

## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**December 11, 2006**

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### **TAPE 1, SIDE A**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port Townsend School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair John Eissinger at the Lincoln Building, 450 Fir Street, Port Townsend, WA. Present were Board members John Eissinger, Beth Young, Loren Monroe and Rita E. Beebe. Also present were Superintendent Tom Opstad, members of the Long Range Planning Committee, community members and a member of the press. The group discussed the recommendations summarized in the Long Range Planning report. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. where they discussed legal and personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Also present were students, staff and community members.

Beth Young spoke about Pearl Harbor Day and Bill of Rights Day and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 4, 2006, regular Board meeting. Beth Young requested two corrections. On page 2, paragraph four the sentence should say, "Rita E. Beebe gave Mr. Brou the book "WASL Power" to review." On page 4, paragraph three the sentence should say, "OSPI Superintendent Bergeson and Governor Gregoire announced that they would request that the Legislature delay the Math WASL graduation requirement until 2011." Loren Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006, meeting as corrected. Rita E. Beebe seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

There was no correspondence.

The Board reviewed the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Tracy Reinhart had previously reported that the Accounts Payable were in order. Beth Young made a motion to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Loren Monroe seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Included in the Consent Agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of December 11, 2006; 2) Recommend Joan Gitelman for the .15 FTE Birth-to-Three leave replacement position for the period of November 1, 2006, through April 30, 2007; 3) Recommend Jean Noel for the 1.0 FTE Special Education leave replacement position at Blue Heron Middle School for second semester, January 29, 2007, through the end of the 2006-07 school year; 4) Approve the request for Barbara Henry, 49 PTHS Orchestra students and 10 chaperones to attend an Orchestra retreat January 6-8, 2007, at Icicle Creek Music Center in Leavenworth, WA.

During Public Comments Steve Finch spoke as a member of the Levy Committee, stating the committee was ready to "go to work immediately" as soon as the Board passed the Resolution setting the levy.

High School ASB Co-Presidents Cameron Spray and Derek Rubio and Treasurer Tori Wilfong gave the ASB report. They discussed fall activities and plans for upcoming events. The major project ASB is working on is to remove the deteriorating wooden sign currently on the corner of Blaine and Benton, and replace it with a sign engraved in marble or granite, which will be located on the brick wall on the end of Pierce Street. The officers stated that ASB has been a positive experience, giving them both responsibility and leadership opportunities. They also mentioned that they enjoy working with ASB Advisors Kathy Cavette and Russ Hickman. High School Principal Carrie Ehrhardt complimented the ASB leadership this year for their hard work. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Opstad reported that there was excellent turnout for the 6:00 p.m. discussion between the School Board and the Long Range Planning Committee about the committee's recommendations. Mr. Opstad described how the report is structured. Discussion followed.

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Superintendent Opstad reported on the WERA conference that he recently attended. Conference topics included possibilities and advantages in restructuring high schools. Mr. Opstad reported that he was able to pick up copies of the released Math items from WASL booklets for grades 3-8. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Opstad presented Resolution 06-16: M&O Levy Request, for action. Mr. Opstad stated that the Levy Committee has given unanimous support to a four-year levy. Mr. Opstad thanked Steve McIntire for working with Jack Westermann and the district's legal council in preparing the resolution. Discussion followed. Rita E. Beebe made a motion to approve Resolution 06-16: M&O Levy Request. Beth Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Rita E. Beebe: aye; Loren Monroe: aye; Beth Young: aye; John Eissinger: aye. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Eissinger expressed his thanks to the Levy committee for their work. Mr. Eissinger also thanked the Long Range Planning Committee for their time and efforts. He especially thanked committee co-chairs J. Piper and Julie Jablonski for their work.

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The Board reviewed a letter from Athletic Director Russ Hickman requesting blanket approval to send winter sports teams to WIAA post-season district, regional and state tournaments. During discussion the Board recommended that future letters from Mr. Hickman be co-signed by the High School Principal, so the Board knows that the principal has also reviewed the request. Beth Young made a motion to approve the request for blanket approval to send winter sports teams to WIAA post-season district, regional and state tournaments. Loren Monroe seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Superintendent Opstad presented the enrollment for December 2006.

Superintendent Opstad presented the Calendar of Events. The second December meeting will be for Accounts Payable only, and will be held on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the District Office. The Board discussed the upcoming Legislative Conference February 25-26, 2007, in Olympia. Rita E. Beebe stated she will be unable to attend the conference, and will ask Tracy Reinhart if she is able to substitute.

The Board discussed a Board retreat for January 2007. The Board chose Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., location to be determined. After discussion the Board chose to schedule a follow up meeting, in case they were not able to complete their agenda on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The second meeting would be held on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If this meeting is not required, it will be cancelled. Topics for the Board retreat are:

- Review of Board Goals
- Long Range Planning
- Finances.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:15 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Eissinger, Board Chairman