

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, August 29, 2006
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dave Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Rick Gale, Bill Rohde, Tina Bergstrom, Dave Dickson, Superintendent Frank Walter and Recording Secretary, Julie Knobel.

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Bill Rohde moved to adopt the agenda. Rick Gale seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

Rick Gale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2006. Tina Bergstrom seconded and the motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Tina Bergstrom moved to approve the consent agenda and Bill Rohde seconded. Frank Walter briefly discussed the payroll figures. The consent agenda carried unanimously.

A. Personnel Actions

1. Hiring of:

- Jeff Alborn FMS Assistant Football Coach 2006-2007
- Rod Enos, FHS Assistant Football Coach 2006-2007
- Dan Jaksha, FHS Assistant Football Coach, 2006-2007

2. Resignation of:

- Rick Gooding, FHS Assistant Football Coach, effective August 13, 2006
- Brenda Whitaker, FHS Registrar, effective August 14, 2006

B. Bills and Payroll

August payroll and General Fund vouchers no. 59609 through 59686 totaling \$188,316.11; Capital Projects Fund vouchers no. 1945 and 1949 totaling \$2,898.39; and ASB Fund vouchers No. 8434 through 8436, totaling \$390.68.

C. Approval of:

- Out of State Travel, Andrea Perkins, Forks High Cross Country Team and Coach, Cross Country Meet Seaside, Oregon September 22-23, 2006
- Administrative Internship by Patti Fouts
- Approval of Transportation Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with Clallam Transit

V. REPORTS

A. Leadership Report

1. Fall Sports Turnout

Dave Demiglio, Co-Athletic Director, Forks High School, reported on the fall sports turnout. All four fall sports; football, volleyball, cross-country, and women's soccer, reported good fall turnouts. Forks High School football currently has 52 players. Due to the change in leagues, High School sports will no longer have C squads, so there are fewer positions on the volleyball team. A few women who were not able to get positions on the volleyball team joined the cross country team. Shards of glass were found on the football field. Bill Henderson's maintenance staff combed the field and removed the glass they could find. The OCC crews also combed the field and were unable to locate any more glass. The Forks High School cheerleading squad is looking very good this year, and will be doing lifts and jumps.

B. Financial Report

1. July Ending Fund Cash Balance

Frank Walter discussed the July ending fund cash balance. July is the lowest payroll month of the year. Frank Walter also explained that all staff who work four or more hours per work day are paid in twelve equal payments. Frank Walter also offered to give the board training on reading school district budget reports. During the past year, the sale of the properties, as well as the spending freeze has increased the fund balance.

2. July Budget Status Report

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General Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance \$258,634.10

Capital Projects Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance \$80,705.13

Debt Service Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance \$434,165.82

Associated Student Body Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance \$109,490.14

Transportation Vehicle Fund

Total Ending Fund Balance \$33,904.95

C. Legislative Report,

Dave Dickson reported that he has registered to attend the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Assembly in Pasco this September. To be discussed at the meeting is lobbying the state to allow bonds/levies to be approved by a simple majority and to fund ten teacher improvement days per year (currently two days are funded). Small school districts would benefit the most from increased funding for teacher improvement. Another idea to be discussed would be funding one full-time training facilitator for every two hundred students in a district. Diana Reaume and Penny Winn discussed the teacher training policies of their previous districts in Texas and Colorado, respectively. Dave Dickson will also be discussing the School Trust and Federal Forest Lands and Funds at the Assembly. Congress will be deciding whether or not to reauthorize the bill which compensates school districts for lost taxes due to federally owned lands within their district. WSSDA will be lobbying Congress to reauthorize the bill. Dave Dickson would also like to educate other school boards about the importance of the funds, and the necessity to remove the loophole that allows the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to distribute these funds across the state, instead of directly to the school district they are intended for.

D. Board Member Report

Tina Bergstrom reported on the tour of the district facilities given by Frank Walter the previous evening. She was totally unaware of the fish hatchery building, and that it was not being used. Tina Bergstrom also had questions regarding the language lab in the addition to Forks High School. Frank Walter said that he will follow up with Jim Bennett to find out the status of the Washington Virtual Classroom Consortium (WVCC) foreign language project. Tina Bergstrom also requested a tour of the High School boiler from Bill Henderson.

Bill Rohde also reported on the facilities tour. He was impressed with the work that Bill Henderson and the maintenance staff are doing and expressed appreciation to them. Dave Dickson directed Frank Walter to write a letter of appreciation to the Olympic Corrections crews for the work they have done in the past year.

The board members discussed the idea of having a Meet and Greet session with the public. The board decided to attend the Forks Middle School open house on September 13th to mingle with parents. The board also considered sitting at a table at Forks Thriftway, or at a home football game.

