

## ***Regular Board Meeting***

### ***Minutes***

***April 27, 2010***

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The Wilson Creek School Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Present were Board Chair Paul Friend, Board Vice Chair Ron Lesser, Board Member Daryl Kimble, Board Member Susan James, Board Member Rita Kane, Superintendent Brad Smedley, Business Manager Kellie Ribail, District Secretary Kaci Boyd, Jackie Floetke and guest Natalie Garrett.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Paul Friend called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### **AGENDA:**

Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Susan James, and carried to approve amended agenda with addition of the first reading of policies and procedures.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the official minutes for the March 23, 2010, regular board meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD:**

Brad Smedley reported he received an email from Linda McKay regarding Linda's family moving and the Washington Achievement award received by the Wilson Creek School District. Wilson Creek School (K-12) received two awards for 2009 – Overall Excellence and Language Arts, for a comprehensive school. An awards banquet will be held in Wenatchee.

### **REPORTS TO THE BOARD:**

**Jackie Floetke – Tech/Tech Prep/FBLA:** The Board questioned the behavior issues reported on the state FBLA trip to Yakima. Jackie described these behaviors, including public displays of affection and inappropriate behavior at a restaurant while on the trip. Jackie mentioned the Destination Health Care trip, which begins Thursday, April 28, and the rule stating inappropriate dress/behavior will result in students not being able to attend the event. Senior culminating project presentations are scheduled for May 25-26.

**Mike Ottis – Athletic Director:** The Board wondered about specific numbers for track and tennis. It was reported that the track team has 12 members and tennis has 2 from Wilson Creek and 3 from Odessa.

Brad Smedley reported 7 track uniforms were authorized by Mike Ottis to be purchased for additional track members. 15 new uniforms were purchased. The situation is being dealt with and district procedures are being reviewed to ensure a similar situation doesn't occur again. The Board also discussed keeping the assistant track coach on staff, even with lower track numbers, for safety reasons.

**Scott Mortimer – Vocational/CTE:** The Board questioned what purchases are being researched. Board Chair Paul Friend stated plasma cutters are included in this research.

**Tom Price – Maintenance & Transportation:** The Board questioned protocol for spraying weeds and posting/marking spray areas. The school district posts areas that are being sprayed.

A man lift is being sent to Moses Lake from Seattle for the school district to look at and possibly purchase.

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**Tom Price – Maintenance & Transportation (continued):** Brad Smedley added to Tom’s report that school lockers are getting to the point where they are unsafe. Lockers would be mounted to the walls and the school would be able to choose colors. Lockers would all be stacked two lockers tall, one on top of another.

**MONTHLY FISCAL REPORTS:**

Kellie Ribail reported on the district’s budget status for the current month:

**Budget Status**

General fund	\$348,750.69	Transportation	\$40,627.58
ASB	\$71,394.60	Debt service	\$36,915.29
Capital	\$34,241.05		

**Bills Approved**

General fund	\$38,575.59	Payroll	\$153,333.52
ASB	\$7,413.27	Capital	\$ none

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

**2010-2011 Budget**

For 2010-2011, Kellie Ribail discussed losing I-728 funding of \$11,829. \$4,626 for the LID day – district will pick up at per diem rate to get teachers here the day before the first day. Local Effort Assistance (LEA) is not cut, but increased – receive \$13,000 more than this year. Current projections show that the district will receive \$3,000-\$4,000 less in funding for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

**Biennial Budget**

The State of Washington released a statement regarding the 2011-2013 biennial budget saying state funding for K-12/outlook is bleak. The state wants school districts to prepare for the worst because stimulus money could go away. I-728 funds could be restored. Increase employer pension contributions. The potential impact to the Wilson Creek School District could be around \$100K.

**CONTRACT APPROVAL:**

Motion made by Daryl Kimble, seconded by Rita Kane, and carried to approve contracts for Jamie Newman as assistant track coach and Kaci Boyd as sophomore (Class of 2012) class advisor.

**HIRE:**

Motion made by Susan James, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve hires of Karie Hochstatter as a para-educator substitute, Jamie Newman as the assistant track coach, Alisha Larson as a classified substitute, and Charlie Pierce as a long-term substitute as a Special Education Teacher.

**BOARD RESOLUTION:**

Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Susan James, and carried to approve the Petty Cash Fund Balance resolution.

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#### **AUDIT:**

Brad Smedley reported on the exit interview for the audit. He said it went well. There was one finding that during the 2007-2008 school year, the Grant County treasurer failed to post debt service on the treasurer's report in the amount of \$78,000. Then-Superintendent Linda McKay questioned the level of the fund.

Kellie explained that the debt service debt wasn't reported to the public – the fund showed a balance of \$78,000 more than what was actually in the fund. That error continued to roll over to 2008-2009 school year. There was no fine or fee for the finding and Douglas Poole, from the North Central Education Service District, took full responsibility.

Paul said the state auditors understood the situation but by law it was a finding and had to be reported.

Kellie added the auditors placed an emphasis on ASB receipting and noting whether payments were cash or check on the receipts.

#### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – FIRST READ:**

**Online Learning:** Jackie questioned possibility of hybrid class – some online, some directed teaching. Board discussed trend of taking online classes. Virtual academies offer possibility of more money via FTE funding. Board stressed importance of not letting students take the easy way out to get diploma.

#### **Student Electronic Device Use:**

The drafts of the Student Electronic Device Use policy and letter are examples from the Ephrata School District. They are being successfully implemented in Ephrata. Personal music players (iPods, mp3 players, etc.) are being allowed because of students' different learning styles. The focus is on misuse and disruptive use of cell phones – there is a problem with text messaging during and between classes, which has become increasingly disruptive. The Board discussed use of phones on school/sports trips, after school/during practices, involving staff members, etc. The Board discussed benefits of stricter policy regarding electronic device use, such as maintaining focus in school. The Board also discussed need of a policy to be included in the student handbook, and the need to get 100% approval from staff before implementing policy.

Motion made by Ron Lesser, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the first read of Policy No. 1440: Minutes; Procedure 3115P: Homeless Students; Policy No. 3421: Students; Procedure 3421P: Students; Procedure 4310P: Law Enforcement; Policy No. 6500: Risk Management; and Procedure 6500P: Risk Management.

The Board tabled Procedure 2024P: Online Learning and the Student Electronic Use policy and letter drafts.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Calendar for 2010-2011:** Motion made by Rita Kane, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the 2010-2011 school year calendar with the addition of the Winter Concert on December 16, 2010.

**Board calendar:** Brad will look into schedule of board reorganization in November and/or December, depending upon if it is an election year. A 2010-2011 budget hearing is set for 5:30 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting on May 25, 2010.

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**HSPE/MSP:** The second wave of testing is complete and testing has been successful thus far. The Measurements of Student Progress testing window opens May 12 and we will be testing May 18-20 for third through eighth graders, including online testing for seventh and eighth graders.

**ASB 2010-2011:** Students voted yesterday, Monday, April 26, for ASB officers for next school year. Officers elected are: President Jacob Treat, Vice President Wade Kane, Secretary/Treasurer Logan Crane and Social Chair Ryan Trepanier.#

**Foreign Exchange Students 2010-2011:** The Wilson Creek School District will have two foreign exchange students next year – one girl from Turkey and one girl from Norway. Both will be part of the junior class.

**Race To The Top:** The district needs to decide whether to sign up with the Race To The Top program. The federal government and the state are scrambling to make sure the district is in line to receive the grant – a total of \$250 million for the state. The district is asked to sign on by May 17. Many surrounding districts are signing on. There are requirements to receive the grant money, some of which the district will be required to meet anyway. If everybody signs on, it is estimated Wilson Creek would receive about \$7,000 per year. The fewer schools sign on, the more money each participating school would receive. If approved, the district has 90 days to back out without penalty. Wilson Creek would cooperate with surrounding districts to meet requirements.

Motion made by Susan James, seconded by Daryl Kimble, and carried to approve the Wilson Creek School District signing on for the Race To The Top program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board went into executive session at 8:04 p.m., to discuss personnel issues, and returned to regular session at 8:28 p.m.

**BOARD CONFERENCE:**

The annual WSSDA conference is in Spokane November 17-20.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.