

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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Board Chair Bobby DuBois called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Bobby DuBois, Beth Young and Jennifer James-Wilson. Also present were Superintendent Gene Laes, staff, students, community members and a member of the press. Holley Carlson and Anne Burkart were excused.

Mr. DuBois led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board reviewed the agenda. Mr. DuBois made a motion to remove personnel items 2.6 and 2.8 from the consent agenda, and act on them separately. He stated that as the Girls' Fastpitch Coach he would need to recuse himself from the discussion of these items. Ms. James-Wilson seconded the motion, which carried 3-0. Ms. Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda as revised. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Laes noted that Governor Gregoire has declared January to be School Board Recognition Month. He also presented each board member in attendance with similar proclamations from both the city and the county. The meeting recessed for a short reception in honor of the school board.

The following correspondence was received:

- An email from Kim Nunes regarding the Team Jefferson Business Cluster Report.

Public Comments were heard from:

Jessica Winsheimer:

- Thanked the board for the Grant Street breakfast trial, which was "no big deal" from the kids' perspective and did not cause a loss of revenue.
- Requested that the changes to Grant Street breakfast remain permanent, and go district wide.
- Recommended a similar lunch trial, stating that participation numbers may go up.

Seth Rolland:

- Thanked the board for their service.
- Spoke in support of continuing the healthy breakfast at Grant Street permanently, as well as continuing the program district wide.
- Is in support of modifying lunches district-wide as well.

Tom Thiersch:

- Noted typographical errors in the minutes.
- Noted that Kim Nunes' name was spelled incorrectly on the agenda.
- Stated that public comment was not allowed at the January 10th work/study meeting until after Policy 3245 was reviewed. He noted that the district's attorney gave different direction on that policy than what the board discussed at the work/study meeting. He recommended the board ignore the attorney's advice and adopt the policy as previously discussed.
- Objects to the idea of paying \$800.00 each for iPads for the school board, stating a laptop can be purchased for \$500.00.
- Noted that the minutes of the January 8th board retreat reflect the fact that two board members who are up for re-election in November are not planning to run again.
- Recommended the two board members consider that it is permissible to resign early, allowing the board to appoint someone to replace them.

Darlene Quayle:

- Stated that in the previous discussion of Policy 3245 she recommended that the word "administrator" in item A. be replaced with "official."

The following meeting minutes were brought for approval:

- December 13, 2010. Motion to approve made by Ms. James-Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.
- January 8, 2011. Ms. Young noted that the date is incorrectly written as 2010, and should be corrected to 2011 on the header. Motion to approve as corrected made by Ms. Young. Carried 3-0.

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- January 10, 2011. Ms. Young noted that the date is incorrectly written as 2010, and should be corrected to 2011 on the header and in the minutes. Motion to approve as corrected made by Ms. Young. Carried 3-0.

The board reviewed the revised consent agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Ms. Young. Motion carried 3-0. Included in the consent agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable for January 24, 2011; 2) Payroll – December 2010; 3) Accept the resignation from Barbara Henry, for the .17 FTE Music position at Grant Street Elementary, effective December 17, 2010; 4) Recommend Nicole Coates for the 6 hour/day Paraeducator position at Blue Heron Middle School, effective immediately; 5) Recommend Crystal Myers for the 6 hour/day Paraeducator position at Grant Street Elementary, effective immediately; 6) Accept the resignation of Maj-Britt Peacock, Bus Driver, effective January 11, 2011; 7) Recommend Bethany Smith for the position of Blue Heron Girls' JV Basketball Coach for the 2010-11 school year; 8) Accept the resignation of Jennifer Little as Middle School Track Coach, effective immediately; 9) Accept the donation of \$1,106.77 in printing services from Dan Huntingford of SOS Printing for the high school's 2010-11 basketball programs; 10) Accept the donation of \$49.00 in copying services from Dan Huntingford of SOS Printing for the district's levy fact sheet.

Mr. DuBois recused himself from discussion of the two items previously removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Young made a motion to accept the resignation of Shannon White, Assistant Fastpitch Coach, effective immediately; and approve the recommendation to hire Heather Polizzi as Assistant Fastpitch Coach for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goldstein introduced himself as the Resource Conservation Manager that has been hired to work for Jefferson County, the City of Port Townsend, Fort Worden and the Chimacum and Port Townsend School Districts. He gave a short presentation, and discussion followed.

Kathryne Kent introduced the certificated staff in the Blue Heron Special Education Department, Kathy Knoblach, Dar Flanagan, Darlene Marmol and Deb Rich. Each of the staff gave a description of their work in the department.

Carrie Ehrhardt introduced representatives of several groups who work with Port Townsend High School in community partnerships, and each of the representatives gave a brief description of their partnership:

- Garin Williams – School Resource Officer, in collaboration with the Port Townsend Police Department.
- Deputy Chief Ted Krysinski and Lieutenant Steve Grimm from East Jefferson Fire and Rescue, who are working with students in the Sports Medicine program to create a student emergency response team.
- Shirley Moss and Pam Talino from the Food Bank have worked with the high school to provide groceries for homeless high school students to take with them for meals outside of school hours.
- Lela Hilton from the Bard College Clemente Course out of the WSU Learning Center, who is piloting a Clemente Course for high school students with the Mar Vista program.
- Jody Glaubman from Port Townsend Public Library. The library collaboration is in the grant-writing phase with the goal of bringing the schools into the CLAN library system. Ms. Glaubman spoke about the upcoming Teen Read program, which was funded through a grant from the Paul Allen Family Foundation. The book chosen is "Thirteen Reasons Why," by Jay Asher.
- Kelly Matlock and Julia Danskin from the Jefferson County Health Department, and Kristin Schutte from ESD 114. Both organizations work with the high school on its Prevention/Intervention program.
- Matt Juran and Seiji Thielk, both high school seniors. Both students serve on the board of the Jefferson YMCA, and have chosen this work as their senior projects.

Mark Decker spoke about the numerous community partnerships, collaborations, and volunteers working with Blue Heron Middle School.

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Steve Finch spoke about the active Grant Street PTA, which raised over \$23,000 in its silent auction fundraiser on January 22nd. Dr. Finch also spoke about volunteer tutors, the “Read to Rover” program, the volunteer work done by the Boeing Bluebills and the eScrip program at Safeway.

Mr. Laes stated that the ballots for the levy are out, and an informational fact sheet was mailed to each residence in the district last week.

Mr. Laes presented a letter written by the Crossroads group (consisting of superintendents, administrators, board members, and certificated staff from school districts in our region) to the state legislators and the State Department of Education requesting the legislators and the Governor honor their oaths of office by making ample public education their first priority. The letter also outlined the numerous unfunded mandates required by the state and federal governments.

Mr. Laes presented the January enrollment and Calendar of Events.

Ms. Khile presented the November budget report. Discussion followed.

Mr. DuBois called for a short break at 8:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Laes recommended the purchase of five iPads for school board members. Discussion followed about the most cost effective device to purchase, and how the board will use them. After discussion, Mr. DuBois suggested that board members speak to other boards using iPads. Mr. Laes suggested asking a Chimacum board member to come to a work/study meeting and do a demonstration. No action was taken.

Mr. Laes recommended the board approve the request by the YMCA for the district to remove the glass mosaic installed on the wall outside of the pool at Mountain View. There is concern about the potential for injury, as several of the glass tiles are missing leaving sharp edges. During discussion it was suggested that the mosaic be repaired, or if that is not feasible, to honor it in some way before removal. Mr. Decker offered to have the mosaic installed at Blue Heron, if moving it is feasible. Mr. Laes and Mr. Herrington will view the mosaic and assess the damage before a final decision is made. No action was taken.

The following policies were brought for approval:

- Policy 3143: District Notification of Juvenile Offenders. Motion to approve was made by Ms. James-Wilson and seconded by Ms. Young. Motion carried 3-0.
- Policy 3207: Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. James-Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.
- Policy 3245: Students and Telecommunications Devices. Changes suggested by the district’s attorney were reviewed. After discussion, the following recommendations were made:
 - Change the word “administrator” to “official” in item A.
 - Delete the following sentence from item E: “By bringing a cell phone or other electronic device to school or a school-sponsored event, a student and his or her parent/guardian consent to its search under these conditions.”
 - Delete item G: “Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.”
 - Add RCW 9.68A.011, noted in item C to the list of legal references.

Before bringing back for further review, Mr. Laes will establish a timeline for doing student assemblies to educate students on the issues raised in this policy. He will also develop the procedure for the policy and share it with the board for their information. No action was taken.

- Policy 4215: Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances. Motion to approve was made by Ms. James-Wilson and seconded by Ms. Young. Motion carried 3-0.
- Policy 4315: Release of Information Concerning Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. James-Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.

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- Policy 5005: Employment: Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. James-Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.
- Policy 5406: Leave Sharing. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. James-Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.
- The 6000 policy series. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Young. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Announcements:

Ms. James-Wilson:

- Stated that the January 2011 WSSDA newsletter noted that grants are available for sustainable school projects, and the deadline to apply is February 28th. Dr. Finch expressed interest in reviewing the information.
- Expressed concern about the number of homeless students in the state, and in the district.
- Announced that Quality Community Schools was invited to present information about the levy at Kala Point on Tuesday.
- Stated the need to give state legislators concrete information about how budget cuts will affect specific programs.
- Noted that Port Angeles School District has scheduled a meeting between their food service department and local farmers.

Ms. Young stated she plans to attend the WSSDA Legislative Conference in Olympia, February 27-28, 2011. Ms James-Wilson expressed interest in attending as well. Ms. Burkart will be consulted and either she or Ms. James-Wilson will accompany Ms. Young.

Items suggested for the February 14, 2011 work/study meeting were:

- Presentation on the McKinney-Vento Act and the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness.
- Scheduling the next board retreat.
- Discuss options for choosing a facilitator for the completion of the strategic plan.

There was no Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene R. Laes, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
Bobby DuBois, Board Chair