

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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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, Tracy Reinhart, Loren Monroe, Rita E. Beebe and Beth Young. Also present were Superintendent Tom Opstad and Blue Heron Principal Mark Decker. The group discussed Blue Heron Middle School. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. where they discussed legal issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Also present were staff, students and members of the community.

Loren Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence was received from Kim and Pat Rubida in support of continuing all-day Kindergarten at Grant Street school. Mr. Opstad stated that he is keeping a file of comments about this issue.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 23, 2006, Regular Board Meeting. Loren Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2006, Regular Board Meeting. Beth Young seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Loren Monroe stated that Accounts Payable were in order. Tracy Reinhart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Rita E. Beebe seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Included in the consent agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of February 13, 2006; 2) Payroll – January 2006; 3) Accept the resignation of Michael Alstad, 1.0 FTE Band Teacher, effective January 31, 2006, for personal reasons; 4) Recommend Carol Light for the .5 FTE Sixth Grade Language Arts/Social Studies position for the 2005-2006 school year; 5) Recommend the employment of Sheri Shaw for the .5 FTE Kindergarten leave replacement position from February 27, through June 16, 2006; 6) Accept the resignation of Jody Glaubman, 5.0 hours/day Educational Assistant, effective February 24, 2006; 7) Recommend the employment of Gary DeGregorio for the supplemental position of Middle School Girls' Basketball Co-Coach for the 2005-06 school year; 8) Approve Mike Smallwood, 26 students and 5 chaperones to attend the Islandwood Environmental Education Center, February 21-23, 2006, in Bainbridge Island, WA; 9) Approve Barb Henry, 4 chaperones and 23 students to attend the CWU Orchestra Festival, March 6-7, 2006, in Ellensburg, WA; 10) Approve Leslie Lewis to attend the NW Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association, March 15-18, 2006, in Portland, OR; 11) Approve Russ Hickman to attend the Oregon AD Conference, April 21-25, 2006, in Bend, OR; 12) Approve Lorraine Kirsch, Melissa Nagy, Roger Mills, 15 chaperones and 95 students to attend Camp Moran, May 30-June 1, 2006, in Orcas Island, WA; 13) Approve the request to surplus miscellaneous items from Grant Street Elementary School, as per attached list; 14) Approve the request to surplus a 1982 white Chevrolet van, License # C52830, Vehicle # 255, VIN #1GCEG25D4C7141464, which is in poor repair and of no value to the district; 15) Approve the request to surplus Dreamwriter T400 keyboards, rolling carts with charging stations, and corresponding keyboarding manuals, as per the attached list, which are obsolete, and of no value to the district; 16) Accept the donation of a Digital Video Camcorder, GA#5-0321, valued at \$700.00, from the State of Washington Department of General Administration Surplus program, for use in the Media program at Port Townsend High School; Approve the agreement between Port Townsend School District and the City of Port Townsend for City staff to provide swimming instruction for Mt. View Elementary students for the 2006-2007 school year.

Public Comments were received from Sheila Murphy, Kathy Amico and Katie Campbell. All were in support of the "Tomahawk Cheer" at high school games.

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Darlene Quayle and Marci Van Cleve presented an ICE Update. Discussion followed.

Wendy Quayle presented the ICE ASB report. She said that she is the “unofficial” President, and that the ICE ASB is not very active at the moment. Drama club is most active. They have not done much fundraising or field trips. They plan to do more fundraising in the future.

Patti Spencer and Wanda Synnestvedt presented an update on the Mar Vista Alternative High School program. Mar Vista is divided into three programs: Day Program, PEP, and NovaNet. This year Mar Vista added classes in culinary arts, web design, and an opportunity to participate in a Wooden Boat Foundation program. Students can also take classes in philosophy, art and music. There was a generous donation to Mar Vista this year, which has helped support these programs.

Leo Mook presented the Mar Vista ASB report. There are 88 part time students. This year they plan to fundraise for an outreach program to San Lucas, Guatemala. One hundred percent of the money raised for this program will go to Guatemala.

Patti Spencer presented an update on the PEP program. PEP is an off-campus program. Teachers meet with the students once a week. PEP has been partnering with Gray Wolf Ranch. Paulette Lack is the teacher at Gray Wolf. There are 12 Gray Wolf students enrolled in PEP. There are between 9-13 Gray Wolf students enrolled in PEP during the school year. These students experience success in going to school, they are often kicked out of previous schools because of drug use.

Lisa Olsen reported on the OPEPO program. There are 43 students in 1st through 5th grade. OPEPO students presented information on various activities in OPEPO. Board Chairman John Eissinger thanked parents and students, and commented that the Board received and read the letters from parents regarding alternative programs.

Steve Finch presented an update on the Wednesday early dismissal program at Grant Street School. He stated that the early dismissal program is a key part of Grant Street’s School Improvement Plan. Students have been offered a variety of activities during the early release time. Staff has focused on Critical Friends groups (vertically aligned) that meet twice a month, and grade level teams (horizontally aligned) that meet in between. Libby Correll has met with all the staff. Discussion followed.

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Superintendent Opstad reported on the status of the portables. The district is trying to get an idea of which ones are in greatest need of repair. Steve and Ernie submitted a grant to help with needs. The estimate for roof replacement will be \$5,000.00 per portable.

Superintendent Opstad gave an update on the YMCA request to lease the Mt. View tennis courts. Beth Young suggested checking with Port Angeles. Mr. Opstad will continue to discuss with the YMCA. The Board requested a further update, perhaps from Bill Kush.

Steve McIntire presented the December Budget Status report.

Steve McIntire reported on the delivery of the school bus. The bus shows signs of having sat in salt water, or having driven through salt water. The manufacturer may have tried to cover the rust with black paint. Mr. McIntire said that the State Patrol inspected the bus for safety, and it passed. Mr. McIntire does not plan to accept the bus until it is repaired. Discussion followed.

Steve McIntire discussed the levy expenditure breakdown and distributed a handout.

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Steve McIntire explained the legal settlement with Qwest. Our district is responsible for \$12,764.21.

Discussion followed about a checklist for overnight field trips, thus ensuring that all steps are followed before the trip is placed on the board agenda for approval.

Superintendent Opstad presented the February enrollment. Enrollment has decreased slightly, but is following the same pattern as last year. Steve McIntire stated that enrollment should still end about 75 above budgeted. John Eissinger asked what enrollment number will be used for next year's budget. Mr. McIntire expects to use 1380-1390, similar to this year.

Superintendent Opstad presented the Calendar of Events.

Tracy Reinhart reported on the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference. She stated that it was one of the better conferences that she has attended. Governor Gregoire is supporting 38.4 million dollars to help with WASL. Hot issues are the same. Simple majority still doesn't have enough votes. Tracy and Tom met with Representative Jim Buck, who stated he supports alternatives to the WASL and using SATs. Tracy and Tom also met with Representative Lynn Kessler, who spoke about doing away with parking fees in state parks. Senator Hargrove spoke to them about supporting a bill to un-link the WASL to graduation. He is concerned about increased suicide rates and drop out rates if the requirement to pass the WASL to graduate is maintained. Governor Gregoire and OSPI Superintendent Bergeson spoke to the conference attendees during lunch.

The Board discussed the WSSDA Regional Meeting on March 25, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Sequim. John Eissinger and Beth Young plan to attend. Rosanne Butler will be directed to make reservations.

The Board discussed the February 27th meeting. All members expect to attend. There will be a budget discussion at 6:00 p.m. Tracy Reinhart will not be able to attend the March 13th Board meeting.

The Board discussed the presentations given in the meeting. They recommended that presentations be shorter, and would prefer a paper backup copy when Power Point presentations are given. John Eissinger expressed appreciation at having young people attend the meeting and present.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:45 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,

Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
John Eissinger, Board Chairman