Dave Dickson and Bill Rohde initiated a discussion about having one or two board members elected "at-large." This would mean that the board districts would have to be redrawn, and that the candidates for the at-

large board seats could live anywhere in the school district. This is opposed to the current system that when a board seat comes up for election, the candidates must all live in the district for the seat they are running for. The board had a discussion of the pros and cons of creating at-large board seats, and a discussion about how the board districts were created historically. Frank Walter and Bill Rohde agreed to research this issue.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Preparations for opening school
Frank Walter reported on the preparations being made for the new school year. The district has been holding many preparatory meetings and trainings, and Tuesday, September 5th is the Mandatory Day for certified teachers. Frank Walter invited the board members to attend this meeting in the High School Commons at 9:00 am on Tuesday.
2. AutoTech and Alternative School
Frank Walter explained the current status of the Alternative School to the board. Home School + was moved into the Independent Learning Center (ILC) over the summer. The Alternative School was scheduled to be moved into the front of the AutoTech building, and would use a portable at that site. Due to unforeseen permitting issues, the portable was not able to be installed prior to school. Considering the renovations which will be done to the AutoTech building this year, the classroom space requirements for Tom LaFrenz's classes, and not having the portable in place, Frank Walter and Bill Henderson decided to postpone moving the alternative school for one year. After this school year, the school district will move forward on its plans to sell the Alternative School building.
3. Leadership Team
Frank Walter expressed excitement to be working with this year's leadership team. Penny Winn, Diana Reaume, and Debbie Hull are new additions to the team this year. The team is full of ideas, and enthusiasm. They recently attended a training at the Educational Service District office.
4. Special Education Conference
Frank Walter and Diana Reaume also attended the state special education conference. Bob Harmon was the keynote speaker. The federal special education law was recently reauthorized, so the schools in attendance were trying to learn how states are going to apply the new laws. The training emphasized that transition plans for special education students need to be in place by the time the student is sixteen years old, in preparation for exiting the school system.
5. CONEYvT
Frank Walter explained that CONEYvT is the Mexican National Curriculum which is available online to students for a very small fee. The idea behind the project is to allow non-English speakers to take more advanced coursework than they have been able to due to language barriers. The students would still be required to take English classes. Frank Walter believes that CONEYvT would be a good extension of the work that both Elena Velasquez and Liz Sanchez do in the bilingual and online classrooms. Frank explained that similar to the way that Liz Sanchez keeps students on track in their online coursework, CONEYvT would also require a staff member to supervise students. Frank Walter is looking into using learning assistance funds to pay for this potential position.
6. Insight School of Washington (ISW)
Frank Walter discussed the current activities going on at Insight School of Washington. He recently attended a meeting in Olympia with Brian Sontaag, the state Auditor. Also in attendance were Bill Finkbiener (ISW Executive Director), and Greg Rayl (ISW Principal), and Lou Adams (School Auditor). It was a pro-active meeting to introduce the faces of ISW to the auditor, and to express our desire to report on Insight School of Washington appropriately.
7. District Heating Systems
Frank Walter presented a memo to the board which outlined all of the heating systems currently in use at the district. The school district uses a variety of heating methods. Bill Henderson will provide a more in-depth tour of the heating systems at an undecided future date.
8. Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Fall Regional Meeting October 14, 2006, Quilcene
Frank Walter announced that he will be attending this meeting, and that all of the board members are invited to attend. Tina Bergstrom is also planning on attending this meeting.
9. Southwest Washington District IV School Board Passes
Frank Walter notified the board that they are eligible to receive passes to sporting events, which are good district wide, and can be paid for by the school district at the cost of \$25 per pass. Rick Gale, and Bill Rohde decided to take advantage of this opportunity.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Finalize District Priorities for 2006-2007

The board discussed the draft of the district priorities. Bill Rohde questioned the effect Insight School of Washington will have on our school district's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Frank Walter explained that since this is ISW's first year, this year can only establish a baseline for future AYP reports. As a private company, ISW has incentives for high-performance to attract more students to their school. A revision was made to the district priority regarding the bond proposal. The wording was changed to "Consider bringing a bond to voters in 2008 to replace the old section of Forks High school and the stadium." Bill Rohde wanted the priority regarding the Curriculum Steering Committee to give more direction. After a brief discussion the board decided to add language directing them to focus on mathematics this year. The board decided to add a priority to review graduation requirements. Rick Gale moved and Bill Rohde seconded the motion to approve the District Priorities with the new revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 23-05/06, "To Close the Trust and Agency Fund"

Frank Walter explained that resolutions 23 and 24 are necessary to close these accounts which are already empty. Bill Rohde moved, and Tina Bergstrom seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 24-05/06

Bill Rohde moved, and Tina Bergstrom seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Forks High School Student Handbook 2006-2007

After reviewing the changes made, Tina Bergstrom moved and Rick Gale seconded to approve the Forks High School Student Handbook. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no public comments or questions.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session to discuss personnel and bargaining.

X. WRAP UP

The next regular session will be held on September 12, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. in the administration board room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 8:48 P.M.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman