

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 Business Manager Steve McIntire. The group discussed the 2006-2007 budget. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. where they discussed collective bargaining. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Also present were staff and members of the community.

Board members shared “What’s Good in the District.” Tracy Reinhart spoke about the “awesome” girls’ basketball game versus Chimacum. Rita E. Beebe spoke about the orchestra concert, which was a big hit. Beth Young said that she accompanied the orchestra and soloists to Port Angeles for their adjudication, and they did a great job. John Eissinger appreciated the fact that the Superintendent went to basketball practice to thank all the basketball players, and attended both the Chimacum game and the district championships in Tacoma. Tom Opstad complimented the Knowledge Bowl teams for doing well this season, and also said that participation in spring sports is high. Steve McIntire spoke about the Boys’ basketball awards dinner, which was very well attended by parents, and how impressed he was with the respect exhibited between coaches and players.

There was no correspondence.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 13, 2006, Regular Board Meeting. Rita E. Beebe made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2006, Regular Board Meeting. Beth Young seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Agenda and the revised Consent Agenda. Tracy Reinhart stated that Accounts Payable were in order. Tracy Reinhart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Loren Monroe seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the field trip to Canada, and whether Superintendent Opstad had met with the new hires. Motion carried 5-0.

Included in the consent agenda were: 1) Accounts Payable as of February 27, 2006; 2) Recommend the employment of Kim Clarke for the 1.0 FTE Band teacher position for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year; 3) Recommend the employment of Ryan Moss for the supplemental position of Assistant Boys’ Soccer Coach for the 2005-06 school year; 4) Jeanette Parker, 90 seniors and 10 chaperones to attend the senior trip, April 20-21, 2006, at Sound View Camp in Longbranch, WA; 5) Jennifer Smith, 21 students and 4-5 chaperones to attend the Royal B.C. Museum and IMAX Theater, May 25, 2006, in Victoria, B.C.

Public Comments were received from Sheila Murphy, who was concerned about class size in the 9th grade, and that some classes did not have enough desks for students.

Roger Mills presented an update on the FOSS kits. Mr. Mills brought a 5th grade kit and showed the board that it comes with everything needed to do four investigations (and each investigation has four lessons.) All K-5 teachers are trained in use of the FOSS kits. The class can keep the kit for 7 weeks (Kindergarten keeps their for 10 weeks) and when the kit is returned to the ESD all consumable items are restocked. The kits are designed to teach science by someone who may not have a science background. Kits also integrate other areas such as reading, math, social studies. The kits are in the process of being aligned to grade level GLEs. In our district 530 students explore 50 inquiry lessons. All classes in a grade receive their kits at the same time. Mr. Mills stated that as the 6th grade science teacher he has

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observed that his students come to middle school fully prepared to begin 6th grade science. Before FOSS kits, he often spent the first 1-2 months of the year reviewing basics.

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Discussion followed.

Superintendent Opstad presented a WASL Update. Mr. Opstad showed the board a booklet published by OSPI that answers parent questions about the WASL. The 10th grade WASL testing begins March 13th. OSPI will have results back to 10th grade students by June 8. Retakes will be offered on August 8 at Chimacum. Chimacum, Quilcene and Port Townsend have arranged a cooperative agreement to offer a summer program to students who did not meet mastery to prepare them for the retest. Discussion followed. Mr. Opstad stated that a letter will go home to parents explaining the summer program and retake testing. The high school will also put a link on its website to the OSPI booklet.

Steve McIntire presented the January Budget Status report. He also reported that after careful inspection and consultation with experts the district refused delivery of the school bus that was recently inspected and found to have water damage/rust issues. The replacement for this bus will take about six months. The Special Education small bus ordered this fall should arrive next month. That bus will also be closely inspected before it is accepted.

Superintendent Opstad presented the Calendar of Events. Rita E. Beebe stated she would not attend the March 27 board meeting. Tracy Reinhart stated she will be absent on March 13.

The following policies were brought for first review. All changes reflect technical changes, primarily in the references, based on changes made in the legislature.

Policy 1000:	Legal Status and Operation
Policy 1105:	Director District Boundaries
Policy 1110:	Election
Policy 1113:	Board Member Residency
Policy 1114:	Board Member Resignation
Policy 1210:	Annual Organizational Meeting, Election of Officers
Policy 1400:	Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, Quorum

These policies will be brought back for second review at the next meeting.

During Board Comments Rita E. Beebe shared information from the "Impact" newsletters. She requested that a Legislative Update be placed on the next agenda under Board Comments.

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Beth Young said she will attend the Small Schools Task Force in Olympia in April. This group will be part of the planning for WSSDA next November. Ms. Young will update the Board after that meeting.

John Eissinger and Beth Young confirmed that they will attend the WSSDA Regional Meeting March 25 in Sequim. Reservations have been made.

Rita E. Beebe announced that she will represent Port Townsend Paper at career days at Blue Heron Middle School.

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The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:40 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