and the State Board of Education will take action on the Idaho interpretation of AYP at their June meeting.

Trustees requested further clarification from the State Charter Commission regarding Rolling Hills Charter's continued presence within the boundaries of the Meridian School District.

Trustee Ritter reported that Eagle High School held a groundbreaking for the turf on their football field and that installation will begin by the end of May.

The board reconvened in work session at 8:21 p.m.

Trustees discussed Proposition 1 (Idaho Education Association's initiative to place a penny increase on the sales tax).

**Meeting Adjourned**

Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk