
School Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2014
302 N. Church St. Montesano
Minutes

Regular Board Meeting: Call to Order 5:30 pm. Steve Poler called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with the following board members in attendance; Steve Poler, Caleb Backholm, Mike Lawr and Dick Stone. Mike Lawr was excused from the meeting early due to a previously scheduled dental association meeting.

Board Member(s) not in attendance: Jack Dwyer.

Flag Salute: Steve Poler led the flag salute.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: A motion was passed to accept the board agenda as presented; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Teaching and Learning:

Assessments: Shawn Brown shared the kindergarten thru 6th grade reading and math assessments. The graphs he provided included data from 2012-2013 as a comparison.

Business Operations Report:

Ms. Baker indicated the monthly budget status report was sent to the board in their board packets for review. She discussed the district's enrollment and the beginning stages of the budget process. Enrollment will be budgeted conservatively, K-6 staffing numbers should remain the same and an additional hire may include a combination math/science person for the jr/sr high school. The budget process begins with staffing.

Ms. Baker further discussed the OSPI food service audit which involved the review of the free and reduced application processing for compliance. She indicated the audit went very well with a few recommendations. She also complimented staff member, Cindy Wecker, for her work on the free and reduced applications as the auditor noted they were error free.

Comments included class size and current levels vs. contract requirements and current legislative talks.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Regular Meeting, December 19, 2013

Payroll & Benefits	No. 609764-609811	\$834,845.50
General Fund	No. 609812-609890, 609927	\$130,604.11
ASB	No. 609928, 609891-609922	\$ 36,217.27
Capital Projects	No. 609923	\$115,119.46

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A motion was passed to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Name	Position	Action
Cathy Rector	Food Service Worker	Recommendation to Hire
Michael Malpass	Para Educator - Temporary	Recommendation to Hire
Doug Schupbach	JH Basketball Coach	Issue Supplemental Contract
Tracy Duncan	Paraeducator	Leave of Absence – 60 days/unpaid (Student Teaching)
Michael Malpass	Boys Head Soccer Coach	Recommendation to Hire

A motion was passed to approve the personnel report as presented; motion carried.

Business Action/Discussion Items:

First day of school for the 2014-2015 school year – A motion was made to set the first day of school for the 2014-15 school year to September 2, 2014; motion carried.

Donation; \$50,000 for Jack Rottle Field Project – A motion was made to accept the donation for Jack Rottle Field in the amount of \$50,000; motion carried.

Traffic Safety Curriculum Revision - State Mandate – Justin Raines presented the changes in the Traffic Safety Curriculum; describing the state mandated requirements. A motion was passed to approve the Traffic Safety Curriculum changes as presented; motion carried.

Board Appreciation Proclamation – Dan Winter read aloud the board appreciation proclamation provided by the Governor of Washington.

Strategic Plan; a discussion took place on objectives, timeline and a summary of previous talks. The board would like to meet for a study session to further discuss the plan and put forth a timeline. Study session dates will be initiated by board chair, Steve Poler. Chair Poler would like to adopt a plan by the March meeting.

Public Comment: Topic of discussion was test assessments; appreciation for the report and explanations were clear.

Superintendent's Report:

~ Results of test scores and the impact on Simpson staff

~ Stadium updates; primer has been applied and the crew will begin painting tomorrow. Tentative completion date is Jan. 31; weather permitting.

~ Snow days; the district has 3 days to make up; dates to use will be March 14, May 30, and possibly June 16; information will be sent out to the community.

Board Comments:

Dick Stone: Installing seats for the stadium – would volunteers be needed? Mr. Winter replied that our maintenance department will be taking care of it.

Caleb Backholm: concerns regarding the availability of textbooks and the impact it has on his ability to help his daughter with her homework; specifically science. Mr. Pugh replied that the jr high science program does not have books; the Foss Program is used. In addition; online access is available. Director Backholm was later shown how and where to retrieve the online information.

Steve Poler: would like to get all the board members together at his home. News reporter in the audience reminded the board of the open public meetings act which Mr. Poler was aware of and confirmed it would be an open meeting. He further shared that he will re-activate the ‘teaching and learning’ item on the agenda for staff reports. Lastly, he stated he would like to see changes in the school district’s website to include the strategic plan, board member information and an overall better format and visual appearance so anyone visiting the website would know exactly what the district’s vision and goals are.

Superintendent Winter announced that the district received an additional donation for Rottle Field in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Annette Hollingsworth.

Adjournment 6:50 pm: There being no further business, a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Board Chair

Board Secretary