

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 9, 2007  
6:00 P.M.  
**Minutes**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Rick Gale, Dave Dickson, Sharon Penn, Tina Bergstrom, Bill Rohde, Superintendent Frank Walter, and recording secretary Julie Knobel.

**II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:**

Sharon Penn moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2006. Bill Rohde seconded and the motion carried.

**III. ADOPT AGENDA**

Bill Rohde moved to adopt the agenda. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Dave Dickson requested to move the hiring off of the consent agenda for further discussion. Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the consent agenda as amended. Bill Rohde seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Superintendent Walter stated that Alan Ostenson has been a part time Forks High School Math Teacher on a leave replacement contract. His work load will be increased by one class (geometry) during second semester, making him a 0.83 full-time equivalent teacher. Superintendent Walter reported that Marlo Fedeli will be filling the early childhood special education teacher position which has been vacant for over a year. She has worked with Penny Winn in the past, and had kept in contact with her when she came to Forks. Dave Dickson asked how many students the early childhood special education teacher would be working with. Superintendent Walter explained that she will be working with Child Find (a program to screen children early for special needs), Sunshine and Rainbows, and the Quileute Tribe to identify and serve these students early, so she will not be dedicated to a classroom per se. Harold Jensen is a retired school psychologist from Port Townsend who Diana Reaume came into contact with through state level Special Education meetings. He is willing to work a couple of days a week in support of our full-time school psychologist Karen Kempa. Tina Bergstrom requested to discuss these positions in executive session. The board adjourned to executive session at 6:08. The board returned to regular session at 6:20. Sharon Penn moved to approve the hiring of Alan Ostenson, Forks High School Math Teacher, Marlo Fedeli Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, and Harold Jensen, Temporary School Psychologist. Rick Gale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Actions

1. Hiring of:

- Alan Ostenson, Forks High School Math Teacher, 0.83 FTE Second Semester
- Marlo Fedeli, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
- Harold Jensen, Temporary School Psychologist

B. Approval of

- Forks High School student to finish at semester and walk in ceremony in June
- Contract for Personal Services with Lyric Winn
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Education Service District 112

## **V. REPORTS**

### **A. Financial Report**

Superintendent Walter reported that the district experienced a positive cash balance in December, and he will do a full-report at the second meeting this month. Dave Dickson asked what the Insight School of Washington Enrollment is going to be. Superintendent Walter reported that 186 new students have been enrolled for second semester which will increase their enrollment to above 660 students. The school is on target to close the year with an average of 600 full-time equivalent students.

### **B. Legislative Report**

#### **1. Statement on Funding Priorities for this 2007 Legislative Session**

Superintendent Walter reported that the Washington State School Director's Association (WSSDA), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Washington Education Association (WEA), and the Public School Employees (PSE) issued a joint statement regarding funding priorities for the 2007 Washington State Legislative Session. In that statement, these five groups agreed that; there is an education funding crisis in this state and expressed support of the budget proposal put forth by Governor Gregoire; asked that the legislature fully fund the 1993 definition of basic education; they should create a new funding formula that will provide adequate resources to schools; they should work to improve the state's standings in the nation in regards to per-pupil funding. Superintendent Walter reported that Joint Legislative Audit and Revue Committee reported that our state is under funding school transportation by 192 million dollars per year, and is also reporting that the state is under funding special education.

Dave Dickson reported that we are waiting to find out what the legislature is going to do in regards to renewing the county roads and new school funding (timber dollars replacement).

Dave Dickson reported that on February 25, and 26 in Olympia school boards from across the state will be meeting to talk about what is going on in education, and have a question and answer session with legislators. Bill Rohde and Dave Dickson expressed that they would like to find another time when all of the board members can meet with our elected state representatives.

### **C. Board Member Report**

Sharon Penn reported that she is continuing to have good luck in working with all of the schools this year.

### **D. Superintendent's Report**

#### **1. School Board Recognition Month**

In observance of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Walter read a proclamation from Governor Gregoire expressing gratitude to School Board members across the state for the contributions to public education. In the Proclamation Governor Gregoire stated that state wide there are 296 locally elected school boards that serve over 1 million student, account for over 6 billion dollars, and employ over 100,000 people. Superintendent Walter presented each board member a certificate signed by Governor Gregoire for their service on the school board.

#### **2. Clallam County Homeless Grant Assistance Program**

Superintendent Walter reported that Clallam County received a homeless assistance grant worth 1 million dollars over three years. Clallam County is the only non-metro recipient of this grant, which will be administered by the Clallam County commissioners. Superintendent Walter provided a letter of support to the county on behalf of the school district.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Forks High School Activities Code**

The school board reviewed the portions of the Forks High School Activities Code regarding eligibility of students due to grades and attendance. They discussed the flow chart that shows how student eligibility is determined. Dave Dickson asked if the grade check procedures were going to be tightened up. Superintendent Walter responded that grade checks were being systematized. Rick Gale asked

Superintendent Walter to explain what the Skyward system is. Superintendent Walter explained that Skyward is a web-based system that gives parents the ability to check student's grades as often as they want. The Forks Middle School has successfully been using this system since the beginning of last school year, but this is the first year Forks High School has been using it. Dave McIrvin, Forks Middle School librarian and teacher has been training and supporting staff on the use of the system. For the system to be accurate, teachers must set up their grade books correctly and keep them up to date. As the staff becomes more proficient, it will make grades and athletic eligibility very transparent.

- B. Special Joint School Boards Meeting on January 29 in Port Angeles regarding the Skill Center  
Superintendent Walter requested that the board notify him if they will be attending the Special Joint School Boards Meeting in Port Angeles regarding the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center. The current Skills Center agreement is in its fifth year, and the school boards will be negotiating a new agreement at the meeting. Dave Dickson and Bill Rohde felt that they would be able to attend.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Board Policy 1120 "Annual Organization Meeting"

Dave Dickson stated that he and Bill Rohde will most likely not be running for re-election in 2007. Dave Dickson is the current legislative representative, and asked that other members of the school board consider volunteering for that position. The board decided to discuss reorganization at the next board meeting.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**

Tony Dias said that he had heard rumors that the school yearbook was behind schedule and was possibly not going to happen this year. Superintendent Walter reported that he had not heard that. Tony Dias also expressed his opinion that the school board should review the content of the video produced by Forks High School students which depicts students holding containers of alcohol. Tony Dias asked if the school was moving the graduation date. Superintendent Walter responded that other schools in our region are moving their graduation date because they have already lost 4 or 5 school days. We have only lost 2 school days, one of which will be made up on the March 9<sup>th</sup> snow day that was built into the calendar. No decisions will be made on when to make up the 2<sup>nd</sup> snow day until we can be relatively certain that we won't have additional days to make-up. Tony Dias asked if the position awarded to Lyric Winn was advertised to the public. Superintendent Walter explained that it was not a position but a personal services contract. Sharon Penn stated that personal services contracts do not need to be advertised, and that this contract is not the type of contract that needs to be put onto a small works roster.

Mike Peppers stated that he wanted to talk about the non-renewal of the cross-country coach's contract. The board retired to executive session at 7:15 to discuss the personnel issue with Mike Peppers and Stan Peterson. The board returned to public session at 7:33.

Sheri Carner said that she wanted to go on record in approval of the skills center and the auto shop. She said that these services have been a lifeline for her son.

Sherri Crippen discussed the second semester schedule at Forks High School. She said that she felt her daughter had no suitable options for her 2<sup>nd</sup> period, and characterized the schedule as being inadequate. She also felt that it was unacceptable that the schedule was not in place last fall. Sherri Crippen also had questions about the Forks High School Activities Code. She asked what the minimum number of classes was a student had to take to be able to participate in athletics. Superintendent Walter stated that the Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association (WIAA) governs that. Sherri Crippen also stated that she feels that the activities code needs to be equally applied. Sherri Crippen questioned the award of the personal services contract to Lyric Winn, and asked how the district became aware of his services. Superintendent Walter responded that Lyric Winn had volunteered his time to work on the Elementary School's website, and that he approved of the work Mr. Winn had done and wanted him to work on the entire district's site.

John Anderson stated that his son is a senior and is struggling with the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule at the high school. He stated that the schedule makes it difficult for those students planning on attending college, because the college applications require that the students report what their classes will be. He also stated that he had heard that Mr. Marshall had called the ASB students liars after they had left the board meeting on December 9, 2006. Superintendent Walter and the board members unanimously responded that the allegation was not true, and to the contrary Mr. Marshall stated that the students often know more than he knows as an administrator what is

happening at the school. John Anderson also discussed problems with the application of the activities code, citing shortcomings in the reporting of grades, and coaches who care about sports first and academics second. John Anderson finished by stating that he felt the administration of the district should be held more accountable for these problems.

Diane Gaydeski asked who is responsible and accountable for the Forks High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester schedule. She feels that the school has let down this year's senior class. She characterized the schedule as meager and unacceptable. She stated most of the courses offered to her daughter this year are courses she has already taken. She expressed disappointment at losing sign language from the class offerings. She stated that due to the schedule not being released until that day, it was too late to enroll in running start through Peninsula College. She felt that this was a huge loss financially as this opportunity is offered to our students tuition free. Superintendent Walter responded that ultimately he is responsible for the late schedule this year. Diane Gaydeski also stated that her daughter has had four different advisory teachers in her four years at the high school. She stated that this was not the intent of the advisory program. She stated that her daughter's experience in V.J. Giles Current World Problems course has been a positive note.

Cindy Spade stated that her children have been using the study table for years now, and that teachers do not give students assignments to work on at study table. She said that students who do poorly on tests, or on a couple of assignments have to sit in study table with nothing to do until enough time passes to bring their grades up.

Cathy Johnson discussed the activities code, stating that just because the activities code is on paper does not mean that it is being followed. She stated that she would like to see a committee to discuss the athletics code, and that it must be enforced fairly. She stated that she sees problems with how staff are leaving the high school, and stated that she felt like it was due to personal reasons. She stated that she felt that after staff members leave a position, no one contacts them or values the experience and knowledge they have to offer.

Ron Sanchez stated that he feels like questions get batted around at board meetings, but the public never gets direct answers. He also expressed that the Forks High School schedule was inadequate partly due to the four period day. He felt that the school should look at alternating years that courses are offered, develop a plan that would create continuity, and increase the offerings of vocational classes.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board retired to executive session at 8:25. The board returned to public session at 9:10 with no action taken.

**X. WRAP-UP**

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 23, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the administration board room.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 9:11 PM.

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Board Secretary

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Board Chairman

*Approved at the regular board meeting, January 23, 2007*