



# Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT  
Dr. Linda Clark

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2007

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 5:35 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho

Trustees in Attendance Jana Nichols, Reid Olsen, Louis Pifher, Anne Ritter

Trustee Excused Mike Vuittonet

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Dr. Jan Horning, Dr. Jerry Reininger, Don Nesbitt, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chairman Anne Ritter

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Vice Chairman Ritter took a roll call vote of the board to move to executive session to discuss personnel and legal. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Nichols voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, and Trustee Ritter voted yes.

At the conclusion of executive session at 5:57 p.m., the board continued in work session.

### WORK SESSION

Board Committee/Assignment Reports

- *Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School Board Meeting* – Trustee Nichols and Trustee Pifher reported on their attendance at a work session of the charter board to consider curriculum changes and adjustments. At the regularly scheduled board meeting, Ryan Hedrick was appointed as a new board member.
- *ISBA* – Trustee Ritter reported on the previous meeting of the Government Affairs Committee and reviewed the hiring of Karen Molitar as the new lobbyist for the ISBA. The next GA committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 11, 2007 via phone conference. Trustee Ritter continued with a short review of her attendance at the elementary report card meeting.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Clark reported on a meeting with representatives of the M3 Corporation, John Church, the Eagle City planner, and the Eagle City attorney regarding the impact statement prepared by Mr. Church. Dr. Clark was joined by Dr. Gestrin, Eeve Kiler and Eric Exline in the discussion on state funding, impact fees, and future bond issues in relation to planned communities.

Dr. Clark informed trustees that a manual count of students will be done over the next five days. Data will be used to determine coding errors in the Powerschools system. The Boise School

Superintendent's Report – cont. District has made the decision to offer classes at the Treasure Valley Math and Science School on a full day basis. Students from Meridian that choose to attend the full day classes will not be transported by the district due to state transportation regulations. Letters will be sent to parents of students attending from Meridian regarding the changes.

Activity Report

Eric Exline, public information officer, updated trustees on the work of the following committees:

- *Boundary Committee* – public hearings will be held at Meridian High School January 10<sup>th</sup>; and Eagle High School on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation from the committee will tentatively come before the Board of Trustees on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- *Bond Committee* – Informational meeting – April 3  
Decision meeting – April 17  
Decision and campaign planning – May 1  
Bond kick-off meeting – August 28  
Final pre-election meeting – September 11  
Bond election – September 18

All committee meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Sawtooth Middle School Library

- *Collaboration Committee* – continues with planning to provide collaboration time for schools at all levels
- *High School Schedule Committee* – will be printing a packet of information for parents regarding the options under consideration; and will begin scheduling information meetings sometime in February or March
- *Middle School Re-Design Committee* – has just begun the process of analyzing ways to further improve middle school academic performance
- *Treasure Valley Legislative Task Force* – this committee consisting of board members, superintendents, and ISBA representatives from Boise, Kuna, Meridian, Middleton, Emmett, Caldwell, and Nampa met for the second time on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on possible legislative efforts to support including:
  - Increasing the limitation on market value calculation
  - Frontloading state payments
  - Providing funding for staff hired/qualified for during the school year based on increased ADA
  - Increasing FTE qualification from 1.1 to 1.15
  - Impact fees

**REGULAR SESSION**

Staff in Attendance As above, Sandra Schultz, Ryan Wilhite, Kelly Davies, Randy Yadon, David Moser, Wes Remaley

Guests Elizabeth Sonnichsen, Jennifer Sternberg, Ashley Bear, John Montgomery, Jan Sylvester, Evan Hall, David Phenis, Austin Maurer, Jason Evans, Casey Byington, Brandon Byington

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent with the following exceptions:  
Item 11 (Recommendation to accept RFP from Prepared Response,

Consent Agenda – cont.

