

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, November 27, 2007
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Dave Dickson, Bill Rohde, Sharon Penn, Rick Gale, Student Representative Julia Giles, Superintendent Diana Reaume and Recording Secretary, Carie Micheau.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Sharon Penn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2007. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Sharon Penn moved to adopt the agenda. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Rohde moved to approve the consent agenda and Rick Gale seconded. After a brief review by Superintendent Reaume, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Actions

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1. Request for Leave of Absence:

- Diane Kilmer, FES & FAS ParaEducator, effective December 1, 2007

B. Bills and Payroll

C. Approval of:

- Contract for Personal Services with Myra Ann Dutcher for Kindermusik, October 20, 2007, through June 2007

V. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Forks High School Improvement Assistance Project Update

Kevin Rupprecht, Forks High School Principal, gave an update on their school improvement plan. They are in year two of a three year grant. Pat Moriarty, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) School Improvement Facilitator, was introduced. This is her first year assisting FHS, and she expressed how honored and pleased she is to be a part of the School Improvement Team (SIT). She spoke about the improvement process and provided the board members with a handout, explaining the process and the school's goals. She introduced Jeff Baldwin, a School Improvement Team member, who talked about the math goals. Jeff made reference to the chart on the wall, a visual representation of their work. He talked about the need to increase student success on the math WASL scores (Goal #1), as well as the need to improve the number of students who take higher level math classes at FHS (Goal #2). Liz Sanchez, a SIT member, spoke about the Goal #4, revolving around School Climate Trust and Collaboration. She expressed how important the school improvement process is and spoke about how we must change our system to match the needs of our 21st Century students. She talked about the old Industrial Revolution model of sorting kids and how it used to serve the purpose of graduating 1/3 of the student population, while the other 2/3rds of the student population would work in the manufacturing assembly lines. She expressed her passion for the work the FHS staff is doing to help kids. Ms. Sanchez also talked about the cultural competency plan their team is working on, in addition to highlighting some of the other activities. Kevin Rupprecht spoke about Goal #3 which centered around Literacy. Mr. Rupprecht talked about the 30-60-90 day plans the staff have created to keep them accountable for completing activities that will assist them in reaching their goals.

2. Forks High School Yearbook

Ms. Showanda Terrill, Forks High School Yearbook Advisor, gave a briefing on the yearbook status. It is produced by a company called Walsworth and is created almost entirely online. Katrena Robinson, yearbook editor, logged into Walsworth and showed samples of yearbook pages. This year's theme is "A Blast from the Past" so the yearbook will contain images from previous yearbooks. Jesse Klahn and Eric Howell are in charge of the yearbook cover and allowed the Board to view it. The student body voted and decided they would like a fall yearbook again this school year. All pages must be submitted the day after graduation and senior safe night for an approximate July 4, 2008, delivery date.

B. Financial Report

1. September Ending Fund Cash Balance

Diana Reaume discussed the September ending fund cash balance. She reported our school district is currently doing well financially. Our cash balance this year is the second highest cash balance in the past ten years.

2. September Budget Status Report

Superintendent Reaume said the September revenues were \$1,347,421.01 and the expenditures were \$1,441,596.38. This is typical for September.

3. October Ending Fund Cash Balance

Diana Reaume reported the October ending fund cash balance moved up slightly to \$478,957.

4. October Budget Status Report

Ms. Reaume stated the October revenues were \$1,414,519.51 and expenditures were \$1,380,307.48. Payroll was approximately \$795,000 for the month of October and will remain steady for the remainder of the school year.

C. Legislative Report,

Dave Dickson said he attended the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) who will be increasing their annual dues to school districts from 1 ½% of their annual budget to 3% of the school districts' budget. This will be an increase of approximately \$600 for our district.

Dave Dickson also reported the supermajority for school levies passed. Without a levy our school district would lose approximately \$1,500,000 annually.

D. Board Member Report

Julia Giles, Student Representative, stated winter sports begin this week. This Saturday will be the Forks Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The senior class is still having their Schwan's food fundraiser to earn money for their senior trip.

Bill Rohde stated he attended the annual WSSDA conference and it was fairly typical. He attended a break-out session about dual language schools which are schools that have English as a primary language and then a foreign language. A school located by Mt. Vernon is implementing this program. Their students are taught their primary language for a couple years and then are taught in both languages. These students have proven to be high achievers, are offered many benefits leaving school with dual language knowledge, and are more culturally educated which is spread to their entire family.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Washington State School Directors' Association Annual Conference

Superintendent Diana Reaume stated she also attended the WSSDA Annual Conference and the theme was "Aim High". She sat in a break-out session with other superintendents and discussed meaningful diplomas. The topic was should there be one type of high school diploma for all students or multiple diploma options. The multiple diploma option would consist of a three tiered diploma giving each student the option of their achievement level. Half of the superintendents in the session were for the multiple diploma option and half were advocates of the traditional diploma. The State of Washington could make a decision by the end of this school year as to which diploma model to use.

2. Update on Bond

Superintendent Reaume stated the Design/Facility Committee had their first meeting last night. They are in the process of determining the necessities. In order to meet the December 28th resolution filing deadline with the county, a design concept will need to go to the board at the December 11th board meeting. Diana Reaume said she has been meeting with individual community members to get their support on the bond.

3. Plan for Update of Board Policies

Superintendent Diana Reaume stated during the WSSDA Annual Conference she learned that through our WSSDA membership we are eligible to hire a consulting firm to assist with updating our board policies. They will prioritize and update the policies accordingly. Superintendent Reaume said she would like to establish a policies committee who can review each of the revised board policies and detail them for our district. Sharon Penn moved to approve the hiring of a consultation firm to update board policies. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

4. Insight School of Washington Board Member Representation on Weekly Conference Calls

Superintendent Diana Reaume said it was recommended by our attorney that a board member was included in the Insight School of Washington's weekly conference calls. Currently they are each Monday at 4:00pm. Bill Rohde said he would attend the weekly conference calls but prefers them to take place on Mondays at 8:30am. The board discussed implementing a rotation schedule so they all can be involved in the process.

VI. OLD BUSINESS**A. Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Presentation**

The FCCLA National Cluster Leadership Meeting was held in Denver Colorado on November 15-18, 2007. It was attended by Forks High School FCCLA students Nicole Potter, Kendra Zellar, Echo Dailey, Luke Dixon, Lavida Chavez, Myles Huling, Jesse Klahn, Alex Wilkens, and Mayra Rodriguez. Mrs. Rachel Bennett, FCCLA Advisor, chaperoned them on the trip. The students gave a presentation on the highlights of their trip. They showcased various guest speakers who presented to them as well as their excitement to return to Forks and educate their fellow classmates on the leadership skills the acquired.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**A. MAPS at Forks Elementary School**

Mrs. Penny Winn, Forks Elementary School (FES) Principal, demonstrated the MAPS Program which is an online teacher tool used to assess student progress. The areas students are tested in are reading, language arts, and math. The MAPS Program is aligned with the WASL so teachers are able to become aware of each students deficiency. The test is given to each student three times throughout the school year so their progress and growth can be measured. Currently our district is using the MAPS Program for our Kindergarten through 5th grade students. The goal is to implement the program in the early grades and then move up with the students. Mrs. Winn anticipates the 4th grade WASL scores should be increased by next school year.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or questions.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

X. WRAP UP

The next regular session will be held on December 11, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. in the board room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 8:40 P.M. with no further action taken.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved at the December 11, 2007, regular board meeting. Signatures on file in the district office.