

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 22, 2010

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The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Anne Burkart at 6:02 p.m. Present: Anne Burkart, Holley Carlson, Beth Young, Kerri Evalt and Tom Opstad. Also present were staff and members of the community.

The board shared "What's Good in the District:"

- Holley Carlson stated that the middle school production of "Beauty and the Beast" was great, and the kids really enjoyed performing.
- Beth Young congratulated Tom Opstad for his success defense of his thesis and earning his doctorate.
- Anne Burkart also congratulated Dr. Opstad. She attended "Beauty and the Beast" as well and enjoyed the performance.
- Tom Opstad reported that a group of volunteers have been working on pulling poison hemlock at the high school and middle school. He also thought Christina Carpentier did a great job with "Beauty and the Beast." He enjoyed going to the cast party at Nifty Fifty's. He mentioned that the first meeting of the Wellness Committee has been scheduled for March 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Correspondence was received from Candace Cosler reporting on the cost savings of the composting program at Grant Street School. Correspondence was also received from Dorothy Stengel in support of the composting program at Grant Street.

Public Comments:

Tom Thiersch:

- Voiced continued concerns about the district entering into the Interlocal agreement for the Resource Conservation Manager (RCM).

Harry Doyle:

- Stated that a consultant could be hired and paid on a percentage basis to do what is included in the Interlocal agreement for a RCM.

Nik Lance:

- Also expressed concerns about the Interlocal agreement for a RCM. With the district needing to run an M&O levy next year, he stated that there is a large potential downside without a matching upside. Concerned that the district can meet the goals required in the agreement.

Julie Jablonski:

- Reiterated the need to reconvene the district's Long-Range Planning Committee.

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2010, school board meeting. A motion was made by Holley Carlson and seconded by Beth Young to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

The board reviewed the agenda and the consent agenda. Anne Burkart stated that Accounts Payable were in order. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Beth Young and seconded by Holley Carlson. Motion carried 3-0.

Included in the consent agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of March 22, 2010; 2) Accept the retirement/resignation of Louise Raymond, 1.0 FTE Special Education teacher, effective the end of the 2009-10 school year; 3) Recommend Nicole Coates, 4.0 hours/day Special Education Paraeducator, for the 5.75 hours/day Special Education Paraeducator position at Grant Street Elementary, effective March 16, 2010; 4) Approve Chris Pierson, four chaperones and nineteen students to attend the Mock Trial State Competition, March 26-28, 2010, in Olympia, WA; 5) Approve Jim Guthrie, two chaperones and eight students to attend the state Knowledge Bowl Competition, March 26-27, 2010, in Spokane Valley, WA; 6) Approve Tedd Davis, 25 chaperones, and 80 students to go on a field trip to Mount Saint Helen's National Park, June 14-17, 2010.

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Jon Gores from D.A. Davidson presented an overview of capital levies and bond issues. Discussion followed.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

Discussion with Mr. Gores continued.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

Dr. Opstad presented an update on the Interlocal Agreement for a Resource Conservation Manager (RCM). Holley Carlson requested more background information, asking the origin of this idea. Dr. Opstad outlined the conversations that have been taking place during the last year with both Washington State University (WSU) and Puget Sound Energy (PSE). Discussion followed. The board requested that this agreement be placed on the agenda for the March 29, 2010 Special Board Meeting for final action.

Dr. Opstad presented Resolution 10-03: Change Signatories on District Accounts. This will allow Amy Khile to be added to the district's accounts, and will remove Steve McIntire from the accounts. Motion to approve made by Beth Young and seconded by Holley Carlson. Motion carried 3-0.

Dr. Opstad presented the calendars for the 2010-2011 school year and 2011-2012 school year for approval. A motion to approve both school year calendars was made by Beth Young and seconded by Holley Carlson. Motion carried 3-0.

TAPE 2, SIDE B

Dr. Opstad presented the Calendar of Events. He deferred the staffing process update, stating that he is still waiting for the legislature to finalize the education budget for next year.

Policies brought for first review:

- Policy 2022/2022P: Electronic Information Systems (Networks).
- Policy 2024/2024P: Capital Assets/Theft-Sensitive Assets.

Dr. Opstad presented both of these policies to the Technology Committee members for their review. These policies will be brought back for second review at a future meeting, after review and recommendations by the Tech Committee.

Policies brought for second review:

- Policy 4130/4130P: Title I Parent Involvement
- Policy 6801/6801P: Capital Assets/Theft Sensitive Assets

Anne Burkart stated that there was no news from the legislature as yet. The "sticking point" between the houses seems to be K-4 enhancement.

Bobby DuBois arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Dr. Opstad reported on the WSSDA Regional meeting, which he attended on March 13th in Port Angeles. He stated that at the meeting the group discussed Core 24 and the new accountability index. He stated that Port Townsend High School has been recognized as one of the top 174 schools in the state for its extended graduation rate. He also stated that individuals from Port Angeles School District gave a demonstration of "Board Docs" software.

The meeting was recessed at 7:54 p.m. for a five minutes break. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m. with a work/study session about the 2010-11 budget.

Dr. Opstad reviewed how the district's revenue is determined based on a formula set by OSPI's Apportionment and Finance Department. He also stated that he is working with the new Business Manager, Amy Khile to create budget presentations that are more graphical to use for ongoing budget

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reporting. Dr. Opstad reported that the District Budget/Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Building Board Room.

TAPE 3, SIDE A

The work/study session was shortened, as the budget information has not yet been received from the state. A special board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. The board will discuss strategic planning and the 2010-11 school year budget at that time.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____

Anne Burkart, Vice-Chairman