

Candidate for Vice President

Wally Hedrick

Occupation:	State Director of Rural Development and Ranch Owner
Do you now have children in public schools?	No
In the past, have you had children in public schools?	Yes
Years of service as a trustee:	32
District / Charter School Name:	Meridian Technical Charter HS
Size of School District / Charter School:	200
Region No:	9



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Meridian Technical Charter HS

What have you accomplished while serving on your local school board?

During the course of my service on the Meridian School Board, collectively we guided the transformation of our rural school district into one of the largest districts in the state. As we recognized that "one size does NOT fit all" in education, we created academies for "at risk students", year round elementary schools for students who needed continuous exposure to an educational environment, transformed our junior high schools into middle schools to address the difficult transition years of our students, created 4-year high schools to address a stronger learning environment, passed bonds to build a total of 3 new high schools, 3 middle schools, and 5 elementary schools, revised and enhanced our curriculums, and expanded and developed an excellent staff with growth incentives.

As a member of the Board of Meridian Technical Charter High School, we have worked to create an educational environment for our students interested in engineering, computer programming and computer graphics. We have given some talented young people the opportunity to grow and excel in 480-hour internships, Skills USA, and prepare for a career, the military or college. We are a 5-star school that is recognized nationally for innovation and success of our students. In conjunction with several institutions of higher learning, we are working to initiate an Associate Degree program for our students.

Why do you wish to become a member of the Executive Committee?

ISBA and its members represent the "front line" of advocacy for public education in Idaho. Collectively we face some very difficult and challenging issues that impact the children that we all work so hard to support. Financial resources, local control, curriculums, hiring and maintaining the best professional educators and administrators, and growing and adapting to new and evolving educational approaches are but few of the challenges facing each and every school board in the great State of Idaho. ISBA brings together the talents, knowledge, and skills of the almost 700 dedicated men and women who make up the local public school boards. The opportunity to represent and serve these "educational champions" and work with our dedicated and hardworking staff would be an honor and privilege.

Education:

Graduate - Twin Falls High School
Bachelors Degree in Agriculture - University of Idaho / University of Nevada-Reno
Masters Degree in Marketing and Management - University of Northern Colorado
Various Military Schools and Courses

Resume:

State Director - USDA Rural Development • General Manager - Esco Supply • President - Resources Northwest, Inc.
Executive Director - Idaho Lottery • Project Director - Pacific Northwest Regional Commission • Associate Chief - Idaho State Planning

What other activities are you involved in?

American Legion, Optimist Football, Northwest Ada Little League, Vandal Boosters

Other Information:

Served in the U.S. Army 1970 - 1976