



# Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT  
Dr. Linda Clark

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2007

**Date, Place & Time** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 5:44 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho

**Trustees in Attendance** Vice Chairman Anne Ritter, Reid Olsen, Louis Pifher

**Trustees Excused** Jana Nichols, Mike Vuittonet

**Staff in Attendance** Dr. Linda Clark, Dr. Bruce Gestrin, Dr. Jan Horning, Eeve Kiler, Wendel Bigham, 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 property. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Pifher voted yes, and Trustee Ritter voted yes.

At the conclusion of executive session at 6:20 p.m., the board continued in work session.

**WORK SESSION** Dr. Clark requested that Item A of the work session be moved to a future board meeting. Board members were asked to provide a patron from their zone to serve on a naming committee for a request at Centennial High School. Trustee Pifher will serve as the board representative on the committee.

Wendel Bigham, facilities and construction manager, discussed bid opening for the professional technical classroom space in the District Service Center.

Board committee assignments – Trustee Olsen had no report for the board.

Trustee Pifher attended the Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School board meeting and reported that the sale of the vacant land adjacent to the charter school facilities may be causing some to think that the district is closing the schools. The Ada County Legislative Committee has reviewed the session; and Trustee Pifher attended the March 19<sup>th</sup> COMPASS meeting where the largest portion of meeting was spent dealing with Garvee bonds.

Trustee Ritter reported on her tour of Galileo K8 Magnet school, and the District Service Center. The ISBA Region III meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Parma School District.

## REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Don Nesbitt, Susan McInerney, Lisa Austin, Tina Perry, Alta Graham, Marilyn Kennings

Guests Jennifer Fletcher, Katrina Knight, Dani Backer, Colton Messa, Julie Moan, Drew Carlson, Greg Carlson, Justin Long, RaDawn Smythe, Casey Mitchell

### Good News!!!!!!

Dr. Clark presented two "Head and Shoulders Above the Crowd" awards to Wendel Bigham and Dr. Bruce Gestrin for their meritorious service in a time of change. Mr. Bigham and Dr. Gestrin oversaw the planning and implementation of the move to the new District Service Center. The move is complete and the office is doing business as usual.

Dr. Clark reported the Centennial High School Chamber Orchestra will perform at the National School Board Association Convention in San Francisco Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Don Nesbitt, north region director, introduced trustees to Marilyn Kennings and the CHS Academic Decathlon team. The team won the state championship with a record-breaking 45,100 points out of 60,000 possible, and qualified to represent Idaho at the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition in Honolulu, Hawaii. Trustee Ritter congratulated the team on behalf of the board and wished them well in Hawaii.

### Consent Agenda

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of the resignation of Vanessa Paradis, a special education assistant at Meridian High School. Approved items are:

Payment of bills dated March 1-31, 2007;

Minutes of the March 13, 2007 regular board meeting;

District Financial Summary;

Building Student Activity Accounts;

Employment Recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Elia Aragon, ELL assistant, one and one-half (1½) days;
- Dyann Cook, extended resource assistant, five (5) days;
- Lori Easley-Otter, teacher, 2007-2008 school year;
- Toni Elmer, bus driver, five (5) days;
- Katrina Gibbons, teacher assistant, thirty-three (33) days;
- Anthony Lewis, teacher, two(2) days;
- Thomas Maher, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Laura Murray, preschool assistant, seven (7) days;
- Kelly Nellesen, teacher, 2007-2008 school year;
- Susan Ward, extended resource assistant, eight (8) days;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Requests for professional leave for:

- Tiffany Ahlefeld, four (4) days; Colene Letterle, Sue Ropski, off contract, National Association of School Nurses Conference, Nashville, Tennessee;
- Marla Allen, two (2) days, IEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention, Denver, Colorado;
- Jennifer Anderson, Deborah Scibior, three (3) days, LRP Institute, San Diego, California;
- Elia Aragon, Svetlana Hansen, one and one-half (1½) days; Paola Mauer, Sam Perez, three (3) days, TESOL, Seattle, Washington;
- Craig Ayala-Marshall, off contract, NAESO Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington;
- Cynthia Clark, two (2) days, PLC Institute, Seattle, Washington;
- Susan Colvard, Suzanne Stansell, off contract, PTTE Summer Conference, Lewiston, Idaho;
- Jeannie Coulson, Sharon Muniz, off contract, Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois;
- Greg Grove, off contract, HTI Instructional Strategies, Solano, California;
- Sue Johnston, four (4) days, Idaho State Pupil Transportation Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;
- Danette Kroll, three (3) days, PLC at Work, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Carol Kulack, one (1) day, Leindemood-Bell, Hailey, Idaho;
- Chris Lawrence, four (4) days, Kennedy Center Partners in Education Institute, Washington, D.C.;
- Jana McCarthy, three (3) days, International Magnet Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Kate Muldoon, off contract, National Association of School Nurses Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee;
- Anita Reuter, four (4) days, APA Congress, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Suzanne Stancil, three (3) days, BPA Nationals, New York City, New York;
- Linda Ventura, four (4) days, Building Common Assessments, Washington, D.C.;

Non-resident student enrollment requests for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school year;

Improvement to district properties:

- Meridian Academy – construction of a greenhouse and placement of a wind turbine, funded through an Idaho Wildlife Foundation Grant, Captain Planet Grant, and Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation Grant;
- Meridian Elementary – purchase and installation of an electronic reader board, funded through the PTO;
- Seven Oaks Elementary – walking track funded through the PTA;

Provisional certification for Stephanie Coddens to teach Biology at Centennial high School for the 2006-2007 school year;

Galileo K8 Magnet School change order #5 to various contractors in the amount of \$97,768;

Consent Agenda – cont. Bid awarded to lowest responsible bidders for Heritage Middle School athletic equipment in the amount of \$53,455.65;

Recommended student expulsion;

Recommendation to file habitual truancy with the prosecuting attorney.

### **Discussion / Action**

Supplemental and Plant Facility Levy Resolution Discussed Eeve Kiler, budget and finance director reviewed the status of the current plant facility and supplemental levies with trustees. Trustees discussed current expenditures and budget restraints if the levies were not in place, and tabled the discussion until the end of tonight's meeting.

Resolution to Support the Creation of the College of Western Idaho Approved Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve a resolution to support the creation of the College of Western Idaho district within Ada and Canyon Counties.

Local School Board Resolution Supporting the Revision of the ISAT Test Schedule and the Addition of Growth Testing Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Local School Board Resolution supporting the revision of the ISAT test schedule and the addition of growth testing.

Sealed Bid Process, Dates and Times of Bid Openings for Sale of Real Property Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to put up for sale real property located at 911 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, Idaho. The property, consisting of three parcels, will be sold under the sealed bid process as one parcel. The minimum bid is set at \$2,485,000.00. Closing date and time for sealed bids will be May 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.; bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m at 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

REVISED Policy Code No. 502.50, *Drug and Alcohol Policy*, Approved Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended changes to Policy Code No. 502.50, *Drug and Alcohol Policy*.

April 24, 2007 Board Meeting Time and Location Changed Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to change the meeting time and location of the April 24, 2007 board meeting to 8:00 a.m. at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

Location Changed for Future Joint School District No. 2 Board of Trustees Meetings Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the change of location for future board meetings of Joint School District No. 2 to the District Service Center, located at 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho.

### **Personnel**

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the hiring of Cindy Sisson as the new Director of Curriculum. Ms. Sisson replaces Jana McCarthy, who will retire from the district in January, 2008.

Resolution Calling for a Special Election Submitting to the Qualified Electors of Joint School District No. 2, the Proposition of the Certification of a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy in the Amount of \$20,000,000 Approved

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended resolution calling for a School Plant Facilities Fund Levy in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 for ten years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring and improving school sites(s), constructing, furnishing and equipping schools, and making improvements to any existing building, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities. The election is set for May 15, 2007 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Resolution Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election Approved

Trustee Pifher moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to hold an election to approve a supplemental levy in the amount of \$10,000,000, each year for two years, for a total of \$20,000,000, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The election is set for May 15, 2007 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Pifher seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk