

SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

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Board Chair Bobby DuBois called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Bobby DuBois, Beth Young, Holley Carlson, Anne Burkart and Jennifer James-Wilson. Also present were Superintendent Gene Laes, staff and community members.

Ms. Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following correspondence was received:

- An email from Julie Jablonski regarding suggested monthly budget update worksheet changes.
- An additional email from Julie Jablonski regarding suggested monthly budget update worksheet changes.
- An email from Jessica Winsheimer regarding YSA's Sodexo School Engagement Grants.
- A letter from Joy Wentzel regarding the successful fundraising to continue the school garden program.
- A letter from the Washington State Board of Education certifying the district as compliant with the basic education allocation allotment entitlement requirements for the 2010-11 school year.

Public Comments were heard from:

Tom Thiersch:

- Stated that the discussion of budget tonight is a good thing.
- Noted that he sent an email outlining some minor problems with a policy, and it would be courteous to review and respond.

Teresa Hoffman

- Expressed curiosity about the location of the OPEPO program for the 2011-12 school year.

The board discussed the next steps for completion of the district's strategic plan. Mr. Laes reported that the board meet with Dr. Gene Medina on Saturday, March 5th, and discussed Dr. Medina's services to complete the strategic plan. He also reported on the retreat held Saturday, March 12th. At that meeting the board considered Dr. Medina's cost estimate for his work on the strategic plan, and due to financial constraints the board requested that Mr. Laes work on a final draft of the strategic plan. Mr. Laes will present the draft at the March 28th board meeting. The board's goal is to have the document finalized by June 1, 2011.

Mr. Laes presented a report on curriculum, and gave the board a handout, which describes the process and goals. Dr. Jim Longin has been working with the district to develop the curriculum plan, and he will be invited to a future board meeting to present additional information.

Mr. Laes presented a budget update. He reviewed the presentation that he shared with the district Budget/Finance Committee on March 9th. Discussion followed.

The board discussed scheduling the next board retreat, which will be used to work on completion of the strategic plan. It was suggested that the retreat be held on Saturday, March 12th or Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The final date will be determined by the availability of the selected facilitator. Once that is determined, Rosanne Butler will notify the board and the press. Discussion followed about the intent of the strategic plan, what work has been done to date, and what is left to do.

Board Announcements:

Mr. Thiersch questioned whether there is a gap in the district's process, stating elected officials are the interface between the school and the public. The community has provided a prioritized list of what is of importance to them, and he questioned whether the administration is taking that into consideration.

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Mr. Thiersch and Mr. Lance both commented that the district needs to allow for community input on the budget, and that the budget committee has not met since last fall.

Ms. James-Wilson announced that the levy committee would have their wrap-up meeting on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Lehani's Deli and Coffee.

Ms. Young and Ms. James-Wilson plan to attend the WSSDA Legislative Conference in Olympia February 27-28, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene R. Laes, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
Bobby DuBois, Board Chair