

QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, September 12, 2006  
6:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

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**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**

Tina Bergstrom 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 Rick Gale seconded. Frank Walter will be continuing talks with the hospital to contract a nurse who would supplement the new part-time nurse. He also clarified that Kyle Weakely will be mentored by Ray Marshall as well as Diana Reaume for his administrative internship. The consent agenda was carried unanimously.

**A. Personnel Actions**

**1. Hiring of:**

- Laura Kripinski, Part-time School Nurse
- Caroline Happe, Mentoring Project Assistant
- Layla Iranshad, Secondary Bilingual Teacher/Bilingual Instructional Assistant

**B. Approval of:**

- Administrative Internship by Kyle Weakley

**C. Approval of:**

- Transportation Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with Jefferson Transit
- Concerned Citizens Transitional Youth Services Program Agreement

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Leadership Report**

**1. Opening of School**

Each of the principals reported on the opening of school in their building. Chris Wiseman reported that the Alternative School has an opening enrollment of 50 students, and that Home School + has an enrollment of 31 students. The staff in both schools are very positive and working together. They will be collaborating with each other for Learning Improvement. The academic focus for this year at the alternative school will be on assessment. Patti Fouts reported a very smooth start to this school year at the Middle School. The Middle School staff used their Learning Improvement Day (LID) on September 11, to focus on promoting parent involvement, and will continue that focus throughout the year. They will be having their open house on Wednesday, September 13, and the event is titled "Parents as Partners." Penny Winn reported a very smooth start to school at the Elementary, due to a very professional and supportive staff. She reported that on the LID day, the staff focused on assessment and will be identifying students who are at-risk for not passing the WASL, particularly in Math. Chris Wiseman reported that the high school had a very smooth start this year, due to many changes in policies and processes. Students were not seen loitering or wandering the halls, but were on task and learning. The pop machines have been programmed so that they are not available during class time. The new computer lab is helping, because students are not wandering around looking for available computers. Diana Reaume reported that she observed a smooth start to school in all buildings, and that

students were engaged in learning immediately. Frank Walter expressed his gratitude to all of the people who worked over the summer to prepare for a smooth start to school, including the maintenance staff and the transportation department.

2. WASL Scores

The principals made a presentation on WASL scores, reporting on the performance of Forks students compared to the state average. Ray Marshall reported that in all grades and in all subjects improvements were made over last year's scores. Ray Marshall discussed that the largest improvements need to be made in mathematics, and that the high school has been working on revamping their math curriculum. Fewer different courses will be offered, with more sections of each course. They also made a change so that most students will have taken geometry prior to the time they take their 10<sup>th</sup> grade WASL. Ray Marshall made a distinction between teaching to the WASL, and getting students accustomed to WASL type questioning. Ray Marshall felt that by focusing on Math during the next year, we will be able to see the same kinds of improvements that we have seen in the middle school with reading. The principals will all be working to put together a comprehensive plan on how to improve science scores. Penny Winn stated that the elementary school will be focusing on those students who are at the greatest risk for failure of the WASL.

**B. Financial Report**

1. Opening Enrollment

Frank Walter reported that the preliminary enrollment figure for our schools is 1170.67 students, compared to the projected enrollment of 1126. The enrollment broke down to 483.5 students at the elementary school, 257 students at the middle school, 293 students at the high school, 50 students at the alternative school, 29 students in Home School +, and 58 students enrolled in Quileute Tribal School (QTS). Debbie Hull was still working on cleaning up the data to finalize our report to the state.

2. Insight School of Washington

Frank Walter reported that Insight School of Washington (ISW) had kicked off school that morning, and reported an enrollment of 645 students. Over half of those students are freshman. About 3% of the students are classified as special education students and have individual education plans (IEPs) in place. This will have positive effects on our district as the funding for special education is capped at 13% of enrollment. By including the ISW students in our report, we will be receive funding for all of our special education students.

**C. Legislative Report,**

Dave Dickson reported that he will be attending the Washington State School Directors Association Legislative Assembly this week, and will be attending a meeting regarding State Trust and Federal Forest lands.

Frank Walter discussed the "Washington Learns" report which was just released by the task force formed by Governor Gregoire. The document is intended to create public discourse on the funding of education in Washington State.

Dave Dickson asked if the board would like to comment on the Olympic National Park General Management Plan. Frank Walter said that the state Attorney General recently decided that school boards may appropriately take positions on plans of this nature. Bill Rohde felt that any letter written by the board would need to specifically address what aspects of the plan the board would be opposed to. Rick Gale and Dave Dickson expressed concern about any loss of private land in our region, and the effects it would have on our school revenues, jobs, and local economy. Dave Dickson agreed to draft a letter, and distribute it to the board prior to the next board meeting, for a motion during that meeting.

