

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2009

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Board Chair Beth Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Beth Young, Bobby DuBois, Rita E Beebe and Superintendent Tom Opstad. Also present: staff and community members.

During the work/study session the board discussed strategic planning goals and action items. Mr. Opstad reviewed the work to date on the strategic plan. Additional work was done on the goals and action plans during the August Board/Administrator retreat. Discussion followed about the strategic plan.

### **TAPE 1, SIDE B**

Mr. Opstad and Business Manager Steve McIntire presented an update on budget planning for the 2010-11 school year.

There was no Executive Session. Ms. Young recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. for a five-minute break.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Also present was student board member Kerri Evalt.

Rita Beebe spoke about Columbus Day and the opening of the term for the Supreme Court on the first Monday of October, and led the pledge of allegiance.

There was no correspondence.

The board reviewed the minutes of September 28, 2009 regular school board meeting. Two corrections were noted: 1) on page one, Bobby DuBois' comments were incorrectly attributed to John Eissinger in "What's Good in the District." *Items two and three listed under Mr. Eissinger's comments will be corrected to attribute them to Mr. DuBois.* 2) On page four, Beth Young noted that under Board Member Announcements her comment was incomplete. This will be corrected to say, "Beth Young cannot attend the October 24<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning meeting." Motion to approve minutes as corrected was made by Bobby DuBois and seconded by Rita Beebe. Motion carried 3-0.

The board reviewed the agenda, and noted there were no changes. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by John Eissinger and seconded by Rita Beebe. Motion carried 5-0.

Included in the Consent Agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of October 12, 2009; 2) Payroll – September 2009; 3) Accept the resignation of Scott Wilson as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys' Basketball Coach effective immediately; 4) Recommend the individuals for supplemental contracts per attached list; 5) Approve the request for Allen Fox to attend the Love and Logic Seminar, October 29-30, 2009, in Portland, OR; 6) Approve the request for Jennifer Manning, Kate Garfield, Susan Doyle, M.J. Rak and Jackie Bucholz and 92 7<sup>th</sup> graders to attend the Maritime Discovery Program at the Port Townsend Maritime Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., May 24-June 15, 2010 (excluding May 28 and May 31); 7) Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Port Townsend School District and Jefferson County Public Health for Project Search Services for the 2009-10 SY.

### **Public Comments:**

- Julie Jablonski commented that the combined high school tennis team played at the Port Townsend High School courts, stating that a great surface makes good tennis. She also spoke about the Green Schools event on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Blue Heron.
- Tom Thiersch commented that there have been no recent Technology Committee meetings; yet the district spent \$20,000 to purchase 16 new Macintosh computers. He questioned why there is no long-range plan for tech. He feels that Macs are too expensive, considering a PC at Costco costs \$500.00.
- Sheila Murphy asked where the supplemental contract list noted in the agenda was located. She expressed concern about the lack of tech support impacting teaching at the high school, and stated that she believes Macs have fewer problems than PCs.

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### Board Member Comments:

- Bobby DuBois:
  - Stated that it is high time to have PCs in schools, commenting that when Darlene Quayle visited schools in Europe during her sabbatical she noted that schools there allow students to bring their own laptops to school and upload their homework. Kids without their own laptops could use school computers, so he sees this as a win/win for the district. This type of solution could also ease problems in classes that do not have enough computers.
  - Feels that passwords for the technology network need to be held by more than one person.
- Rita E. Beebe;
  - Agrees with Bobby about the password issue.
  - Will defer comment regarding the lack of technology staff, as the district has posted a job for an additional person in tech.

### Reports of the Superintendent:

Mr. Opstad reported on the following:

- OSPI's move to online testing. Mr. Opstad suggested that it would be nice for our district to participate in some way in the pilot program for online testing.
- Common Core Standards Initiative, which includes College and Career Readiness standards.
- Rita E. Beebe stated that at the WSSDA Regional Conference on October 3<sup>rd</sup> there was a report on the state's applying for "Race to the Top" competitive funds from the ~~AARA~~ **ARRA** funding. She also said that should the state determine that technology is a part of basic education, then funding should be available for laptops for all students, and online textbooks. She also stated that OSPI plans to coordinate state assessments with the Common Core Standards, which should decrease the cost of testing. Discussion followed.
- The district's bilingual instruction program, and per board policy 2110, presented the bilingual instruction program to the board for its annual approval. Motion to approve made by Bobby DuBois and seconded by Rita E. Beebe. Motion carried 3-0.

### TAPE 2, SIDE A

- Phones and firewall updates. Qwest is scheduled to come in to do all the necessary wiring to reconfigure Mt. View phones to work at Blue Heron. He stated that the firewall was purchased based on the recommendation of the Technology Department at the Olympic ESD. Tech staff from the ESD came to the district last week to configure the firewall, which includes wireless access, 600,000 concurrent sessions and VOIP capabilities. Ms. Young asked if VOIP would save the district money on long distance calls. Mr. McIntire stated that our current long distance is through the state, and is very reasonable.
- Cost for purchasing math curriculum for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Mr. Opstad stated that purchasing textbooks for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, as well as Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II would cost \$39,500, including tax. Discussion followed.
- Site planning for high school and elementary school with TCF Architects. He asked the board if they were interested in pursuing site planning at this time. All three board members present stated they were in favor, and Ms. Young said this would be a necessary part of the strategic plan. Discussion followed. Mr. Opstad will bring the proposal back in more detail at the next meeting.
- October enrollment. Still under budget by 15.89 FTE.
- Calendar of Events.

Kerri Evalt was excused at 8:35 p.m.

### Policy Review:

The August 2009 Policy News was brought for information.

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The following policy was presented for information only, as only references were updated:

- Policy 2151 Interscholastic Activities

The following policies were presented for first review:

- Policy 1225: School District Legislative Program
- Policy 3422/3422P: Competitive Sports – Concussion and Head Injury
- Policy 4260/4260P: Use of Facilities

Discussion followed. Ms. Young questioned why WSSDA created a new policy 3422, instead of including the information in policy 2151. These policies will be brought back for second review at the next meeting.

Board Member Announcements:

- Rita Beebe reported on the WSSDA Regional Meeting held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Joyce, WA.
- Beth Young asked if the board could pass a resolution for or against a ballot measure. Discussion followed.
- The board discussed having the Superintendent develop fact sheets to share with the community, perhaps through a column in the newspaper.

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- Rita E. Beebe reported that WSSDA will be asking board members to vote at the annual meeting to increase WSSDA annual dues. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:10 p.m.

All letters, resolutions, and pertinent information referred to within may be found in the Supplemental File as if fully set forth within.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Young, Chairman