



Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Linda Clark

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 13, 2006

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, 3:30 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 Olsen joined the meeting at 3:40 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 property. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board recessed from executive session at 4:55 p.m. and will reconvene at the conclusion of the regular session.

WORK SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Dr. Jan Horning, Barbara Leeds, Jana McCarthy, Cathy Thornton, Eeve Kiler, Wendel Bigham, Eric Exline, Scott Stuart

Guests Ed Daniels, Scott Straughbar, Dennis Robinson, Trey Crookston, Alan Uhlorn, Kent Krohn, Amber VanOcker

Bond Projects – Dr. Clark reviewed with trustees the 2005 bond master budget including capacity projects, non-capital projects, and land purchases. Wendel Bigham, construction and facilities manager, and representatives from Hummel Architecture, CM Construction, LKV Architecture, and Beniton Construction, reviewed bid packages for the construction of Galileo K-8 school, Rocky Mountain High School, and the professional technical building at Meridian High School. Trustees discussed their concerns with the upward spiral of construction costs for these projects and talked about the process for projecting costs for future bond projects.

REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Khristie Bair, Penny Andrew, Chris Lawrence, Jim Correia

Guests Heidi Carnahan, Tony & Sheri Anecito, Shelly Houston, Jared, Dom & Jessie Nilo, Barbara & Craig Quintana, Ginny Pollock

Good News!!!

Dr. Clark presented Chris Lawrence, instructional support specialist, with the "Head and Shoulders Above the Crowd" award for her meritorious service in planning and implementing the first district wide art competition. The winning entries were honored by trustees and include:

- Joshua Anghel – Mountain View High School
- Jayce Maybon – Crossroads Middle School
- Aubrey Peterson – Hunter Elementary
- Benjamin Quintana – River Valley Elementary
- Eric Wiley – Centennial High School
- Dani Bright – Eagle High School
- Jared Nilo – Spalding Elementary
- Paige Petersen – Ponderosa Elementary
- Shae Carnahan – Ustick Elementary
- Daniel Anecito – Lake Hazel Elementary
- Jacob Simmons – Donnell School of the Arts

Dr. Clark acknowledged Farmers & Merchants State Bank for a grant that paid for the reception honoring the school winners, Megan Peters, Finer Frames, for the framing and matting, and building PTA's, PTO's, and individual patrons for their donations towards the purchase of the frames.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda after moving item 15c and 15d to discussion/action; and adding 15g, approval of Meridian High School add/alternates as recommended by district administration to the consent agenda. The approved items are as follows:

Payment of bills to date to include computer checks numbered 418010-419392; bond checks numbered 200091-200103; and manual checks numbered 1891-1913;

Minutes of the May9, 2006 regular board meeting;

April and May 2006 district financial summaries;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment Recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Annette Ashby, extended resource assistant, one-half (½) day;
- Sally Cavazos, resource room assistant, eleven (11) days;
- Chelsea Drake, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Anna Eaton-Merkle, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Jennifer Ferguson, extended resource assistant, five (5) days;
- Travis Gray, assistant principal, 2006-2007 school year;
- Sara Hattenberger, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Amber Koberg, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Jon Larue, custodian, three and one-half (3½) days;
- Erin Martin, extended resource teacher, two (2) days;
- Alicia Nardi, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Glenna Newby, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;
- Taya Sundell, teacher, 2006-2007 school year;

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- Sherri Sturm, custodian, twelve (12) days;
- Rhonda VanMaanen, bus driver, ten (10) days;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Priscilla Anderson, Kelly Davies, David Moser, off contract, Love & Logic Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado;
- Craig Ayla-Marshall, Vanessa Cornelius, Dawnetta Earnest, Aurelia Esquivel, Jennifer Fletcher, Erin Gee, Sylvia Haneke, Laurie Harvey, Gretchen Massman, Susan McInerney, Kim Schmillen, Melisa Whipple, off contract, National Conference of Differentiated Instruction, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Angela Baldus, Francie Brown, Kirsti Komak, Byron Yankey, Cathy Thornton, off contract, Oregon Coast Institute Closing the Achievement Gap, Glenden Beach, Oregon;
- Marie Barton, Wendy Tucker, Melissa Yaka, off contract, Planned Learning Communities Institute, Birmingham, Alabama;
- Jim Baxter, off contract, Idaho Professional Technical Education Summer Conference, Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Lisa Bird, Mark Enger, Jeffrey Grove, DebAnn Rippy, Amy Shumway, Tami Smith, Carolyn Staker, off contract, Professional Technical Education Summer Conference, Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Elizabeth Burtner, off contract, Nation School Nurse's Conference, New York, New York;
- Dr. Linda Clark, Mike Dudley, off contract, Northwest Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon;
- Adam Collins, off contract, AP Summer Institute "Economics – Macro and Micro Combined", Bellevue, Washington;
- Katie Cormier, Scott Kerr, Bunny Malmin, Brenda Saxton, Mark Thayer, six (6) days, EPS Summer Training Conference, Orem, Utah;
- William Driscoll, off contract, Intermountain West AP Summer Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Shawna Exline, off contract, 2006 Summer Institute on Student Monitoring, Kansas City, Missouri;
- Denice Florian, off contract, AP Summer Institute, Riverside, California;
- Dale Garrard, off contract, AP Annual Conference, Lake Buena Vista, Florida;
- Dr. Bruce Gestrin, off contract, Learning by Doing: Bring Professional Learning Community Concepts to Life in our Schools and Districts, Scottsdale, Arizona;
- Jennifer Hayden, Suzi Ludwig, Renee Miner, off contract, Annual Direct Instruction Conference, Eugene, Oregon;
- Elizabeth Krause, off contract, AP Summer Institute – Spanish language and Literature Combined, Greeley, Colorado;
- Sally Mitchell, off contract, AP Summer Institute for English Literature and Composition, Tacoma, Washington;
- Kelly Nellesen, off contract, National Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Competition, Anaheim, California;
- Don Nesbitt, off contract, Teton Institute (Response to Intervention), Jackson, Wyoming;
- Teri Powell, Jacalyn Thomason, off contract, PowerSchool University, San Francisco, California;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Loid Sherwood, Joseph Wax, off contract, Project Lead the Way Summer Training, Ogden, Utah;
- Craig Thompson, off contract, AP Placement for Teachers, Bellevue, Washington;
- Byron Yankey, off contract, Professional Learning Communities Conference, Woodbridge, Virginia;
- Elizabeth Ysura, off contract, AP Summer Institute, San Diego, California;
- Paulie McGinnis, off contract, Northwest Inland Writing Project, McCall, Idaho;
- Jeff Hoseley, off contract, AP Economics Conference, Cherry Creek, Colorado;

2006-2007 non-resident student enrollment requests;

Declaration of a “critical need” in the hiring of Speech Language Pathologists (SLP);

Increase in substitute pay, long term substitute pay and an incentive bonus at the end of the school year for substitutes working 150 or more days;

BSU student Kristin Gnojewski to conduct a Masters of Science project in earth Science classes at the four district high schools;

REVISED Job Descriptions:

- Bus Driver Supervisor
- Food Service Receptionist/Clerk
- Food Service Bookkeeper
- Assistant Food Service Director

Use of district protective equipment for the state all-star football game;

District property improvements:

- Playground equipment at Andrus Elementary, funded by the PTA organization;
- Murals for the gymnasium at Eagle Middle School, funded by the 2005-2006 Student Council;
- Walking path at Lake Hazel Elementary, funded by the PTO organization;
- Developmentally appropriate playground equipment at Mary McPherson Elementary, funded through the Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grant;
- Chain link fence on the north boundary of the Mountain View High School soccer game field, funded by the girl’s and boy’s soccer programs;
- Ball wall at Seven Oaks Elementary, funded through the PTA in the amount of \$13,410;
- Eagle Scout project at Mary McPherson Elementary;