**D. Board Member Report**

Rick Gale reported that the middle school staff had done a great fashion show for students to demonstrate inappropriate dress at school. It was done in a fun and exaggerated manner.

Rick Gale also commended Scott Seaman for the volunteer work he is doing in the High School this year.

Bill Rohde mentioned that he received correspondence regarding the math book situation at the high school. He was pleased to report that Ray Marshall had addressed the problem quickly, and was continuing to work on the problem.

Tina Bergstrom reported that she sat at a table at the High School Football game to represent the board and meet the public. She reported that parents at sporting events are focused on supporting the team, and not discussing concerns with the school. She suggested attending the Spartan Showcase in the future.

Bill Rohde reported that sporting events have been well-attended and that the cheerleaders are doing well to get response from the crowd and providing positive entertainment. He also mentioned that there were problems with the sound system in the stadium.

Dave Dickson reported that the ISW conference calls have been productive. He felt that the ISW staff has done a good job of enrolling students into the program. ISW has an internet stipend program to assist students with paying for internet access. Rick Gale asked about how students with IEPs were evaluated. Students with IEPs are evaluated by looking at the IEP to determine if the students need's can be met by ISW, and through counseling with the families.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Review creating an "At-Large" Board Seat(s)**

Frank Walter had spoken with Patty Rosand at the Clallam County Elections Office to learn what the necessary steps would be in order to shift to a three Director District board with two At-Large board seats. The board would need to make a resolution, including language to be put on the ballot to make the change. This change would require voter approval. The cost of the election would depend on the number of other entities who would have items on the ballot. The last election that the school district participated in cost the district approximately \$8,000. Sequim school district is currently trying to do the same measure. Dave Dickson pointed out that the public would have less connection with the board, because two positions would not be directly representing one area of the district. The board continued to discuss whether or not the current makeup of the board actually creates connections with the community, considering the current demographics in our region. They also discussed whether the changes would be worth the amount of money it would cost at this time. If the board decided to move forward on this issue, the best time would be right now as three positions will be up for re-election in 2007, and the cheapest time to get on the ballot is for the November elections. Bill Rohde moved to approve a proposal to create two at-large positions, and Rick Gale seconded the motion. The vote was tied, 2 for – 2 against. The motion failed to carry.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolution No. 1-06/07, "Establishment of a Private-Purpose Trust Fund"**

Frank Walter explained that this trust fund will be used to handle special purpose donations to the school, and funds from the Saul Haas Foundation. These funds can be used to purchase coats, school supplies, or any other student needs deemed appropriate by school staff. Bill Rohde moved, and Rick Gale seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Quileute Tribal School Agreement for 2006-2007**

Bill Rohde moved and Rick Gale seconded the motion to approve the agreement. Dave Dickson asked if increased enrollment in Quileute Tribal School resulted in increased staff. Frank Walter explained that state funding for Quileute Tribal School is a small portion of their revenue, and really supplements the funding they receive primarily from the federal government. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Eileen Penn, a former employee of the district, stated that she is troubled by the information she is hearing about the Title VII program. She was angry about the changes in personnel and asked who decided the classified staff's work assignments. She also stated that she was concerned that materials purchased with Title VII funding were being taken, and were not able to be secured. Frank Walter responded that he works with the leadership team to place staff where they can do the most good. He also informed her that Diana Reaume will be holding a Title VII meeting very soon.

Ron Sanchez had questions about the media reports on WASL scores. He wasn't sure what the numbers actually reflected. Frank Walter was not sure what numbers the media used to calculate the figures that they reported. Ron Sanchez asked how many students passed the WASL. Frank Walter responded that 24 10<sup>th</sup> graders passed all three sections of the WASL and another 23 students passed two of three sections, 22 of which failed the math portion. Frank

Walter reported that a School Improvement Grant had been secured for the high school to analyze data and work on improving student learning.

Ron Sanchez expressed frustration at not being able to comment during the discussion on creating at-large board positions. Dave Dickson responded that timing public comments during board meetings is always challenging, and that the board has tried a couple of different ways of doing it.

Ron Sanchez expressed concern that the high school could lose its accreditation if students do not get adequate “contact time” for each course. He felt like this situation could arise as the high school will be splitting periods into 8-period days. Dave Dickson said that the board will look into this issue.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board retired to executive session at 8:35 to discuss contracts and personnel.

**X. RETURN TO OPEN SESSIONS**

The board returned to open session at 8:57. Bill Rohde moved, and Rick Gale seconded a motion to approve the “Consent to Assignment” provision of the contract with Insight Schools. The motion carried unanimously.

**XI. WRAP UP**

The next regular session will be held on September 26, 2006, at 6:00 pm in the administration board room.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 8:58 PM.

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Board Secretary

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Board Chairman

*Approved by the Board September 26, 2006*