Incorporated) and Item 13 (Request to place a cell phone antennae at MVHS) moved to Discussion/Action; and Item 14 (2006-2007 New Heritage Theatre Agreement) removed from tonight's agenda. The following consent agenda items were approved:

Payment of bills December 1-31, 2006;

Minutes of the December 12, 2006 regular board meeting;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay from:

- Reeta Huyser, bus driver, thirty-two (32) days;
- Elizabeth Love, PLC assistant, one (1) day;
- Dawn Pearce, receptionist, four (4) days;
- Tina Vucinich, teacher, three (3) days;

Requests for professional leave from:

- Amy Brown, Deborah Haley-Hughes, Debra Knox, Debra Rippy, Suzy Slining, Debra Smith, Evan Sprengel, Geoff Stands; three (3) days, Breaking Ranks High School Showcase, San Diego, California;
- Michele Carney, Shannon Loree, Casey Schlienzy, Cindy Sisson; four (4) days, Investigations Implementation Workshop, Brookline, Massachusetts;
- Eric Eschen, Josh Folk, Tobi Johnson, Amy Senethavilay; off contract, Professional Learning Communities, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- CORRECTION – Debbie Johnson, one (1) day, CATEMA Computerized Data Collection System training, Twin Falls, Idaho;
- Jessica Krahn, Renee Miner, Carol Scott, Lonnie Taylor, Mary Tucker, Nancy Watts, Colleen Young, three (3) days, Utah Assistive Technology Conference, Ogden, Utah;
- Lisa Nevin, three (3) days; National At-Risk Education Network Conference, Panama City, Florida;
- Mike Vuittonet, three (3) days, NSBA Leadership Conference and Federal Relations Network Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2006-2007 school year;

NEW Job Description – Budget Analyst

Demonstration Teaching Agreement between Joint School District No. 2 and Western Governors University for the 2006-2007 school year;

Facility improvements at Lake Hazel Middle School by the Mountain View Little League;

Establishment of Ultimate Frisbee Club at Eagle High School;

Consent Agenda – cont. Temporary and permanent easement for the Nampa Meridian irrigation District to place a pressurized irrigation line at Peregrine Elementary School;

Meridian High School Professional/Technical Facility License Agreement with Nampa Meridian Irrigation District (The license agreement allows the school district to tile and build over a portion of the irrigation district right-of-way and dedicate an access route for the servicing of the buried irrigation facility);

Recommended student expulsions.

### Discussion / Action

RFP for Emergency Response and Crisis Management Consulting Services Awarded Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the RFP from Prepared Response, Inc., in the amount of \$284,000 for emergency response and crisis management consulting services. The project is financed through a grant from the United States Department of Education.

Cell Tower Negotiations with Sprint/Nextel Approved for Mountain View High School Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to enter into negotiations with Sprint/Nextel for the placement of a cell tower at Mountain View High School.

REVISED Policy Code No. 202.2, *Duties and Responsibilities*, Receives Second Reading Dr. Bruce Gestrin, assistant superintendent, reviewed proposed changes to Policy Code No. 202.2. Trustees expressed their concerns with parts of the policy, and made suggestions for the next revision. Trustee Olsen moved to accept the policy with recommended changes, and then withdrew his motion when Trustee Ritter requested additional clarification of trustee duties as defined by state statute. The policy will come before the board for a third reading at the February board meeting.

REVISED Policy Code No. 601.30, *Class Size & Load*, Receives Third Reading Dr. Gestrin reviewed proposed changes to Policy Code No. 601.30. Trustees questioned the recommendation to increase class size and what led to the proposal. A motion was made by Trustee Olsen to approve the recommended changes to the policy; the motion died for lack of a second. The policy will come before the board for a fourth reading at the February board meeting.

REVISED Policy Code No. 903, *Naming Policy and Procedure* Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve recommended revisions to Policy Code No. 903, *Naming Policy and Procedure*.

REVISED Policy Code No. 1003.10, *Use of School Facilities* and REVISED Policy Code No. 1003.20, *Rental Fees Schedule* Receive First Reading Dr. Gestrin reviewed proposed changes to Policy Code No. 1003.10 and Policy Code No. 1003.20. The policies will receive a second reading at the February board meeting.

**Personnel**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the following district transfers:

- Human Resource Director – Dr. Mandy Saras (July 1, 2007)
- South Regional Director – Joe Yochum (July 1, 2007)
- Director of Operations – LeAnn Carlsen (July 1, 2007)
- Principal, Heritage Middle School – Susan McInerney (August, 2007)
- Principal, Paramount Elementary – Dean Brigham (3<sup>rd</sup> wk. of July)
- Principal, Summer School – Sara Bruins
- Assistant Principal, Summer School – Andy Horning

**Meeting Adjourned**

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk