

**WORK/STUDY SESSION**

**April 16, 2007**

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The Port Townsend School District Board of Directors met for a work/study session on Monday, April 16, 2007, at the Lincoln Building, 450 Fir Street, Port Townsend, WA. Present were Board members John Eissinger, Beth Young, Loren Monroe and Tracy Reinhart. Also present was Superintendent Thomas Opstad, staff member Rosanne Butler, and interested community members. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair John Eissinger. Rita E. Beebe arrived at 6:20 p.m.

The Board discussed questions that were generated from their joint work/study session with the Port Townsend City Council on March 20, 2007, and heard an update from Superintendent Opstad about answers he has received on those questions since the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion followed.

The Board and Superintendent Opstad discussed the role of ESD 112's Construction Services Department, which specializes in helping small districts plan new facilities.

The Board brainstormed possibilities for remodeling Grant Street Elementary versus building a new K-5 elementary school with an early childhood education center on the present Grant Street campus. The Board also discussed the urgent needs at the high school and different scenarios to address them.

The Board discussed the necessity of continuing talks with the City Council. Rosanne Butler stated that the City Clerk had contacted her to schedule a second joint work/study session. Board members selected Tuesday, May 29, 2007, as their first choice for this meeting. Ms. Butler will follow up on scheduling with the City Clerk, and will update the Board as soon as a date is determined.

The Board spoke about the upcoming community meeting to discuss the district's facilities planning with community members. The first community meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Heron Middle School Commons. A second community meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., also at the middle school commons.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Eissinger, Board Chairman