

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, April 24, 2007,
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON INITIATIVE 728 FUNDS

Superintendent Walter read the memo he prepared regarding how the funds were spent last year, and his proposal for spending the funds during the 2007-2008 school year. He opened the floor to public comment and discussion. Sherry Schaaf asked what Insight School of Washington would do with their portion of the funds. Superintendent Walter responded that they are required to meet the same criteria as the rest of the schools in our district for spending the funds. Sherry Schaaf asked what the increased funding for extended learning activities would be spent on. Superintendent Walter responded that some of the increase would be spent on morning activities at the Elementary School, and that there were other projects being developed at this time. Dave Dickson asked why the funding of Americorp was decreasing. Superintendent Walter responded that the program was not able to attract enough applicants to fill both Americorp positions. Dave Dickson commented that I-728 funds are increasing this year, but as we have seen in the past, could be suddenly reduced by the legislature in any legislative session. Jeff McGinley asked how the funds affect class sizes. Superintendent Walter responded that while our class sizes in Forks are not small, I-728 funds 8 teacher positions in our district.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Dickson called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 6:20 PM. Present were Tina Bergstrom, Dave Dickson, Sharon Penn, Rick Gale, Student Representatives Maegan Leppell and Julia Giles, Superintendent Frank Walter, and recording secretary Julie Knobel.

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Penn moved to adopt the meeting minutes of April 10, 2007. Tina Bergstrom seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the agenda. Sharon Penn seconded, and the motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Walter reported that the administrators have been working diligently to hire the many individuals listed in the consent agenda. Jonquille De Chantal, Margo Peterson, and Andrew Peterson are all returning to our district. Superintendent Walter expressed appreciation for the difficult personal decision made by Kyle Weakley and his family to resign as the wrestling coach and accept the Student Services director position. Superintendent Walter read aloud the resignation letter from Ray Marshall. Rick Gale and the board members expressed appreciation to Ray Marshall for the work he has done in our community. Sharon Penn moved to adopt the consent agenda. Rick Gale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Actions

1. Resignation of:

- Cameron Botkin, Forks High School Girls Basketball Head Coach
- Eric Forsberg, Forks Middle School Math Teacher effective June 18, 2007
- Ray Marshall, Forks Middle and High School Principal effective June 30, 2007
- Kyle Weakley, Forks High School Head Wrestling Coach
- Marlo Fedeli, Early Child Special Education Teacher, effective June 18, 2007

2. Hiring of:

- Kyle Weakley, Student Services Director, effective July 1, 2007
- Patti Fouts, Forks Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2007

- Erika Beaupre', Forks Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher
 - Laura Seigford, Forks Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher
 - Ted Seigford, Forks Elementary School Science Teacher
 - Suzy L. Johansen, Forks Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher
 - Emily Lauerman, Forks Elementary School Multi K-1 Teacher
 - Andrea Hartman, Forks Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - Margo Peterson, Forks Middle School 8th Grade Science Teacher
 - Jonquille de Chantal, Forks Middle School Math Teacher
 - David Zellar, Forks High School Girls Head Basketball Coach
 - Andrew Peterson, Forks High School Physical Education Teacher
3. **Request for Leave of Absence/Change of Assignment:**
- Sheryl Schaaf, Forks Middle School Science Teacher, Change to 2007-2008 Teacher on Special Assignment for NCOSP

B. Bills and Payroll

C. Approval of:

- Rachel Bennett, Nicole Potter, Luke Dixon, and Echo Dailey, out-of state travel to "FCCLA National STAR Events Competition and Leadership Meeting" July 6-13, 2007 in Anaheim, California
- Lynn Davidson, out-of state travel to "Developing Curriculum for Writing Workshops," presented by Dr. Katie Wood Ray, August 5-6, 2007, Excelsior Springs, Missouri
- Purchase Order 66616, Valiant Equipment Co., Vulcan Convection Oven \$6,492.58 for the Forks Middle School Kitchen

II. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Early release days and professional development
Patti Fouts, Dave McIrvin, Cheryl Archibald, Sandra Giles, Sherry Schaaf, Joan Lien, Ray Marshall, and Val Giles made a presentation regarding the value of early release days. Each person related personal experiences and positive changes they have seen take place during the time our district has had early-release days. Sandra Giles presented an article by Roland S. Barth, Founding Director of the Principals' Center at Harvard University, which argued that relationships between educators have more influence on the quality of the school than any other factor. The panel discussed the measurable outcomes of having early release days, and reported that many of the benefits can only be measured indirectly through improved test scores over time, student and teacher attitudes, and in the case of Reading, improved library circulation. Dave Dickson commented that the board members are concerned about teaching time, especially in light of students spending so many days taking standardized tests, and with 12 early release days per year. Sandra Giles reported that other districts have early release days every week, and that 12 per year is a very conservative amount of time for collaboration between educators.

B. Financial Report

1. April Enrollment Report
Superintendent Walter reported that QVSD enrollment decreased by 56 full-time equivalent (FTE) students since last month. QVSD without Insight School of Washington (ISW) decreased by only 2 FTE students, so our enrollment is continuing to be very steady.
2. March Ending Fund Cash Balance
Superintendent Walter reported that revenues for the month of April are \$1,158,453 and that expenditures are \$1,059,083.33. The March ending fund cash balance was \$198,324.48.
3. Budget Status Report
The district has received 55.02 percent of budgeted revenues, and has expended 57.11 percent of budgeted expenditures.

C. Legislative Report

Superintendent Walter reported that the legislative session closed over the weekend. Included in the budget passed by the state legislature was a 3.7% cost of living adjustment for certificated instructional staff, increased insurance coverage, and continued salary schedule equalization. The legislature passed a bill to change the WASL requirements which has not yet been signed into law by the governor. The bill would move back the requirement to pass the Math WASL in order to graduate until 2013. In the meantime,

students who didn't pass the Math WASL would be required to take Math classes during their Junior and Senior years.

D. Board Member Reports

Tina Bergstrom reported that she attended the WASL open house at the Middle School, and found it to be enjoyable, and well-attended. Tina Bergstrom also reported on attending the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) regional meeting in Joyce. She reported that schools across the region are all concerned about the same problems; science, math, attracting teachers, and WASL scores.

Dave Dickson reported that in order to be a candidate for a board position, you must file with the county during the first week of June.

Rick Gale also reported on attending the WSSDA Regional meeting. He was interested in the discussions about immigrant populations, and sat at a round table that discussed math education. Rick Gale expressed concern that there aren't any creative ideas for attracting young people to teaching math.

Maegan Leppell and Julia Giles reported that the ASB class said they were willing to pay for 1/3 of the cost of autograph pages for the yearbook. They are going to prepare more information on cost for the next school board meeting.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. School Board Candidate Filing Week June 4-8, 2007

Superintendent Walter reported that districts 1, 3, and 5 are up for election this year. There was information regarding candidate filings available at the entryway, and the Clallam County Elections office also has information.

2. Bond Committee Meeting April 23, 2007

Superintendent Walter reported on the Bond Committee meeting that took place the previous evening. The architect had taken notes from the meeting and had prepared three different options. In addition to replacing classrooms in the old high school, the bond could create space for the school office, nurse, counseling center, media center, library, a permanent wrestling space, and/or replacing the old stadium. Dave Dickson commented that the new costs for the regulations on septic systems, and uncertainty about future timber harvest will have to be factored in to the decision of how much of a bond the community can afford.

3. Skills Center Update

Superintendent Walter reported that renovations to the inside of the Auto Tech building are almost complete, and that materials to replace the roof and siding are on site. He also reported that the legislature also approved the 1.6 super FTE for skills center students. This will allow students to attend high school full-time, and still participate in the skills center.

4. Insight School Update

Insight School of Washington (ISW) just sent out a direct mailing, and is holding information sessions around the state. They are projecting an enrollment of 1200 students next year.

Superintendent Walter reported that he attended a meeting with Martin Mueller, Pam McPortland, and Cal Brody from OSPI, three attorneys from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), ISW's Bill Finkbeiner, and ISW's attorney Bill Coates regarding the enrollment policies of Insight School of Washington. OCR tried to argue that ISW was required to accept part-time students from other school districts, but OSPI agreed with our position that we do not. There are still some unresolved issues regarding the enrollment policies for special education students into online schools. OCR sees this process as setting a national precedent for enrollment policies into online schools.

Superintendent Walter reported that ISW does not have plans to offer summer school at this time. ISW has prepared an "options sheet" for their students including online courses offered by Brigham Young University, Federal Way Internet Academy, and Keystone National High School. ISW has also prepared an "options sheet" for student exiting Insight without graduating.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2nd Reading of Board Policy 2255 “Alternative Learning Experience Program – Insight School of Washington”

Superintendent Walter reported that the text of the board policy was taken from work done by Martin Mueller to define what qualifies as an alternative learning experience. Personal contact for Insight School of Washington includes online, email, instant messaging, telephone, and videoconferencing. Insight utilized software titled Elluminate, which creates a classroom setting online, where students can virtually raise their hands, and speak so that the other students in the virtual classroom can hear. Rick Gale moved to adopt Board Policy 2255 “Alternative Learning Experience Program – Insight School of Washington.” Tina Bergstrom seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. 2007-2008 School Calendar

Superintendent Walter presented a calendar to the board, which he recommended they approve. The calendar is a traditional calendar, including 2 learning improvement days, parent teacher conferences in late October, and snow makeup days on June 12th and 13th. Rick Gale moved to approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar. Sharon Penn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the 2007-2010 Technology Plan

Debbie Hull presented the proposed 2007-2010 Technology Plan. The plan was prepared by the Tech committee including Penny Winn, Dave McIrvine, Diana Reaume, and Therese Stempin, and Greg Rayl, Principal of Insight School of Washington. Preparing the plan was a massive project, was created by working up from each building to the district level. This plan is a three year plan, and is the first step in the process for applying for additional E-rate funding. Dave Dickson commented on the larger bites technology has been taking out of school funding, and that schools need to continue to pressure the state to fund technology in schools. Sharon Penn moved to approve the 2007-2010 Technology Plan. Rick Gale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Barb Dias commented on the High School yearbook signature pages. She reported that the publisher’s representative told her that the pages would cost \$1.25 for eight pages, and that ASB was being asked to pay half of that cost. She reported that the students had been told that money would have to be taken out of athletics to pay for them. Superintendent Walter said that there may be some confusion as to which ASB account money would be taken out of, and that he would talk with Showandah Terrill the current yearbook advisor to find out the current status of the yearbook pages.

Tony Dias commented that he had not received a letter regarding the disposition of his public information request.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 8:57 PM.

VII. WRAP-UP

The board returned to regular session at 9:03 PM.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 8th, at 6:00 pm.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved at the May 8, 2007 regular board meeting. Signatures on file at the district office.