

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, May 22, 2007,
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Dickson called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 6:16 PM. Present were Tina Bergstrom, Dave Dickson, Student Representative Maegan Leppell, Superintendent Frank Walter, and recording secretary Julie Knobel. The board decided to hear reports until they had a quorum. Bill Rohde arrived a few minutes after reports began.

II. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Forks High School Graduation Plan

Chris Wiseman described the set up for graduation this year. The stage will be set up on the west end of the Spartan gym. Staff will be seated in the front row, with board members and their families seated behind them. Between 59 and 62 students are projected to participate in the graduation ceremony. The graduates will stand, which will be the cue for the board members to walk up to the front of the stage. The graduates will walk across the front of the stage to receive their diploma from their advisor, walk down the steps in front of the stage to shake hands with the board members, and return to their places.

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the meeting minutes of May 08, 2007. Bill Rohde seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the agenda. Bill Rohde seconded, and the motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Walter reported that all of the people being hired for summer school were current school employees. Summer school will begin on July 9, 2007, and run for four weeks four hours per day. Superintendent Walter also reported that Wendy Bennett will be new to the district, and is currently living in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her schedule is not yet finalized, but she will be teaching art at both the Middle School and High School.

A. Personnel Actions:

1. Hiring of:
 - Ron Hurn, Forks High School Head Football Coach
 - Bob Wheeler, Forks High School Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - Andrew Peterson, Forks High School Assistant Football Coach
 - Wendy Bennett, Forks Middle and High School Art Teacher
2. Summer School
 - Shelley Castellano, Middle School Cook
 - Esmeralda Farias, Middle and Elementary School Cook
 - Christine Ballard, Summer School Bilingual Program
 - Elena Velasquez, Summer School Bilingual Program
 - Cathy Johnson, Summer School Paraeducator
 - Traci Hurn, Summer School Paraeducator
 - Katie Ellefson-Haag, Summer School 4th & 5th Grade Non -Completers
 - Linda Boyd, Summer School Teacher

- Lynn Davidson, Summer School Promoting Academic Success
 - Stephanie Wickersham, Summer School Reading & Math Enrichment
 - Cheri Ducan, Summer School Dedicated Aide
- B. Approval of:
- International Travel, Stephanie Hofland and the Forks High School National Honor Society Field Trip to Victoria, Canada, June 1st, 2007
 - Amendment to the Sodexo America, LLC agreement for 2007-2008
- C. Bills and Payroll

V. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Forks High School 2007-08 Activities Handbook
Chris Wiseman presented a draft of the Forks High School 2007-08 Activities Handbook. He reported that a committee of coaches, community members, a teacher, students, and parents spent many hours revising the handbook this year. The committee gathered activities handbooks from all of the schools in our league, and a handful of other schools. Kyle Weakley combined all of these handbooks into a single document, so that the committee could go compare the policies side by side. Chris Wiseman felt that the handbook they were presenting to the board for approval at the next meeting was a big improvement. He reported that the document was moderate compared to the other districts in regards to rules and consequences, and the document is more user friendly. Dave Dickson expressed gratitude to Chris Wiseman, Kyle Weakley, and the rest of the committee for the work they did on the handbook.
2. Native American Family Night
Penny Winn reported that the Native American Family Night was a very successful event. Cathy Johnson did a great job, and Rhonda Cole and Berlinda Jame's work was also very appreciated. Over 75 parents attended, and people fully participated in the events of the evening. Diana Reaume reported that students had display boards available to be viewed, and that Cathy Johnson had arranged for students to record narratives, so that people could listen to the student's voices while viewing the work. Vienna Medina, and Ms. Ann Penn Charles pitched in and encouraged people to turn out for the event, and Frank Hanson, Superintendent of Quileute Tribal School brought a van full of students from La Push. Penny Winn reported that Cathy Johnson is considering putting on the event twice annually. Penny Winn also announced that the Elementary School book fair would be starting May 29th and go until June 5th.

B. Financial Report

1. Budget Status Report
2. Superintendent Walter reported that the district received 9% of the annual apportionment in April. Revenues totaled \$1.3 million, and expenditures totaled \$1.04 million.
3. April Ending Fund Cash Balance
4. Superintendent Walter reported that the April ending fund cash balance was \$455,558, and that the district is in good financial shape. Bill Rohde asked why the State General Purpose revenues were so low in January. Superintendent Walter responded that it was low due to the adjustments from projected enrollment to real enrollment. Superintendent Walter reported that revenues for the year are at 64.69% of the projected amount, and that expenditures are at 65%. These figures reflect a very good performance to the projected \$13.2 million dollar budget.

C. Legislative Report

Daved Dickson reported that he attended another Washington State School Director's Association (WSSDA) Timber Trust Lands Task Force, and learned that the 14% reduction in timber harvest will primarily impact Pierce County, and lands south of there. The reduced timber harvest reflect adjustment for riparian protection. One benefit to the lawsuit is that as a party to the settlement, the Washington Environmental Council (WEC) would not be permitted to sue the department for over the same issue again. It does not preclude any other organization from suing the Department of Natural Resources.

D. Board Member Reports

Meagan Leppell reported that she is enjoying her downtime between Fastpitch season and cheerleading. She is currently working on her Senior Project proposal, and the final project for her Virtual High School (VHS) class. The ASB is working right now to get elections underway.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Alternative School Greenhouse Project
Superintendent Walter reported that the West Olympic Peninsula Betterment Association would be providing \$5,000 to create and supply a greenhouse for the alternative school. The greenhouse will have an academic agenda, and will be used to teach plant identification. The project will also have an entrepreneurial element, and will be making and selling hanging baskets at local venues, and will use revenues to become self-sustaining. Patty Vaughn worked with Rod Fleck and a greenhouse supplier to develop the plan for this project. Superintendent Walter reported that the Alternative School awards night would be held June 5, 2007 in the Performing Arts Center.
2. Washington State School Directors Association Annual Conference
Superintendent Walter reported that the WSSDA Annual Conference would be held November 14-17, 2007 in Seattle. This will be immediately after school board elections, so if there are new board members it would be advantageous if they could attend WSSDA trainings at that conference.
3. Board Meeting Room
Superintendent Walter asked the board to consider moving board meetings to the Auto Tech showroom to accommodate more work space in the administration office. The Auto Tech showroom is approximately the same size as the current board room, has restrooms, and an adjacent room which could be used for executive session. The board unanimously agreed to convert the Auto Tech Showroom to the Board Room over the summer.
4. Bond Proposal Update
Superintendent Walter reported that he had met with Gordon Beck from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding state matching funds for school construction. The formulas for funding new construction are based on enrollment. He estimated that 15,000 square feet of new construction would be eligible for matching funds. Regarding the portions of the old high school which were supposed to have been abandoned, Gordon Beck recommended ceasing to use those areas as soon as possible. Lisa Johnson, the architect working on the project, is preparing drawings of the proposal. One drawing will include replacing the high school stadium, and the other will not. The drawings will be displayed at upcoming school events to gather community feedback. The next bond committee meeting will be held June 25th.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Cathy Johnson asked if the Critical Friends Groups (CFGs) will continue at the High School. Superintendent Walter responded that the CFGs will likely continue, but meetings might not occur during the early release days. Cathy Johnson asked if the Alternative School staff participates in CFGs. Chris Wiseman responded that Home School Plus and the Alternative School have combined and created their own CFG. He reported that they had previously tried to integrate into the high school's groups, but it was not successful as their students have very different issues and needs compared to the high school.

Tony Dias asked about the availability of using the reader board. Chris Wiseman responded that the process is to email the message to him (chrisw@esd114.wednet.edu) and he approves messages and submits them to the ASB students to put onto the reader board.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 7:43 PM.

VIII. WRAP-UP

The board returned to regular session at 7:53 PM.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. The next regular board meeting will be held on June 12, 2007, at 6:00 pm.

Board Secretary

Approved June 12, 2007. Signatures on file in the district office.

Board Chairman