

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bobby DuBois at 6:04 p.m. Present: Bobby DuBois, Anne Burkart, Holley Carlson, Beth Young, Jennifer James-Wilson, Brynne Gambill and Tom Opstad. Also present were staff, students and members of the community.

Public Comments:

Tom Thiersch stated his "What's Good in the District" noting that the Port Townsend High School Knowledge Bowl team won the state championships.

Bill LeMaster requested that the board move cautiously when looking for a new Superintendent, considering an interim if necessary.

Daniel Barnes was unable to present his comments due to issues with handicap access. Because of this, Jennifer James-Wilson received permission from the Board Chair to read Mr. Barnes' statement aloud regarding the PTSD/Blue Heron Middle School Library policy.

The board requested clarification about how the district's library policy currently reads, and asked if the materials in the Blue Heron library are segregated by grade level.

The board reviewed the agenda. There were no changes.

Anne Burkart reluctantly made a motion to accept the resignation of Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2010. Beth Young seconded the motion, and thanked Dr. Opstad for his service to the district. Bobby DuBois also thanked Dr. Opstad. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Opstad presented the Interlocal Agreement for a Shared Resource Conservation Manager (RCM). He stated that he, David Herrington, Ken Horvath, Tim Caldwell and Phillip Morley met to discuss this agreement. Dr. Opstad gave answers to the questions that the board posed at the last meeting. Dr. Opstad showed a graph of the utility costs for the 2009-10 school year, along with projected costs for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years, based on the reductions in energy consumption assumed in the agreement. Discussion followed. David Herrington reported that the Bellingham and Tumwater School Districts have used RCM's with success in lowering their energy consumption. After these discussions Mr. Herrington stated that he felt the program is worth trying. Anne Burkart made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for a Shared Resource Conservation Manager. Beth Young seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-1.

The board discussed the upcoming superintendent search and received a copy of the superintendent search manual prepared by Dr. Michael Boring from WSSDA. After discussion the board determined the following:

1. The board will search simultaneously for a permanent hire and a possible interim superintendent.
2. Although Superintendent Certification is desirable, it is not required in the state of Washington.
3. A request for proposal (RFP) will be sent to the following search consultants: McPherson and Jacobson (WSSDA); Northwest Leadership Associates; and Principled Leadership Consulting. The board will review the RFP's at their April 12th board meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m. for a fifteen-minute break, during which time the group celebrated Dr. Opstad's birthday.

The meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m. with a work/study session on the district's strategic plan. Mr. DuBois reviewed the intent for the work/study session. The board reviewed the priorities identified during the district strategic planning meetings.

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After much discussion the board created a Strategic Plan Task Force consisting of Holley Carlson, Jennifer James-Wilson, Nik Lance, Julie Jablonski and Steve Finch. The group will meet at Holley Carlson's home on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and will report back to the board at the April 12th board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST: _____

Thomas A. Opstad, Superintendent

Bobby DuBois, Chairman