

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, June 12, 2007,
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, and led the pledge of allegiance. Present were Dave Dickson, Sharon Penn, Tina Bergstrom, Student Representative Julia Giles, Superintendent Frank Walter, and Recording Secretary Julie Knobel. Bill Rohde joined the meeting a few minutes later.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:

- Regular Meeting of May 22, 2007

Tina Bergstrom moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 22, 2007, and Sharon Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions:

1. Resignation of:
 - Rux Smith. Custodian effective June 8, 2007
 - Nancy Dabney, Forks Elementary School Counselor
2. Resignation and Contractual Release of:
 - Rob King, Forks High School Science Teacher effective June 1, 2007
3. Retirement of:
 - Lynnette Lewis, Forks Middle School Block Teacher
4. Summer School Hiring of:
 - Lori Justus-Shields, Forks Elementary School Dedicated Aide Paraeducator
 - Juanita Weissenfels, Forks Elementary School Summer School Reading and Math Enrichment
 - Kathy Struznik, Forks Elementary School Dedicated Aide Paraeducator
 - Cathy Johnson, Forks Middle School Paraeducator
 - Jamie Trudel, Forks Middle School Teacher
5. Hiring of:
 - Danny Hinchey, Forks High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
6. Stipend
 - Katie Ellofson-Haag, Science Kits Stipend

B. Approval of:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Olympic ESD 114 for Laura Hahn's services
2. Washington Learning Source Access Subscription Agreement
3. Carl Perkins Grant

Superintendent Walter reported that the memorandum of understanding with the Olympic Educational Service District 114 was for services by Laura Hahn. The agreement with Washington Learning Source Access Subscription allows the district to purchase services and equipment at wholesale prices. It does not cost the district anything to be a part of the agreement. Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the consent agenda. Sharon Penn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

1. Final Enrollment Report

Superintendent Walter reported on the final enrollment counts for the 2006-2007 school year. Quillayute Valley School District including Insight School of Washington (ISW) was projected to be 1721, and we finished the school year at 1691.70 full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the year's average. The district had budgeted for 5.0 FTE students in running start, and ended up with a yearly average of 11.33 FTE students, partially increased due to running start students from ISW.

B. Leadership Report

1. High School WASL Results for 2007

Ray Marshall reported on the results from this year's WASL testing. Forks High School made significant improvements in all test areas, and recorded the highest results since the inception of the WASL. Brenda King presented some of the work done by the high school during early release days, and discussed the collaboration going on among the high school staff. Ray Marshall related the increases in WASL scores to the work done on early release days.

2. Insight School of Washington 1st Year Report

Bill Finkbeiner, Executive Director reported on Insight School of Washington's (ISW) first year. He reported that they were primarily concerned with improving student success, and increasing the number of returning students for next year. Greg Rayl, Principal reported his travels across the state this year, meeting with students and their families. He reported on the Senior Projects done by the students, and told some about the graduating seniors. Also in attendance from ISW were Karen Wickstrom, Director of Operations, and Mickie Foster, Special Projects. Dave Dickson asked how competition from new online schools opening this year will change Insight. Bill Finkbeiner responded that Insight is not able to meet the demand for this type of education that exists right now. He added that some of the schools will provide a quality education, while he believes others will struggle. Dave Dickson asked about how Insight was doing on hiring more teachers for the increased enrollment. Bill Finkbeiner reported that all of this year's teachers wanted to return to Insight, and most will go from part-time to full-time. ISW has a unique ability to attract quality teachers because of the flexibility in lifestyle that teachers can have, and the attractiveness of working with student one on one.

C. Legislative Report

Dave Dickson reported that he participated in a Washington State School Director's Association (WSSDA) Timber Task Force conference call. He reported that North Thurston School District has submitted a legislative proposal regarding setting limitations on the Department of Natural Resource's ability to enter into long-term leases on trust lands. The board requested that this topic be researched further.

D. Board Member Reports

Julia Giles reported that class elections were complete, and she was elected to be class president.

The board members concurred that graduation went very well, and was a great event.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. School Board Director Candidate Filings

Superintendent Walter reported that two individuals had filed for each district 3 and 5. No candidates had filed for district 1. He reported that the extended filing period would be June 13 – 15.

2. High School Principal Search Update

Superintendent Walter reported that the district had received 10 new applications, and of those 4 had been identified to interview. Interviews were planned for Monday, June 18th.

3. State High School Math Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Walter reported that Senate Bill 6023 postpones the requirement that student meet the Math standard on the WASL until 2012. The bill requires that next year's senior who have not passed the Math WASL take and earn credit in approved math classes. Next year's junior's will be required to take and earn credit in approved math classes in both their junior and senior year if they haven't passed the Math WASL. Bill Rohde clarified that these student will still not receive a certificate of academic achievement. The high school is currently in the process of notifying students of their results from spring WASL testing.

4. Technology Plan Approved

Superintendent Walter reported OSPI notified the district that they had approved the district's technology plan. This paves the way for the district to apply for e-rate funds, which has the potential of providing up to \$900,000 in technology improvements in the next five years.

5. District Office Support Fee Clarification

Superintendent Walter reported the memo in the board packets clarified an issue that arose during our audit this year. The memo explained that the support fee paid to district office staff in December is a single payment stipend for the added work load which is continuous because of Insight School of Washington.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2007-08 Forks High School Activities Handbook

Bob Wheeler, Coach expressed concerns with the new handbook, and felt that it was not ready yet to be published as an official document. He felt like the changes needed were primarily grammatical or formatting in nature, and he pointed out a few examples. Chris Wiseman expressed his concern that none of the policies in the manual be changed, because of the hard work that the committee did to arrive at these policies. Sharon Penn motioned to table the approval of the handbook until the next meeting so that more editing could be done on the document. Bill Rohde seconded that motion, and it carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Public School Employees of Forks

Superintendent Walter reported that a few changes were made to the Public School Employees (PSE) bargaining agreement since the last time they bargained. Break times were increased from 10 minutes to 15 minutes. The agreement added an incentive and recognition for obtaining higher education, and money was set aside for classified staff development. Tina Bergstrom moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Public School Employees for September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010. Sharon Penn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. Forks High School Improvement Plan

Superintendent Walter presented segments of the FHS School Improvement plan. He reported that compiling that plan was very labor intensive, and the School Improvement Team is very committed to this process. Superintendent Walter thanked Ray Marshall for all of the leadership and work that he contributed to this process. Tina Bergstrom moved to approve the Forks High School Improvement Plan. Sharon Penn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Hagen commented on violence in our schools. She read a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt that said that human rights begin with feeling safe close to home. She discussed an incident where 6 students assaulted 1 student, and that no witnesses reported the incident. Bill Rohde said that board will put this topic on the agenda for future discussion. Mellissa Whidden said that she felt students were punished for standing up for themselves and assisting other students.

Cathy Johnson asked a question about the high school schedule. Ray Marshall asked that high school schedule questions be directed to the high school principal and not to the board members.

Rachel Bennett expressed concern that the diagrams for the high school bond showed a choice between having a home economics room or having a new stadium. Bill Rohde said that at this time, we are not making a decision between the two options, and that the final decision will most likely be a composite of many things. These preliminary diagrams purpose is to elicit comment from the public. The next bond committee meeting will be held June 25, 2007 at 6 PM in the Forks High School commons, and that all members of the community are invited to attend. Bob Wheeler expressed his concern that there was no plan to replace the Performing Arts Center, leaving wrestling and baseball without an area to practice.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 8:49 PM with Tony Dias who requested to discuss a personnel matter with the board members. Tony Dias returned to the audience, and the board continued in executive session.

X. WRAP-UP

The board returned to regular session at 9:45 PM with no further action.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next regular board meeting will be held on June 26, 2007 at 6 PM.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved on June 26, 2007. Signatures on file in the district office.