

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, March 13, 2007,
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and led the pledge of allegiance. Present were Dave Dickson, Sharon Penn, Rick Gale, Superintendent Frank Walter, and Recording Secretary Julie Knobel. Tina Bergstrom joined the meeting a few minutes later.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:

- Regular Meeting of February 27, 2007

Sharon Penn moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 27, 2007, and Rick Gale seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions

1. Hiring of:
 - Erin Queen, Forks High School Assistant Volleyball Coach, Fall 2007
2. Return from Leave of Absence:
 - Liz Paup-Byrnes, Forks Elementary School Bilingual Specialist
3. Retirement of:
 - Sherry Flanigan, Forks Elementary School Teacher, effective June 15, 2007
 - Sarah Milici, Forks High School Teacher, effective June 15, 2007

B. Approval of:

- Adolescent Female Substance Abuse Survey by Susan Renes, Prevention and Treatment Coordinator, ESD 114

Superintendent Walter read aloud the letters to the board from Liz Paup-Byrnes and Sarah (Sally) Milici. Rick Gale moved to adopt the consent agenda. Sharon Penn seconded, and the motion carried. Dave Dickson extended a "Thank you and well done" to Sally Milici and Sherry Flanigan.

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

1. March Enrollment Report

Superintendent Walter reported that March Enrollment for QVSD (including Insight School of Washington, Quillayute Tribal School, and Home School +) is 1699.74 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. The average enrollment for QVSD for this year is 1712.92 FTE. The projected enrollment was 1721 FTE. We are below that projection due to lower enrollment in Insight School of Washington. Enrollment in QVSD without Insight School of Washington (ISW) is 1102.74 FTE. The average for the year is 1112.44 FTE, 37 FTE above the projected enrollment. Dave Dickson asked how Insight's lower enrollment would affect our budget. Lower enrollment in Insight reduces the amount of funding we retain; however these funds were budgeted to remain in the reserve account.

2. State Audit

Superintendent Walter reported that the state financial audit of the district for 2005-2006 has begun, and that the auditor Theresa Dubuc will be in district for the next couple of weeks doing the audit. Dave Dickson, Jan Haugen, Superintendent Walter, and Diana Reaume attended the entrance interview with the auditor, and will have an exit interview when she completes her work in the district. Superintendent Walter explained that much of the work the auditor does is to audit reports that are completed online, which she completes after her onsite audit. She will also audit the Federal Title One Grant, and the federal part of food service funding.

B. Legislative Report

Dave Dickson reported that the federal funding which replaced timber revenues from timber harvest on federal lands are in jeopardy, and encouraged everyone to write to their representatives.

Dave Dickson reported that proposed budgets are being worked on in the state legislature. Frank Walter added that he just received notification that the Washington State House of Representative budget would be released in the next week. He also reported that House Bill 4204 regarding the simple majority for passing levies passed the House and is on its way to committees in the Senate. If it gets out of committee in the Senate, it will be debated on the Senate Floor.

Superintendent Walter reported that the state legislature is debating two bills regarding the WASL. One bill would push back the requirement for students to pass the Math WASL in order to graduate. The other bill would require that students who haven't passed the Math WASL would be required to take math classes during their junior and senior years.

C. Board Member Reports

Maegan Leppell reported that Fastpitch season started, and that she would be attending preparation for cheerleading tryouts the following week. She reported that she will be helping out at the scholarship auction this weekend. Julia Giles reported that she received 1st place in an art show, and that open gym will be starting for Volleyball. Dave Dickson asked how many students had turned out for spring sports? Rick Gale estimated that 40 students had turned out for track. Maegan Leppell said that 21 girls had turned out for Fastpitch.

Rick Gale reported on the status of the Fred Orr Memorial Baseball Field. He said that Guy Rouble, students, and volunteers made improvements to the ball fields in Beaver since last year, including improvements to the batting cage, the bull pen, and roll away safety screens. A new flagpole was installed in the middle of the field. This work was done to inspire student athletes in our community to achieve. He reported that there are continuing obstacles to the baseball program in Forks, including the distance of the fields from the school, the logistics of transportation, and the amount of traveling our students have to do because of the weather. Maegan Leppell reported that the FHS Fastpitch team plays at Tillicum Park, and that they jog from the school to the park for practice. Dave Dickson asked if Quileute Tribal School offers extra-curricular activities. Sharon Penn responded that they offer far fewer activities than FHS, and that most QTS students participate in activities through FHS.

Sharon Penn reported that she continues to have good experiences working with district staff in her office.

Tina Bergstrom reported that she attended the Forks High School Pep Assembly and had a lot of fun.

Dave Dickson reported that he attended the entrance meeting for the audit. The audit this year is a smaller audit than last year's as it is only a state financial audit.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Washington Schools Risk Management Pool Award, Recognition of Carie Micheau

Superintendent Walter reported that the district received a plaque from the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool, recognizing the district for developing a comprehensive Human Resource Program and receiving a perfect score on the Human Resources risk assessment survey. This achievement qualified the district for a 3.0% reduction of the 2007 policy premium. The plaque will be given to Carie

Micheau for the work she did on this project. Superintendent Walter expressed his appreciation of the work Carie Micheau and the rest of the District Office staff have done to receive this award.

2. Classified Staff Appreciation Week, March 12-16, 2007

Superintendent Walter expressed appreciation to the classified staff who work in QVSD. The audience offered applause to those classified staff members in attendance at the meeting. Superintendent Walter explained that classified staff includes secretaries, classroom aids, dedicated aids, bus drivers, custodians, and many more staff members.

3. School Retiree's Appreciation Week, March 19-25, 2007

Superintendent Walter reported that next week is School Retiree's Appreciation Week. The district received a letter and resolution from Governor Gregoire asking us to honor school retirees.

4. Upcoming Events

Superintendent Walter reported that WASL testing started this week. The Quillayute Valley Scholarship Auction will be taking place over the weekend, beginning at 9:00 AM March 17th. On Monday, the "Understanding Self Harm and Suicide" training will be held in the MS library. On Saturday, March 24, the Department of Social and Human Services will be hosting the educational summit with guest speaker Mr. Esparza, principal of Granger High School. For board members, the Washington State School Director's Regional Meeting will be held in Joyce on April 21st from 10 to 1. Superintendent Walter encourages all the board members to attend, as this meeting is typically held on the east side of the Peninsula. Tina Bergstrom stated that she enjoyed attending the last regional meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bond Planning and Committee Process

Dave Dickson asked what the status was of the Bond Committee. Superintendent Walter responded we are working our way through the list, and that the response has been positive. Superintendent Walter asked that if the board thinks of additional individuals to be on the committee, to send the names on to him. Superintendent Walter reported that he had a conference call with Northwest Securities to begin preliminary work for a bond. Superintendent Walter explained that "bonding capacity" is the amount the school district can legally request in a bond, which is different than the amount that voters would be willing to approve. Northwest Securities (NWS) estimate that the QVSD bonding capacity is currently \$17 million. Superintendent Walter asked NWS to run multiple scenarios, for 10, 12.5, and 15 million dollar bonds, and scenarios which incorporate increases in property and timber assessed values. Superintendent Walter reported that the first step of the bonding process is to determine the amount of matching funds available to the district for new construction. The second step of developing a bond proposal is to determine what type of bond you would be able to market to the district's taxpayers. Dave Dickson asked when the current bond will be retired? Superintendent Walter responded that the bond had been refinanced last year, and that it would be retired around 2017.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stakeholder's Surveys

Dave Dickson stated that the board received approximately 50 responses on the Stakeholder's survey, and read off the top ten responses to each question. Dave Dickson stated that the results would be available to the public. Dave Dickson pointed out that some comments contradicted other comments. He reported that his impression was that most of the surveys were completed by district staff. Tina Bergstrom stated that she would like to do the survey again, and more broadly distribute and advertise it. Tina Bergstrom asked that it go out in next week's newspaper, and be sent home with students.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Tony Dias stated that he had been asking about the High School annual. He stated that he had contacted Mike Archer, from Walsworth Publishing to ask where things were with the annual. Tony Dias stated that his wife would be attending a meeting with Mike Archer, students, and staff to discuss the annual. Tony Dias gave the board a public information request asking for information relating to the yearbook. Tony Dias requested to speak to the board in executive session.

Jeff McGinley reported that a meeting would be held on Thursday in Queets at 6 PM about a controversial Jefferson County Shoreline Management Plan. He stated that the plan has implication for schools, timber, and

school revenues, and encouraged people to attend the meeting. Jeff McGinley also requested to meet with the board in executive session.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 7:11 and met with Tammy Klebe and Tony and Barbara Dias; Jeff and Linda McGinley; and a group of high school students and parents in that order.

X. WRAP-UP

The board decided to discuss the 6-period day at the next board meeting. The board decided that copies of the Stakeholder's survey would be available at the scholarship auction, sent home with students, and advertised in the Forks Forum. The board would make a decision on the two coaches appeals at the next board meeting.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 27, 2007 at 6 PM.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved at the regular board meeting of March 27, 2007. Signatures on file in the district office.