

Special Meeting

October 27, 2025 6:45 PM

West Ada School District
Sawtooth Boardroom
1303 E. Central Drive
Meridian, ID

The Board will convene in the Sawtooth Ballroom at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho. Park in the parking lot on the west side of the building and enter through the Renaissance High School main entrance. In-person attendance will be subject to seats available (60). If any auxiliary aids or services are needed for an individual with a disability, please contact 208-350-5800.

The meeting shall also be broadcast live on YouTube, which can be found at the [here \(https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuqhqbAZs3_a5WKu3gklsT0GNOE-WSJ8R\)](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuqhqbAZs3_a5WKu3gklsT0GNOE-WSJ8R).

Patrons who either reside in the District, are current staff members, enrolled students, or are the parent/guardian of an enrolled student may testify on agenda items during Patron Input, or make general comments during Good of the Order. Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and ten speakers total. Requests to speak may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board starting at 5:00PM up through meeting commencement. All requests will be shared with the Board and included in public record.

Agenda items are identified according to the West Ada School District Strategic Plan, aligning with focus areas such as communication and collaboration, personalized student success, safe & well-equipped schools, and teaching, learning, & innovation. For a more detailed overview of the West Ada School District Strategic Plan, please see [here \(https://www.westada.org/page/our-values\)](https://www.westada.org/page/our-values).

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered Action Items which the Board may enact through a single motion and vote. Any member of the Board may ask that an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business for discussion and action.

The Board may take action on any of the items listed as such in the agenda.

I. Call To Order

- Chair Frasure called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Chair Frasure led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Approval

- There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. New Business

Finalist Presentations – Zone 2 Trustee Vacancy

- Chair Frasure thanked the applicants for their interest and commitment to student education. Chair Frasure announced that with Kelsey Calhoon not present this evening, four applicants would be considered during the interview process to fill the Zone 2 vacancy.
- Chair Frasure began the interview process by asking each applicant to introduce themselves and share a brief overview of their background.

The Chairman of the Board will present a series of questions submitted by current trustees to go through with finalists in a round robin fashion; with each finalist given the maximum of 2 minutes to respond to each question.

1. How do you define the primary responsibilities of a school board trustee, and how would you contribute to the Board's overall effectiveness in fulfilling them?
2. Board members often face complex policy decisions without clear right or wrong answers. How do you approach making thoughtful, balanced decisions in those situations?
3. What do you see as the most significant challenges and opportunities facing our district over the next five years, and how should the Board position itself to meet them?
4. Tell us about a time you stood by a difficult decision. What made it challenging, and what did you learn from that experience?

Finalists

1. Kelsey Calhoon Kelsey Calhoon was not present for the interview and was not considered for the Zone 2 vacancy.
2. Christopher Darr For Christopher Darr's full testimony, please refer to the following YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=gvh0vW_dcN-gyL_c (https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=gvh0vW_dcN-gyL_c)
3. Hattie James For Hattie James's full testimony, please refer to the following YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=FgzCeCWf3sIEBtpZ (https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=FgzCeCWf3sIEBtpZ)

4. Evelyn McCullough For Evelyn McCullough's full testimony, please refer to the following YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=sTzBcltNKTQ7nEjl (https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=sTzBcltNKTQ7nEjl)
5. Susie Schuetz For Susie Schuetz's full testimony, please refer to the following YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=gvh0vW_dcN-gyL_c (https://www.youtube.com/live/1XxQ_ZIXMwc?si=gvh0vW_dcN-gyL_c)

V. Work Session

- Chair Frasure opened the discussion on the four applicants. Trustees expressed appreciation for the quality and thoughtfulness of all candidates. Several members noted the applicants' diverse backgrounds and experiences, highlighting strengths such as prior board experience, special education expertise, and cohesive, well-prepared responses.
- Overall, the Board emphasized gratitude for the applicants' willingness to serve and discussed the importance of identifying areas where the Board's current composition could be strengthened to best meet district needs.

VI. Unfinished Business

Moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Evelyn McCullough to fill the remaining term of the Zone 2 West Ada School Board Trustee position, which was vacated by Lucas Baclayon, in accordance with the provisions outlined in Idaho state code 33-504 and the Board's policies. This appointment will take effect immediately upon approval, with the term expiring on December 31, 2027.

Motion made by: David Binetti Voting: Unanimously Approved

- Chair Frasure congratulated Evelyn McCullough on her appointment as the Zone 2 Trustee for the West Ada School District. She expressed gratitude to all the applicants for their time and dedication, encouraging them to consider participating in upcoming committees.
- The swearing-in ceremony for Evelyn McCullough will take place at the November 10th board meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by: Angie Redford Motion seconded by: David Binetti Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chair Frasure adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.