

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 6:05 PM. Present were Dave Dickson, Tina Bergstrom, Sharon Penn, Superintendent Diana Reaume, and recording secretary Julie Knobel, and Carie Micheau.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Tina Bergstrom moved to adopt the meeting minutes of July 24, 2007. Sharon Penn seconded, and the motion carried.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Reaume reported that Marianne Rupprecht is an experienced teacher with expertise in the Title I/Reading area. She also reported that there were two strong candidates for the assistant principal position. Mark Brandmire has over 18 years experience as an athletic director and ASB advisor. Superintendent Reaume and Principal Kevin Rupprecht spoke to five different references and were consistently told that he makes strong community connection. He will be in Forks at the end of next week. Superintendent Reaume reported that the district has received six applications for the counselor position, and 3 applications for the librarian position. The agreement w/ Educational Consultation Assessment Network, LLC is for school psychologist services to identify special education students early. They will work with students contacted through Headstart, ECEAP, and Child Find. The contract with Lyric Winn is for the same services contracted last year, and was included in the budget. Sharon Penn moved to approve the consent agenda. Tina Bergstrom seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Actions:

1. Resignation of:
 - Therese Stempin, FHS Librarian
 - Stephanie Hofland, FHS Counselor
2. Hiring of:
 - Marianne Rupprecht, FMS 6th Grade Teacher
 - Mark Brandmire, FHS Assistant Principal

B. Approval of:

- Recommendation to award 2007-08 Propane Bid to Ferrell Gas
- Recommendation to award 2007-08 Heating Fuel Bid to Petroleum Traders Corporation
- Recommendation to award 2007-08 Milk Bid to Senf Distributing
- Recommendation to award 2007-08 Bread bid to Franz Family Bakeries
- Personal Services Contract with Lyric Winn for Website Design and Maintenance
- Personal Services Contract with Educational Consultation Assessment Network, LLC for School Psychologist Services

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

1. General Fund Cash Balance Update
Superintendent Reaume presented an updated graph of the general fund cash balance by month compared to the previous seven years. The final numbers for July were not available yet, but they will be presented to the board as they come available.

B. Legislative Report

Dave Dickson reported that it is unlikely that the Secure Rural Schools and Communities act will be extended beyond the once year extension that was granted by the legislature this year. Superintendent Reaume reported that the school district receives approximately \$50,000 annually from these funds. Dave Dickson reported that besides affecting our school district, it will also affect road funding. Dave Dickson will be attending a DNR field trip on August 26th to look at insect killed trees in eastern Washington with the Washington State School Directors (WSSDA) Timber Trust Lands Committee.

C. Board Member Reports

Tina Bergstrom reported that she really enjoyed participating in the stakeholder's interviews for the high school principal. She felt that the members of the committee were very invested in the process, and enjoyed the discussion with the students. She asked if it would be possible to have a round table with the board members, students, parents, and community members. Superintendent Reaume suggested that we incorporate that into the strategic planning process. Tina Bergstrom applauded the Forks Elementary School Adopt-A-Classroom program. Penny Winn reported that they have received a large response to the newspaper article, and that Diane Edwards is coordinating the program.

Sharon Penn reported that the board retreat was enjoyable and that she would like it to be a bi-annual event. Dave Dickson concurred and felt that spring would be a good opportunity to reflect on the school year.

Dave Dickson reported that it was his pleasure to host the board at his house for the retreat. Superintendent Reaume and the other board members thanked Dave Dickson for the hospitality and felt that the time was productive.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Report on 2007 Fall Athletics Meeting held Monday, August 6, 2007

Superintendent Reaume asked Forks High School Principal Kevin Rupprecht to report on the fall sports meeting. Kevin Rupprecht reported that over 150 students, parents, and community members turned out for the meeting representing women's soccer, football, and cross-country. The cheerleaders were at camp during the meeting. He reported that parents are required to meet with their student's coach at the beginning of the season to create open lines of communication. Diana Reaume thanked Kevin Rupprecht for hitting the ground running, and working to complete the fall athletic schedules. Kevin Rupprecht reported that Mark Brandmire has extensive experience and connections in athletics at the regional, state, and national level. Superintendent Reaume reported that his current superintendent told her that he rarely if ever had problems regarding athletics reach his desk, and that Mr. Brandmire handled things at the building level.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Siemens Project Savings

Superintendent Reaume reported that she met with Bill Henderson and representatives from Siemens for a post-measurement conference. Siemens guaranteed cost savings of \$23,295, but the district's actual savings are be \$30,977 annually with \$7,682 in excess savings at the baseline utility rates. Dave Dickson asked if utility rates are expected to increase. Siemens reported that the PUD is projected to increase their rates by 1.5-2% during the next year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2007-08 Calendar (Modified)

Superintendent Reaume presented a modified calendar which moved the mandatory teacher day from October 12 to September 28th. October 12th is scheduled to be homecoming, and it also corresponds with statewide teaching conferences. It is important that the principals be able to meet with all of their teaching staff during the mandatory day to be able to improve teaching quality, and September 28th was a better opportunity to accomplish that goal. Sharon Penn moved to approve the modified 2007-08 calendar. Tina Bergstrom seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. Retreat Follow-Up

Superintendent Reaume thanked the board members for participating in the retreat and stated that there is much work to do. She asked the board members if there were additional topics they would like to discuss. Tina Bergstrom stated it should be a priority to look at the music program systemically through the entire district. She also felt that cultural sensitivity should be a priority. Superintendent Reaume reported that cultural sensitivity was one of the four core goals of the School Improvement Plan and that funding from the School Improvement grant could be used to pay for this training. Liz Sanchez, Elena Velasquez, and Brenda King attended a training related to this topic last year and recommended that we bring the speaker to our district. Superintendent Reaume and Penny Winn did culture of poverty training on the elementary campus this past year and are looking to expand that training to the entire district. Dave Dickson stated that the district needs to examine what is on the plate for next year and make connections with the district's K-12 curriculum priorities.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

There was no public comment.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

X. WRAP-UP

Superintendent Reaume reported that she had invited John Gores from D.A. Davidson to do a presentation on financing a bond. Dave Dickson reported that the board would like presentations on the POSSE program, the K-1 multi-age classroom, and the laws and regulations governing fighting and self-defense in schools.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM. The next regular board meeting will be held on August 28, 2007, at 6:00 PM in the new board room location at 390 S. Forks Ave.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved at the August 28, 2007 regular board meeting. Signatures on file in the district office.