

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chairman Bill Rohde called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Rick Gale, Sharon Penn, Bill Rohde, Tina Bergstrom, Nina Lau and Frank Walter.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Penn moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006. Rick Gale 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

Sharon Penn moved to adopt the consent agenda and Rick Gale seconded. After a brief review by Superintendent Frank Walter, the motion carried.

A. Personnel Actions

1. Hiring of:

- Julie Knobel, Substitute Coordinator (2 hrs/180 days)

2. Resignation of:

- Jody Carroll, FMS Science Instructor, effective June 17, 2006
- Shele Kinkead, FES Principal, effective June 30, 2006

B. Bills and Payroll

March payroll and General Fund vouchers no. 59081 through 59185 totaling \$125,273.49; ASB Fund vouchers No. 8307 through 8327, totaling \$15,883.69; and Trust and Agency Fund voucher No. 0230 and No. 0231 totaling \$2,124.00.

C. Approval of:

- Out of State Travel for Elena Velasquez, Brenda King, Brittany Richards, Jessica Schwarts, to Service Learning Conference, "We the People," Philadelphia, PA, March 22 – 26, 2006 (Conn. Schools and Communities/ High Tech High funds)

D. Change April Board Meetings to Second and Fourth Tuesday

E. Approval of:

- Agreement for Service with Clallam County Detention Center Education Program, 2006-2007

V. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Karen Lehman, Special Services Director, gave a presentation of the history of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) as well as the newest requirements for school districts under this act. She shared QVSD's current status, challenges and future direction in the Special Education Department.

2. High School Counseling Center Website

Stephanie Hofland, Forks High School (FHS) Counselor, gave a demonstration of the FHS Counseling Center website where students and parents can easily access a large variety of information regarding colleges, scholarships, financial aid, etc.

B. Financial Report

1. March Enrollment

The March enrollment count is 1249 students, 1177.32 FTEs. This puts the average annual enrollment 60.79 FTEs below the budgeted amount.

2. February Ending General Fund Cash Balance

February's ending General Fund cash balance is (\$386,340.56). Superintendent Walter stated that the county has said they will go to interest bearing warrants if there is a negative ending balance in March; however, the proceeds from the sale of one of the Klahn Unitrust houses will be received in March, a larger portion of property tax income, as well as reimbursement of some grant claims, which may raise the balance to a positive amount. In April income from the sale of the remaining houses, more tax revenues and 9% apportionment should be received. Mr. Walter stated that staff have been frugal and expenditures have been held to 49% of budget, however, only 45% of budgeted revenues have been received at this time.

3. February Budget Status Report

February Budget Status ReportGeneral Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	(\$351,792.77)
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Capital Projects Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$82,854.20
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Debt Service Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$270,875.84
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Associated Student Body Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$143,156.72
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Transportation Vehicle Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance	\$194,057.47
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C. Legislative Report

There was no legislative report.

D. Board Report

Nina Lau reported that the Quillayute Valley Scholarship Auction was a success, raising more than \$57,000 for QVSD seniors. She thanked everyone for their support

Sharon Penn stated that she, too, enjoyed the auction. Tina Bergstrom reported that the 4-H club that she leads has voted to hold fundraisers to purchase supplies for the schools.

E. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Walter reported that there will be a Town Hall type meeting regarding underage drinking, coordinated by Laura Hahn, FMS Counselor, and Cathy Aplin on March 28, 2006 at 7:30 pm. in the high school commons.

Superintendent Walter also read a press release regarding the settlement of a law suit against the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by the Washington Environmental Council (WEC) regarding the ten-year sustainable harvest calculation. He noted that City Attorney Rod Fleck was instrumental in pushing to return to the state experimental forests in our area. This is a good settlement that provides for more steady production of income for trust beneficiaries and more employment for our community.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Management Contract with Insight Schools, Pending Legal Review and Revisions

Superintendent Walter reviewed the board’s request that the management contract with Insight Schools be reviewed by an attorney before acceptance. He stated that he had asked Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP) to review and research the risks and liabilities and the Washington State auditor also researched and provided information. The agreement has been reviewed by Karen Simmonds and Kevin Swan of Preston, Gates and Ellis, experts in school contract work and specifically in intellectual property issues. Changes were made at their suggestion and Superintendent Walter is ready to recommend the agreement to the board.

After a discussion in which the board agreed by general consensus that they would like Insight Schools to pursue the acquisition of a liability bond, Rick Gale moved to approve the Management Contract with Insight Schools. Tina Bergstrom seconded and the motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Tony Dias read a letter a student had asked him to present to the board regarding the lack of heat in the old high school building. Superintendent Walter explained that it is an old building with less than desirable insulation, and the boiler and heating system are also very old. Bill Henderson has kept it running far beyond its expected life span and comes in during the very early hours of particularly cold mornings to start the boiler and give the building a chance to warm up. Siemen’s energy audit report will probably be ready in May, but the board will need to decide if there should be continued upgrades and repairs to the building or if it should be replaced.

The board members agreed that a fact-finding committee for a proposed bond should be formed and they will discuss at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Rick Gale asked if the high school’s four-period day has been a success, or would another schedule work better? A review of the current four-period day will be added to a future agenda.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board recessed to executive session at 8:28 P.M. to discuss litigation and the sale of real estate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The board returned to general session at 8:30 P.M. Rick Gale moved to approve the sale of the Klahn Trust houses. Sharon Penn seconded and the motion carried. Rick Gale moved to authorize Superintendent Frank Walter to sign the legal settlement of the suit by the WEC against the DNR. Sharon Penn seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. with no further action taken.

X. WRAP UP

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 6:00 P.M., in the administration board room. At that time the board will discuss the appointment of an ad hoc committee to research the possibility of proposing a bond to replace the old high school building.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved by the Board April 11, 2006