

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, August 8, 2006
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Sharon Penn, Rick Gale, Dave Dickson, Superintendent Frank Walter and Recording Secretary, Julie Knobel.

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Sharon Penn moved to adopt the agenda. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

Sharon Penn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2006. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Rick Gale moved to approve the consent agenda and Sharon Penn seconded. The board had a discussion about the Concerned Citizens Early Intervention Services Agreement. After a brief review of the agenda items, the motion to approve the consent agenda was carried unanimously.

A. Approval of:

- 2006-07 Agreement with Concerned Citizens
- Out-of-District Travel
Frank Walter to North American Council for Online Learning Conference, Dallas Texas
November 5-7, 2006 (No Cost to District)

V. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Siemens Project

Bill Henderson, Maintenance Supervisor, Dave Johnson from the Public Utility District (PUD), and Maury Constantini from Siemens Building Technologies Inc., discussed and answered questions regarding the proposed Siemens project. Bill Henderson emphasized improvements to the teaching/learning environment in the schools, and that the project would free up significant amounts of custodial staff time to accomplish other projects. Dave Johnson talked about reasons why utility rates are expected to rise in the future including less access to cheaper Bonneville Power Administration energy, new regulations and requirements regarding "renewable" energy sources. Maury Constantini discussed the new financial package which reduced the term of the loan to 18 years and improved the return on investment to 27% (guaranteed by Siemens). Other alternatives discussed were adding this project to a levy, or continuing to make improvements one fixture at a time.

2. Insight School of Washington

Bill Finkbeiner, Executive Director, Greg Rayl, Principal, and Rebekah Richards, Director of Curriculum presented current information regarding the startup of Insight School of Washington (ISW). Bill Finkbeiner reported that over 2000 students responded to ISW advertising, and 540 students have currently been enrolled. The target enrollment for 2006-07 is 600-650 students. This number will be re-evaluated next year based on the experience from this year. Bill Finkbeiner introduced Greg Rayl to the board as the first principal of ISW. Greg Rayl discussed the quality of the teachers ISW has been able to hire, with 52 out of 60 teachers having previous online teaching experience, and an average of 16 years teaching experience.

B. Board Reports

1. Draft Resolution about School Trust Lands and Funds

Dave Dickson reported that a Draft Resolution about School Trust Lands and Funds has been prepared by the Trust Lands Task Force, and read the Draft Resolution to the audience. Superintendent Walter and Dave

Dickson emphasized that because of our experience in this timber community our school board and administration have a responsibility to educate our colleagues in the state regarding this issue.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Follow-up on WSSDA Board Training from June 13, 2006

The board decided to table the discussion of the WSSDA Board Training from June 13, 2006, until more board members were present.

2. WASL Retesting

Superintendent Walter shared that WASL retesting was taking place from Monday, August 7th through Thursday August 10th. One individual missed taking the test because she was not able to locate the testing location in the Americorp middle school classroom before the test started.

3. Update on Staffing

Superintendent Walter discussed the staffing situation for the upcoming school year. The district has been unsuccessful at hiring a school nurse. Discussions with Camille Scott, Administrator of Forks Community Hospital (FCH) have been initiated regarding contracting with FCH for nursing services. Regarding the open high school math teacher position, the district is seeking to negotiate with the Forks Education Association (FEA) to "purchase" Jeff Baldwin's preparation period so that he would teach four periods a day. The district would also hire a part-time math teacher.

4. No Board Member Elections Needed in 2006

Superintendent Walter notified that board that there will be no board member elections until 2007, as board members are only elected in odd years.

5. Relay for Life Recap

Superintendent Walter presented the board with a "Gold Sponsor" plaque from American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Frank applauded the efforts of the maintenance staff and OCC for their efforts to make the school district facilities look great. The event was very successful raising over \$72,000.

6. ASB Card Costs Follow-up

Superintendent Walter presented information regarding the cost of ASB cards at the high school. After attending 6 home sporting events, the ASB cards pay for themselves. Rick Gale expressed concern that \$30 is still too much money for many families in this community, especially multi-child families. He also felt that it might discourage students from turning out for sports. The board decided to have further discussion on this issue with more information about how many students the athletic code revision will affect.

7. High School Fall Sports Dates

Superintendent Walter reported that fall sports are starting this month. The parent meeting will be held August 14th, 2006. Football turnout is August 16th, and girl's soccer, volleyball, and cross country turnouts are August 21st. Bill Henderson commented that the stadium is looking very good, and the grass is growing in well after the drainage project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of Siemens Building Technologies Proposal

Rick Gale moved to accept the Siemens Building Technologies Proposal and Sharon Penn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Forks High School Athletic/Activities Code 2006-07

Rick Gale requested more input into the future revisions of the athletic code, especially from parents and coaches. He also would like the code to more closely compare to that of other school districts, and the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) code. Superintendent Walter discussed the need to pass the current proposed changes for the current year, while allowing for a complete revision process to occur during this upcoming year. Sharon Penn moved to approve the revisions to the Forks High School Athletic/Activities Code 2006-07 and Rick Gale seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a rider from Dave Dickson that the process for revising the code which is to occur this year include the activities staff which had not previously been governed by the code.

C. Finalize District Priorities for 2006-07

Dave Dickson discussed that he would like to see a review of graduation requirements added to the District Priorities, and further discussion of a bond to replace portions of the old high school before finalizing the document. Dave Dickson decided to table the District Priorities for 2006-07 until they had a larger quorum.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meal Prices for 2006-07

Superintendent Walter informed the board the State of Washington has decided to pay for breakfast for reduced price students above what the federal government will fund. This will make breakfast free for those who qualify for reduced price breakfasts. The only meal price to be raised this year is the Forks Elementary School Lunch from \$2.10 to \$2.15. This change was made to bring the lunch fees in line with the meal costs. Sharon Penn moved to approve the Meal Prices for 2006-07 and Rick Gale seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Insight School of Washington Course Equivalencies

Rebekah Richards gave a presentation about course equivalencies, covering how Insight School of Washington (ISW) Courses will fulfill state requirements for English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, Art, and Occupational Education. Rebekah Richards, Bill Finkbeiner, and Greg Rayl answered questions regarding how credits are given to students matriculating from home school. ISW has counselors to meet with families individually, combined with placement tests to determine what level potential students are at. Sharon Penn moved to approve the Insight School of Washington Course Equivalencies, and Rick Gale seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Insight School of Washington Definition of “Satisfactory Progress”

Rebekah Richards presented changes to the Definition of “Satisfactory Progress” which created a distinction between the progress toward completion of courses and the quality of work completed. The revision also changed the wording of “Attendance/Instructor Feedback”, to “Participation”. Sharon Penn moved to approve the Insight School of Washington Definition of “Satisfactory Progress” and Rick Gale seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or questions.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

X. WRAP UP

A work session will be held at the home of Dave Dickson on August 25, 2006. The next regular session will be held on August 29, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. in the administration board room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 8:38 P.M.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman

Approved by the Board 8/29/06