Easements:

- City of Meridian water main easement at Paramount Elementary;
- ACHD public right-of-way for the sidewalk at Galileo K-8 Magnet School;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Bids awarded to the lowest responsible bidders for:

- Re-roofing projects at Pioneer Elementary to Hobson Fabricating in the amount of \$222,091; Andrus Elementary to Hobson Fabricating in the amount of \$218,029; and Ustick Elementary building 3 to Roman Roofs in the amount of \$27,902;
- Chemical dispensing system to Gem State Paper in the amount of \$14, 516;
- Ten (10) standard route buses, five (5) special needs buses and three (3) trip buses to Lake City International in the amount of \$1,189,233.84;
- Tennis court repair/re-surfacing at Centennial High School to Cascade Fence in the amount of \$46,2000; and at Lowell Scott Middle School to Mate Flex in the amount of \$99,604;

Cancellation of the June 27, 2006 noon board meeting;

Disposal of district equipment;

Disposal of district equipment at auction;

Recommended student expulsions;

Habitual truancy filed with the prosecuting attorney.

Discussion / Action

Ada County Market Values
Report – May 2006

Robert McQuade, Ada County Assessor, reviewed with trustee current trends and property market values in Joint School District No. 2. Mr. McQuade estimates a total market value of \$15.1 billion within the district, with a taxable value after exemptions of \$11.9 billion (79% of the total market value). These figures reflect estimated increases of 35% in residential and 25% in commercial properties in the district over last year's figures. New residential construction starts have increased 49% over last year's figures; new commercial starts have also risen by 41%.

Budget Hearing –
Amended 2004-2005
Budget Approved / 2005-
2006 Budget Approved

Chairman Vuittonet opened the budget hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Chandler seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year totaling \$381,581,608 as recommended by Eeve Kiler, budget and finance manager. Increases to the proposed budget are due, in part, to the bond levy approved in September 2005, increased enrollment, and special revenue grants.

Ms. Kiler gave an overview of the 2006-2007 budget document and district narrative, developed with an increased focus on program description, goals and costs. The proposed \$370,948,950 budget is based upon a projected student increase of 5.68% (+1700), reflecting escalating growth throughout the district. Ms. Kiler outlined the impacts to the budget due to a continued reduction in the public education appropriation from the state, rising personnel costs, and reviewed recent legislation in the form of increases to the homeowner's exception and circuit breaker that will affect property tax revenue from the state. Trustees commended Ms. Kiler for the well-prepared and exceptional budget document.

Discussion/Action – cont. Hearing no questions or comments, Chairman Vuittonet declared the budget hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adopt the school district budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year as proposed.

Canvass of May 16, 2006
Trustee Election

Trish Duncan, clerk of the board, presented the results of the May 16, 2006 trustee election in Zone No. 1 and Zone No. 3 and asked the board's approval to enter the results in the minutes of the board meeting as follows:

Zone 1 Results

As Trustee Reid Olsen was the only candidate, no election was held according to Idaho Code 33-502B "one nomination-no election"

Zone 3 Results

Loraine Hand – 94
Jana Nichols (write-in) - 97
Spoiled Ballots – 4
TOTAL VOTES CAST - 195

Ms. Nichols and Mr. Olsen will be sworn into office at the July 11, 2006 annual board meeting.

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Chandler seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to accept the results of the May 16, 2006 trustee elections in Zone 1 and 3 as presented.

North Star Charter School
Annual Report

Phyllis Smith, North Star Charter School principal, provided the third annual audit and report to trustees. The school enrolled 265 students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, and will be at full capacity next school year with 274 students. Ms. Smith shared Direct Writing, and Direct Math scores indicating the majority of students falling into the proficient category. Spring ISAT results indicate most students scoring in the advanced category of math, language usage and reading; and results from the Idaho Reading Indicator show gains in kindergarten, second and third grades from fall to spring.

Ms. Smith informed trustees that the school continues to plan for an expansion to high school; and busing will be provided in the fall through the Brown Bus Company.

Trustees thanked Ms. Smith for her report.

Meridian Medical Charter
High School 3rd Annual
Report

Gary Messinger, Meridian Medical Charter High School principal, thanked trustees for their support over the last three years and introduced the new principal Craig Miller. Mr. Messinger shared significant events from the school year that include the award of \$195,000 in charter grant monies, the selection of nine students to receive \$1000 for a four week medical study experience, the school was chosen as a national BETA site to develop bio-medical curriculum for other states and eighteen students were awarded metals at the state HOSA competition. The school served 189 students during the school year and 92 applications were received for the 2006-2007 freshman class. The direct writing assessment taken by ninth grade students showed an average score of 3.25;

Discussion/Action – cont. and scores on the ISAT show significant increases in reading, language usage and math between fall and spring for freshman and sophomores. Trustees reviewed the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 school year and will receive audit information after June 30th. Chairman Vuittonet expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Messinger for his hard work.

Policy Code No. 403.72, *Child Abuse/Neglect*
Approved Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve REVISED Policy Code No. 403.72, *Child Abuse/Neglect*.

Policy Code No. 402.40, *Fringe Benefits & Salary*
Approved Trustee Chandler moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended changes to Policy Code No. 402.40, *Fringe Benefits & Salary*

Personnel

Dr. Bruce Gestrin reviewed the proposed agreements with the certified, administrative and classified employees for the 2006-2007 school year. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed agreements with the certified, administrative and classified employees as follows:

Administrative Salary and Benefit Package 2006-2007

- ❖ Grant experience and education steps
- ❖ Pay for increased costs to Delta Dental and Blue Cross Insurance
- ❖ Employee share of insurance premium reduced from \$22.98 to \$11.50 per month
- ❖ Increase sick leave accumulation from 225 to 235 days
- ❖ 4% package:
 - 3.5% increase to the base
 - .5% one time payment to PERSI Choice (401K)
- ❖ Clarification of language in the early retirement program – application deadline April 1

Certified Salary and Benefit Package 2006-2007

- ❖ Grant experience and education steps
- ❖ 4% increase to the base
- ❖ Employee share of insurance premium reduced from \$22.98 to \$11.50 per month
- ❖ District pays increased costs of premiums for medical, dental, and for new enhancements to the vision insurance coverage
- ❖ Continuing education scholarship budget increased
- ❖ Life insurance increased
- ❖ Supplemental salary schedule raised
- ❖ Contract language clarification/revision

Classified Salary and Benefit Package 2006-2007

- ❖ Increase the starting hourly wage by 4% to \$7.77
- ❖ Increase life insurance
- ❖ District will pay for medical, dental and vision
- ❖ Increase experience granted for new employees
- ❖ Include in Policy Code No. 402.40 language that states "if a part time employee qualifies for a portion of paid benefits and waives the medical benefit, the district will pay all of the cost of one-party dental"

New Principal at Meridian Middle School Approved Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation by Secondary Director Barbara Leeds to hire Lisa Austin as the new principal at Meridian Middle School

Superintendent Rehired/Contract Revision Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the rehire of Dr. Linda Clark as superintendent for a period of three years, and approval of the salary package as presented.

**Executive Session
Reconvened**

Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board to reconvene in executive session to discuss property a property matter. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

The board reconvened in regular session at 9:57 p.m.

Bids Awarded to Lowest Responsible Bidders to Construct Galileo K-8 Magnet School and Rocky Mountain High School Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Chandler seconded and the vote was four-to-one to award bids to the lowest responsible bidders for the construction of Galileo K-8 Magnet School and Rocky Mountain High School. Trustee Ritter voted yes, Trustee Chandler voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, Trustee Vuittonet voted yes, and Trustee Olsen voted no.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Chandler seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk