

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, Anne Burkart, Holley Carlson, Beth Young, Jennifer James-Wilson, Tom Opstad, staff, community members and a member of the press.

The board recessed to Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss qualifications of employment. The meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

The Board Reviewed "What's Good in the District:"

- Tom Opstad presented a plaque received from the Risk Pool recognizing Port Townsend High School's 100% compliance on the risk assessment for extracurricular activities. Dr. Opstad commended Principal Carrie Ehrhardt for her hard work, and stated that this achievement resulted in a 5% decrease in premiums for the district.
- Beth Young said that the graduation ceremony was wonderful, and noted the value of small schools for allowing students to get to know one another and their teachers well.
- Jennifer James-Wilson stated that she and her family attended Hoopfest in Spokane, and she felt part of a community with the Port Townsend contingent there.
- Holley Carlson said it was great to see families enjoying summer.
- Anne Burkart stated that she's had several conversations with school children, and they generally enjoy school.
- Bobby DuBois stated that today was Tom Opstad's last day in the district, and expressed appreciation for his guidance and support, as well as wishing him good luck in the future.

An email was received from Kim Rubida regarding school start times.

Public Comments:

- Julie Jablonski stated that the new interim superintendent should review financial estimates with David Herrington regarding the Grant Street boiler. She has concerns about possible cost overruns.
- Tom Thiersch stated that the policy cited in the surplus book request is incorrect. It should be Policy 6881, not Policy 2311. He also urged the board to replace the current Policy 2022 and its forms with the WSSDA version. He stated that the instruction on the form to "delete emails" should be revised. He expressed concern about the district spending money to hire Brian Metke as a consultant. If he is being brought in for strategic planning, the district has already spent money on a consultant, held community meetings and created a task force. Ultimately the board should do the work to finish the strategic plan.

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 14, 2010, regular board meeting. Motion to approve made by Anne Burkart and seconded by Beth Young. Carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2010, special board meeting. Motion to approve made by Beth Young and seconded by Holley Carlson. Carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the agenda and the consent agenda. Beth Young stated that policy referred to in Mary Stolaas' request for surplus books should be Policy 6881. Jennifer James-Wilson stated that Gail Eisenberger's name should be "Gay." [Gail is her legal name, and she requested it be used.] Beth Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections noted. Holley Carlson seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Included in the consent agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of June 28, 2010; 2) Accept the resignation of Alice Van Beuzekom, Paraeducator, effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year; 3) Approve Aleen Berard to attend the Two P.E. Guys "Fun-Tastic Physical Ed" Conference, July 26-30, 2010, in Lynwood, WA; 4) Approve Leslie Schroeder to attend the ASCD Summer Assessment Showcase, July 27-30, 2010,

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in Denver, CO; 5) Approve the request to surplus one 10-year old iMac, tag # 08033, which is no longer working and of no value to the district, from the Blue Heron staff room; 6) Approve the request to surplus 3126 items from the Mt. View Library collection, and 2500 items from the Blue Heron Library collection, to be sold at a library book sale, and the proceeds to be used for future library purchases; 7) Approve the request to surplus one Eiki Model 7070A combination CD/Audio Cassette Play, tag #07926, which is broken and of no value to the district; 8) Accept the donation of \$80.00 from Sandra Thompson to be used for the 8th grade Mt. St. Helen's trip scholarship fund; 9) Accept the donation of \$374.00 from Gail Eisenberger to support a field trip to the Seattle Aquarium for 22 students in Mr. Behrenfeld's science class at the high school.

The board discussed the .8 FTE contract for Interim Superintendent for Gene R. Laes. After discussion, Anne Burkart made a motion to approve the .8 FTE Interim Superintendent contract for Gene Laes for the 2010-2011 school year. Jennifer James-Wilson seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

Carrie Ehrhardt presented the High School Athletics financial report. Discussion followed.

The following cooperative sports programs were brought for approval (for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years): Boys' Cross-Country; Girls' Cross-Country; Boys' and Girls' Wrestling and Girls' Swimming. After discussion, Anne Burkart made a motion to approve the cooperative programs as listed above. Beth Young seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

David Herrington presented the bids to replace the boiler at Grant Street School, and recommended the board accept bid #4. Discussion followed. Jennifer James-Wilson made a motion to approve bid #4 for the replacement boiler at Grant Street. Holley Carlson seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the strategic plan motto and vision. After discussion Jennifer James-Wilson made a motion to approve the core principles as a foundation to the strategic plan. Holley Carlson seconded the motion, which failed 0-5. After further discussion, Anne Burkart made a motion to approve the strategic plan as presented. Beth Young seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

TAPE 2, SIDE B

Resolution 10-12: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was brought for approval. A motion was made by Anne Burkart and seconded by Beth Young to approve Resolution 10-12. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. DuBois called a 5-minute recess at 7:52 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Amy Khile presented the April and May Budget Status reports. She anticipates that the district will finish the year with a 5% fund balance.

Superintendent Opstad presented the Calendar of Events.

The board discussed capital levy and bond capacity.

The following policies were brought for first review:

- Policy 2004: Accountability Goals
- Policy 2410/2410P: Graduation Requirements

Both policies require revision to remove references to "WASL" and replace them with "state assessment." These policies will be brought back for second review at the next meeting.

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Policy 2022: Electronic Resources was brought for second review. The board discussed the issue of archiving emails. Ms. Young requested that the words “and destroyed” be struck from the sentence: “Any such equipment will be confiscated and destroyed” in the procedure. The board stated a desire to revise the student agreement forms. This policy will be brought back for third review at the next meeting, and the WSSDA versions of the student agreements will be included.

TAPE 3, SIDE A

The board discussed a date for the August Board/Administrator’s retreat. After discussion it was scheduled for Saturday, August 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jennifer James-Wilson recommended a location, and will report on its availability at the July 12th meeting.

The board discussed WSSDA’s request for proposals for the November meeting. Jennifer James-Wilson, Anne Burkart, Bobby DuBois and Beth Young will attend the WSSDA annual conference. Rosanne Butler will make reservations after determining if Gene Laes will also attend.

Bobby DuBois announced that he has met with Gene Laes, and that Gene has met with the Administrators and district office staff. Bobby feels the district is in good hands. He also clarified an inaccuracy in the Peninsula Daily News and in the Leader regarding Brian Metke’s role as a consultant. The board is interested in exploring his expertise on Blue Ribbon schools. Mr. Laes will be the district interface between the board and Dr. Metke. Jennifer James-Wilson also clarified that he may be asked to do special projects as needed or wanted.

Bobby DuBois announced that he would not be in attendance at the July 12th board meeting.

Holley Carlson shared information from Dr. Opstad’s last weekly update, commenting on the positive things he noted regarding the community, schools and students.

The board discussed the recent meeting between the Farm to Cafeteria group and the Giving Circle of the Jefferson Community Foundation. Ms. James-Wilson stated that she attended the meeting on June 22nd as an observer. She stated it was a question and answer session that lasted about two hours. The Giving Circle would continue to do research, and someone from that group would like a tour of the kitchen facilities.

Ms. James-Wilson asked how far the board is in the review of the 6000 policies. Discussion followed about the possibility of changing how policies are reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
Bobby DuBois, Board Chair