

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Dave Dickson, Rick Gale, Sharon Penn, Nina Lau and Frank Walter. Bill Rohde was absent due to work obligations out of state.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Penn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2006. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Rick Gale moved to adopt the consent agenda and Sharon Penn seconded. After a brief review and discussion of the consent agenda items, the motion carried.

A. Adopt Agenda

B. Personnel Actions

1. Resignation of :

- Ann Rowe, FES Counselor, effective date to be determined

2. Retirement of:

- Ashley Watson, FHS Math Instructor, FHS Varsity Track , HS Study Table, effective June 16, 2006

3. Leave of Absence for:

- Tina Hagen, FMS Title VII/Playground Paraeducator, effective January 6, 2006
- Judy Lawson, FHS Instructor, effective January 9, 2006 through June 16, 2006, pending Physician's Letter

C. Bills and Payroll

January payroll and General Fund vouchers no. 58853 through 58957 totaling \$196,860.39; ASB Fund vouchers No. 8266 through 8283, totaling \$18,986.90; and Trust and Agency Fund voucher No. 0226 and No. 0227 totaling \$1,704.00.

D. Approval of:

- Application for Impact Aid, 2007
- Formation of FHS History Club, an Associated Student Body club, effective January 9, 2006

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

1. January Enrollment

Superintendent Walter shared the December enrollment figures with the board. FTEs were up slightly for a total of 1189.40.

2. December Ending Fund Cash Balance

The December Ending Fund Cash Balance was \$23,676.61. Superintendent Walter pointed out that the revenues and expenditures are beginning to balance out. However, January's apportionment will be adjusted to reflect actual enrollment rather than budgeted enrollment. The ending General Fund Cash Balance for January will most likely be in the red.

3. December Budget Status Report

December Budget Status ReportGeneral Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$7,419.21
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Capital Projects Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$82,006.02
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Debt Service Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$237,943.47
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Associated Student Body Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$134,369.44
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Transportation Vehicle Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$192,751.12
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C. Legislative Report

Dave Dickson reported that Governor Gregoire is proposing that the State's budget earmark \$38.5 million for WASL assistance via methods such as summer school and tutoring. There was some discussion of a booklet furnished by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) outlining the new state graduation requirements.

Superintendent Walter received an analysis of the State's 2005-06 and 2006-07 budget that compares the State Senate and House of Representatives, as well as the governor's, proposals for adjustments to the budget. As the budget is completed, OSPI provides a breakout showing the impact on individual school districts. Mr. Walter will keep the board informed on this issue.

D. Board Report

Sharon Penn reported that she works closely with staff from each of the district's schools on a daily basis and feels the district has good staff that will go above and beyond in order to keep kids in school.

Dave Dickson reported that he and Rick Gale attended the most recent Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Subjects discussed included conservation of utilities, outsourced services, sports, food service options, grant writing, Insight schools and costs of substitutes.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Acceptance of Grant from Quillayute Valley PTA

Superintendent Walter reported that the Quillayute Valley Parent-Teacher Association (QVPTA) has provided grants in the amount of \$500 each for the elementary, middle and high schools. The grants are to be used for scientific field trip transportation in the elementary school, supplemental reading materials for the library and classrooms at the middle school and for a motivational speaker and/or event in the high school. The board expressed their appreciation to representatives of the QVPTA in attendance.

2. Update on Insight (formerly Inspirit) Schools

Superintendent Walter reported that he had met with Keith Oelrich of Insight (formerly Inspirit) Schools via telephone on Monday, January 16th, and Mr. Oelrich had provided an initial draft proposal with budget figures and distribution of management. Basically, the virtual high school would be run by employees of Insight Schools, under the umbrella of the Quillayute Valley School District Board of Directors. State apportionment for their students would be received by QVSD and a portion of that would be funneled through to Insight. Recent changes in legislation regarding alternative learning experiences now allow this virtual high school concept, aimed at high school students across Washington who are not currently affiliated with any other district. They propose to provide each student with a laptop and internet access, highly qualified Washington State certificated teachers, paraeducators and special education services. Superintendent Walter is interested in developing a contract that would provide revenue for the district at no risk. He would also like to look for opportunities for economic development in Forks by providing some jobs here. This will require no additional

work on the part of the current Forks High School staff; however it would require quite a bit of extra work at the district level in the form of enrollment and staff reporting, recordkeeping and budgeting. Mr. Walter asked the board to consider a date for meeting with the principals of the company. The board agreed to have them present on February 6th at a special meeting.

3. Update on WIAA Reclassification

Superintendent Walter shared an update on the WIAA Reclassification from Bob Enos, Co-Athletic Director. His recommendation is that Forks High School (FHS) be a member of the Southwest Washington Single A League, which consists of a northern league and southern league of seven schools each. Forks would be a member of the northern league. Mr. Enos will continue to keep the board updated as he attends further meetings regarding this reclassification.

4. Update on Washington Schools Risk Management Pool Risk Assessment Survey

Sarah Hoover, of Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP), recently visited the district and administered a risk assessment survey to Bill Henderson on Property Preservation. A year previous, the district scored 35 out of 110. This year, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Henderson and his maintenance staff, the district scored 98 out of 110. This qualifies the district for a 2.9% discount on next year's premium, which amounts to a savings of approximately \$3,000. Superintendent Walter praised their efforts.

5. Update on Joint Board Meeting with QTS

Superintendent Walter reported to the board that January 31, 2006 has tentatively been scheduled for a joint board meeting with the Quileute Tribal School Board of Directors. He will give them confirmation as soon as possible.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Board Policy 2408, "Fourth and Fifth Grade Completion Requirements"

Russell Johansen, Forks Elementary School (FES) Instructor, reported that a team of FES teachers had worked together to update the current version of Board Policy 2408, "Fourth and Fifth Grade Completion Requirements." He reported that this policy has been in effect since 1998 and the procedure has been very successful. Mr. Johansen reviewed the changes in the policy with the board.

B. PSE Mediation

Superintendent Walter reported that he and representatives of the Public School Employees (PSE) Bargaining Unit had met with an arbitrator from the Public Employee Relations Committee on Wednesday, January 11th, from 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. The PSE had demanded to bargain the effects of the Reduction in Force last summer. Items agreed upon at this meeting were that employees on Leave of Absence (LOA) will not lose their seniority standing upon return to work; those on the re-employment list have priority for open positions over those on LOA; those members on LOA have the option to apply for open positions. Both parties will gather and share data on the use of volunteers in the classroom and that issue will be discussed at a later date. Sharon Penn asked that WSRMP's legal department review the agreement before the board gives final approval.

C. Bus Drivers' Negotiated Agreement

The current negotiated agreement with the Public School Employees of Quillayute Valley (PSEQV [Transportation Dept.]) will end on August 31, 2006. A new three year agreement has been drafted with only minor changes; an additional paid holiday was added to bring the agreement in line with the other PSE Agreement, and currently an extra December payroll is run so Transportation Dept. receives their paychecks before winter break. The proposed agreement would put the December Transportation payroll in with the regular QVSD payroll.

D. FEA Negotiated Agreement

The current Forks Education Association (FEA) Bargaining Agreement, in its first year of a two year agreement, includes a reopening of discussion regarding financial matters. Superintendent Walter will meet with the co-presidents of the FEA on Saturday, February 25th. At that time, he will have a better indication of what the State legislature will be doing with the State budget.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ray Marshall, FHS Principal, commented on Ashley Watson's upcoming retirement. He remarked that he has mostly known Mr. Watson in his role as a teacher. Mr. Marshall has found him to be full of knowledge, has appreciated his love for kids and will miss his advice and wisdom.

Tamara Finley, QVPTA, reported that the grant money given to the schools was raised through their Cow Patty Bingo event. She expressed appreciation to those who supported that event and looks forward to future support. She reported that the elementary school also received a \$500 grant from the National Parent-Teacher Association to encourage more school involvement of dads. The board asked Mrs. Finley to relay their gratitude to the QVPTA.

Superintendent Walter commented that Patti Fouts, Forks Middle School (FMS) Assistant Principal, worked late Friday night to complete a grant application for dollars for repairs and safety issues. This is a competitive grant for \$100,000, which could provide funds for individualized 911 identification and replacement of our aging telephone system. Mr. Walter also reported the district has received the \$9,000+ reimbursement from OSPI for the State Study and Survey.

VII. WRAP UP

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 6:00 P.M., in the administration board room. A special work session will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. in the administration board room for the purpose of meeting with the principals of Insight Schools.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M. with no further action taken.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved by the Board 2/7/06