

SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

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Board Chair Bobby DuBois called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Bobby DuBois, Anne Burkart, Holley Carlson and Jennifer James-Wilson. Also present were Superintendent Gene Laes, student board member Chris Shively, staff, students, community members and a member of the press. Beth Young was excused.

Mr. Shively led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carrie Ehrhardt and Michelle Minor presented the proposal for a student financial center at the high school. Ms. Ehrhardt gave the board the history of the proposal and noted that several high schools on the Olympic Peninsula have such branches in their buildings. She suggested the title "Student-Powered Financial Center," and shared her goals for the project. Ms. Minor was representing the Quimper Community Federal Credit Union (Quimper). She presented the board with Quimper's letter of commitment and business plan for the financial center, stating that all financial responsibility for the branch would be borne by Quimper. She stated that the branch would run out of the ASB office, would be open on Fridays, and would also be available to school staff with accounts at Quimper. Discussion followed about training students, the formation of an advisory board and limits to banking transactions at the high school branch.

Ms. Ehrhardt presented the proposed curriculum review and adoption schedule. She stated that Washington State History has moved from the high school, and is currently being taught at the middle school. Instead, the high school will add geography curriculum to the 9th grade. Discussion followed.

The board discussed Superintendent search options. Mr. DuBois described the process to-date, and stated that Northwest Leadership Associates agreed to do the search as part of their contract. He also stated that November is generally when boards begin planning a search. Ms. Burkart expressed concerns about "changing horses midstream," especially with a levy and union negotiations underway. She asked whether Superintendent Laes would consider staying an additional year. Ms. Carlson asked if the title "Interim Superintendent" would continue if Mr. Laes stayed an additional year. Mr. DuBois stated that if the decision of the board were to offer Mr. Laes an additional one-year contract then "Interim" would be dropped from his title. He also stated that Northwest Leadership Associates would consider their contract obligations fulfilled. When queried about his interest in staying an additional year, Mr. Laes stated he would be agreeable to that if he could maintain his .80 FTE schedule. Ms. James-Wilson stated that she likes the direction that Mr. Laes is taking the district and thought that having him for a two-year period would serve the district well. Discussion followed. Mr. DuBois requested that this item be placed on the November 22nd agenda as an action item.

Mr. Laes presented information about the proposed levy. Discussion followed.

Mr. DuBois requested a change in the order of policy review, moving 3245/3245P: Students and Telecommunication Devices to first. Hearing no objections, the board began discussing this policy. Ms. Burkart stated she was still uncomfortable with the language in item D of the policy. The following high school students participated in the discussion: Kerri Evalt, Chris Shively, Conakry Coggins and Jonas Rankins. Ms. Evalt asked for a definition of what constitutes reasonable suspicion. Mr. Shively asked how prevalent are these issues at the high school now? Students wondered if lumping three different issues (cheating, bullying and sexting) into the same policy was a good idea, particularly since there are well-defined penalties in the student handbook for cheating. Ms. Evalt stated that students have the option not to bring their phone to school. She also stated that teachers are not consistently enforcing the current policy. Staff and members of the community also made suggestions. Ms. Ehrhardt stated that administrators need clear guidelines and directions. Mr. DuBois ended discussion, and stated that the policy will be brought back for third review.

The following policies were brought for first review:

- Policy 3143: District Notification of Juvenile Offenders

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- Policy 4215: Use of Tobacco on School Property. After discussion, Mr. Laes stated he would clarify with WSSDA whether a nicotine patch would be banned under this policy.
- Policy 4315: Release of Information Concerning Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders
- Policy 5005/5005P: Employment: Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval. Mr. Laes stated a concern that RCW 13.34, which is referenced in the body of the policy, is not included in the legal references.
- Policy 5406/5406P: Leave Sharing

The following policies were brought for second review:

- Policy 2409/2409P: Credit for Competency/Proficiency. Mr. Laes stated that the procedure needs additional work.
- Policy 5407: Military Leave.

The board discussed the upcoming WSSDA meeting, particularly legislative priorities.

Ms. Burkart announced that she is unable to attend the November 22nd board meeting.

Mr. DuBois stated that the district Technology Committee meets Tuesday. On the agenda is paperless board meetings.

Ms. Carlson encouraged everyone to see "Waiting for Superman," which is playing at the Rose Theater.

Ms. James-Wilson announced that the next Quality Community Schools meeting is scheduled for Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. at her home.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene R. Laes, Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
Bobby DuBois, Board Chair