

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2012

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The Wilson Creek School Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Present were Board Chair Paul Friend, Board Members Daryl Kimble, Susan James, and Rita Kane; Superintendent Brad Smedley, Business Manager Kellie Ribail, and Office Assistant Jessica Herron, and district staff members Jackie Floetke, Mike Ottis, and Shawn Herrera. Board Vice Chair Ron Lesser was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Paul Friend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the agenda as provided.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Susan suggested that the reports in the December packet need to be summarized. Motion made by Susan James, seconded by Rita Kane, and carried to approve the official minutes with corrections for the regular board meeting of December 20, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD: None.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE BOARD):

Jackie Floetke (Tech/Tech Prep/FBLA/CTE/ASB): Jackie added to her written report of the possibility of adding comprehensive work-based learning with Anne Garrett (GEAR UP) in charge. Currently, the only work-based program is in agriculture, run by Scott Mortimer.

Shawn Herrera/Brad Smedley (Maintenance/Transportation): Brad introduced Shawn to the board. So far Shawn has had a good start here. A heater was installed in the bus garage.

Mike Ottis (Athletic Director): This year, the classes are very small, meaning younger teams, less experience and consistency, but lots of potential. In boys basketball, they never quit, and the community loves watching them. If the boys beat Thorp, they will go to regionals. For other sports in high school, six are showing interest in tennis, and six are showing interest in track. Junior high is larger, but the interest isn't really there, only eight are interested in track.

Regarding football, Mike discussed the recent reclassification approval by WIAA, in which Soap Lake went from 2B to 1B. He has contacted many schools in hopes of finding someone to combine with, with no luck. He did appeal the decision, even though he was told it would not go through. The WIAA is very procedural. He presented 'Plan B,' which was a precedent that he remembered from 1999, where a combine wasn't open. The appeal was denied but the boys are allowed to continue to play with no new players added. This does not affect junior high, and the classification will run two years. He will keep trying to get approved for a combine. Brad and Paul both stated their appreciation for Mike's effort to get this through, going against the flow of procedure at the WIAA.

As for uniforms, 6 or 7 years ago it was decided to put them on a rotation schedule to alleviate stacking costs, and the girl's basketball uniforms are up for renewal. Inventory has been taken, and they still look good. Volleyball uniforms are good for 1 or 2 more years. Boys basketball uniforms are due for renewal next year, and they also look good. Kathy Justice has been doing a nice job taking care of them all. Mike suggests that we delay the renewal schedule a year, keeping the rotation.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORTS: Kellie Ribail supplied the following numbers on the district's budget status for the current month.

Budget Status		Bills to be Approved	
General fund	\$ 527,586.62	General Fund	\$ 30,017.48
ASB	\$ 61,046.33	ASB	\$ 1,039.90
Capital projects	\$ 39,196.86	Payroll	\$ 162,414.00
Transportation	\$ 100,660.01	Capital	none
Debt service	\$ 31,235.07		

Motion made by Susan James, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the bills and fiscal status of the district.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The levy flyers were shown to the Board and approved, they will be mailed out on January 25, 2012.

Brad discussed adding an additional elementary teacher. A written summary of the elementary meeting held on January 23, 2012, was supplied, showing concepts of hiring an additional floating teacher that would take a class or combined class, as well as a specialist that works with students from all elementary grade levels. Idea #1 would be to restructure the lower grades to Kinder, 1st Grade, 2nd/3rd Grade, 4th/5th Grade, and move to a Middle School model of 6th-8th grade. Idea #2 consists of hiring a teacher entitled "Intervention Specialist," who would work as a push-in, pull-out instructor. Idea #1 was thrown out. Other schools have had success with Idea #2 (3rd dose of help showed significant improvement in the kids). Continued concerns over class size were articulated. Brad saw flexibility in the teachers at the meeting, and he shared that in the spring of each year, we would evaluate effectiveness and make adjustments as needed.

A search for a math teacher will begin in March.

A 'Dean of Students,' 'Administrative Assistant' or 'P-12 Principal' is needed. A job description was supplied to the board for review. We are still in the same position of 'not enough time for Superintendent's duties,' and would like to open it as soon as possible. Tabled one month.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR GEAR UP OVERNIGHT TRIP TO OLYMPIA FEBRUARY 21-22, 2012: Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Susan James, and carried to approve the overnight GEAR UP trip.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Brad stated that all of these are already in the book and are not needed to change. It was noted that RCWs and grammar can be changed administratively without board approval if Policy 1310 is adopted. Motion to approve all made and rescinded by Susan James, seconded and rescinded by Daryl Kimble. Policies tabled for February meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board went into executive session at 8:15 pm and returned to regular session at 10:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm. The board next meets on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 6:00 pm in the district library.