



Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Linda Clark

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 22, 2008

Date, Place & Time The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 6:47 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 2000 S. Millennium Way, Meridian, Idaho

Trustees in Attendance Chairman Mike Vuittonet, Janet Calinsky, Jana Nichols, Reid Olsen, Anne Ritter

Staff in Attendance Dr. Linda Clark, Eeve Kiler, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan

Guests Nick Miller, Eric Heringer

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mike Vuittonet

At the request of Dr. Clark, executive session was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Vuittonet took a roll call vote of the board to move to executive session to discuss a legal issue. Trustee Olsen voted yes, Trustee Nichols voted yes, Trustee Calinsky voted yes, Trustee Ritter voted yes, and Trustee Vuittonet voted yes.

Upon recess from executive session at 7:04 p.m., the board moved into regular session.

REGULAR SESSION

Staff in Attendance As above, Lori Bafundi, Cathy Thornton, Joe Yochum, Cindee Powell, Darcy Beck, Cathy Hagadone, Barbara Leeds, David Moser, Joe Palaia, Leslie Diffin, Karel Olsen, Joann Grether, Ann Pardew-Peck,

Guests Gary West, Hailey Breany, Ryan Grether, Will Berg, Andrea Smith, Cameron Bolinder, Eli Walton, Cole Pendell Andrew Johnson, Ray Mullins, Andrew Yoder, Nick Wells, Abby Lange, Sarah Smith, Kaedy Pardew-Peck, Alexandra Lenaghan, Alyssa Allen, Brenda Walton, Tessa Wickham, Luisi Jones, Jan Sylvester

Consent Agenda Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of Dalia Armentrout, termination, to the employment recommendations. Approved items are as follows:

Minutes of the April 8, 2008 regular board meeting;

Consent Agenda – cont.

Employment Recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Bernice Cooper, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Jill Edwards, teacher, three (3) days;
- Elisa Girona, occupational therapist, three (3) days;
- Heidi Hartnett, teacher, 2008-2009 school year;
- Jill McGraw, teacher, 2008-2009 school year;
- Anne Moresco, nurse, one (1) day;
- Stephanie Pirc, teacher, eight (8) days;
- Linda Sevy, resource assistant, one-half (½) day;
- Jean Zorr-Uebelacker, teacher, one (1) day;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Jeannie Anderson, Laura Soper, off contract, Advanced Placement Institute, San Diego, California;
- Jennifer Anderson, four (4) days, 2008 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, Reno, Nevada;
- Penny Andrew, Dale Garrard, Wendy Thompson, off contract; Jana McCarthy, patron, International Baccalaureate Training, Lake Tahoe, Nevada;
- Heather Bachman, Jessica Jensen, two (2) days, 15th Annual Idaho State Prevention Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho;
- Amy Brown, off contract, National Restaurant Association Education Foundation Summer Institute, Columbia, South Carolina;
- Gail Chumbley, off contract, American History Summer Workshop, Murray, Utah;
- Alice Clemans, off contract, National Middle School Association Institute for Middle Level Leadership, Charleston, South Carolina;
- Adam Collins, Gena Marker, off contract; Cindy Sisson, five (5) days, International Baccalaureate training, Montezuma, New Mexico;
- Ada Collins, off contract, AP Summer Institute, Incline Village, Nevada;
- James Corey, off contract, Cherry Creek AP Institute, Greenwood, Colorado;
- Tanya Elmer, off contract, Phoenix Desert Advanced Placement Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona;
- Denise Florian, off contract, AP Statistics Workshop, Bellevue, Washington;
- Jeffrey Hoseley, off contract, Southern California AP Institute, Palos Verde, California;
- David Lawrence, off contract, Pacific Northwest AP Institute, Seattle, Washington;
- Randy Mahler, three (3) days, ASCD Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Heath McInerney, Susan McInerney, off contract, Professional Learning Communities Conference, San Francisco, California;
- Mary Newhouse, Cindee Powell, Rachel Vachon, three (3) days, National Institute on Legal Issues on Individuals with Disabilities, Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Sheila Robertson, one (1) day, NIC Performance Prep, San Diego, California;

Consent Agenda – cont.

- Jason Warr, off contract, 5th Annual West Coast Effective School Conference, Ontario, California;

Non-resident student requests for the 2008-2009 school year;

Notice of retirement for Vickie Martin, Centennial High School registrar, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year;

Requests to alter/improve school properties at:

- Heritage Middle School, placement of equipment and antennas on a ball field light pole by Clearwire;
- Sawtooth Middle, purchase and installation of reader board, funded through a city of Meridian recycling grant and the PTSA, in the amount of \$33,896.70;

Authorization for Ginny Barky, a teacher educator at George Fox University, to conduct a research study at Mountain View High School of high schools implementing change to help students be more successful;

REVISED Job description for Grounds Supervisor;

Waiver of rental fees at Pepper Ridge Elementary for the Summer Fun Program;

Bids awarded to the lowest responsible bidders for:

- Centennial High School paving to American Paving in the amount of \$369,568;
- Lake Hazel Middle School tennis court resurfacing to Haemker Construction in the amount of \$149,814;
- Rocky Mountain High School musical instruments to various bidders in the amount of \$128,134;
- Siena K8 pervious concrete pavement to Herculean Concrete Systems in the amount of \$717,400;
- Siena K8 wheelchair lift to hardware Sales and Service in the amount of \$22,922;

Recommended student expulsion;

Recommendation to file habitual truancy with the prosecuting attorney.

Discussion / Action

Dr. Clark requested that a Special Education update be added to the agenda.

Bond Defeasance
Resolution Approved

Nick Miller representing Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP; and Eric Heringer, representing Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation, discussed utilizing \$14,500,000 that has accumulated in the bond reserve fund to pay off bonds that mature in the future through defeasance. Mr. Heringer described defeasance as the process of setting aside current funds in an irrevocable escrow account that would be invested in US government securities for the purpose of paying off existing bonds early. The escrow account would make all interest payments and principal payments on specific maturities of the District's currently outstanding bonds; and

Bond Defeasance
Resolution – cont.

the District would no longer need to make the payments on the defeased bonds from property tax revenue in the future. Mr. Heringer reviewed outstanding bonds that have callable principal amounts and recommended that trustees consider the Series 2005 bond issue with a call date of 8/15/2010 and the Series 2002 bonds that have a call date of 7/30/2012. Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to enter into the Escrow Agreement and approve the form, terms and provisions of the Escrow Agreement as presented to the Board; and the board authorizes Eeve Kiler to transfer said funds.

Special Education Update

Cathy Thornton, director of special programs, introduced members of her staff, Cindee Powell, Darcy Beck, Cathy Hagadone, Leslie Diffin, and Karel Olsen. Ms. Thornton guided trustees through a comparison of eight years data on the growth of special education students beginning with school year 2000-2001. Data continues to show a decline in the number of students with learning disabilities. Ms. Thornton indicated that the decrease comes from a healthy system with the district doing a great job educating students in general education classes. Mrs. Thornton also shared data showing increases in the number of special needs students with complex needs. She highlighted the areas of concern for her department: retaining special education teachers, recruitment of qualified special education teachers, training for certified and classified staff, and supporting schools having students with disabilities AYP challenges.

Trustees commended Mrs. Thornton and her staff for their outstanding work.

2008-2009 Academy
Parent Handbook
Approved

Joe Palaia, Meridian Academy principal, reviewed additional changes to the academy parent handbook for the 2008-2009 school year. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve proposed changes to the academy student parent handbook as presented.

Social Studies Textbook
Adoption Approved

Social Studies and Health Coordinator Lori Bafundi presented the recommended Social Studies textbook adoption for grades 6 – 12. Trustee Nichols moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation as presented. It was noted that, due to the unavailability of current texts, the district will purchase the newly adopted texts for Rocky Mountain High School; however, no budgeting has been done for replacement of texts in other schools.

Middle School

6 th Grade	World Civilizations 6AB	Holt: World History ©2008
7 th Grade	World Civilizations 7AB	McDougal Littell: Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction ©2009
8 th Grade	Geography	Holt: World Geography ©2007

High School

9 th Grade	Global Perspectives	Glencoe: World Geography & Cultures ©2008
10 th Grade	US History 10A&B	Prentice Hall: United States History ©2008

Social Studies Adoption – cont.

11 th Grade	US History 11A&B	Prentice Hall: United States History ©2008
12 th Grade	American Government A&B	Prentice Hall: Magruder's American Government ©2008
12 th Grade	Economics	EMC: Economics: New Ways of Thinking ©2007
11 th /12 th Grade	Psychology I	Glencoe: Understanding Psychology ©2008
11 th /12 th Grade	Sociology	Glencoe: Sociology & You ©2008
11 th /12 th Grade	Introduction to Law Enforcement	Glencoe: Street Law ©2006

6th Grade Growth and Development Videos Approved

Trustee Nichols moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed 6th Grade Growth and Development Videos as presented.

REVISED Policy Code No. 602.40, *Health Education*, Approved

Trustee Nichols moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve recommended changes to Policy Code No. 602.40, *Health Education*, as presented.

AMENDED Siena K8 Magnet School Boundary Approved

Eric Exline, public information, presented proposed changes to the Siena K8 Magnet School boundary to trustees. The boundary would change to include the Estonsia Subdivision located west of the Tuscany Subdivision. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Ritter seconded and the vote was unanimous to change the boundary as recommended.

Middle School Restructuring Update

Joe Yochum, central region director, provided trustees an update of the middle school restructuring process with a draft of the eighth grade exit standards for the class of 2009-2010. Eighth graders will be expected to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA during the eighth grade year, have passing grades in English, math and science, successfully complete the PACE project, have proficient/advanced Spring ISAT scale scores and have no more than 6 absences per semester. Failure to meet exit standards could result in classroom interventions, placement in math lab, literature lab and/or study lab in place of exploratory/elective, mandatory summer school, retention, and/or alternative school placement. Committee members will review proposals with the state task force before they are sent to the legislature next spring. A survey of middle school students is being conducted; the next meeting of the committee will include principals and parents; and the committee will propose a series of parent information meetings to be held at the district middle schools. Mr. Yochum will bring data from the student surveys and information from the state task force to the next board meeting.

Middle School Summer School Approved

Mr. Yochum presented a proposal to start a middle school summer school program this summer. The school will be available at no charge with the use of At Risk funding available from the state. Approximately 190 students are expected to enroll. Trustee Olsen moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposal for a summer school program for middle school students as presented.

Board Committee/Assignment Report Trustee Ritter reported on her GAC meetings with ISBA, a meeting with CIC committee at EHS regarding the press box, and a crisis management meeting.

Trustee Vuittonet reported on his meeting with C.O.M.P.A.S.S.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Clark reported on this year's senior project. An estimated 2000 students participated with the majority successful. This is the first year that students must be proficient on their entire project. The district will provide students who did not pass with support, practice and several opportunities to present to a new panel.

Dr. Clark reminded trustees that the MCEA Recognition night would be held on Thursday, April 24th; the Mayors Prayer Breakfast Thursday, April 24th, the ACAEOP Bosses Breakfast Friday, April 25th, the district Art Show, Friday, April 25th, and the We the People presentation on Saturday, April 26th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – reconvened – The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Upon recess from executive session at 9:13 p.m., the board continued in regular session.

PERSONNEL Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to remove an elementary teacher from administrative leave and to authorize contract leave for the remainder of the school year.

Dr. Clark informed trustees she had been invited to participate as a Superintendent Consultant member of the Educational Research and Development Institute. Trustee Olsen requested additional information regarding funding for the institute and the specifics of what they do. Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Olsen seconded and the vote was unanimous to allow Dr. Clark to participate as a member of the ERDI.

ADJOURNMENT Trustee Ritter moved, Trustee Nichols seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk