

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ferndale, Washington

MINUTES OF THE MAY 31, 2007, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bernie Thomas in the Ferndale High School Library at 7:01 p.m.

Members present were Bernie Thomas, Stuart McKay, Norm Robertson, John Hruby and Lee Anne Riddle.

Present from the administration were Superintendent Roger Lehnert, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Elvis Dellinger, Executive Director for Business and Support Services Mark Deebach, Executive Director for Educational Services Jim Gibson, Director of Special Services Michael Berres and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Cynthia Sicilia.

There were approximately 85 persons present in the audience.

II COMMUNICATIONS

A. High School End of the Year Ceremonies Announced

Mr. Thomas announced the schedule for year-end ceremonies at the high schools.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, June 10, 3:00 p.m., at the Ferndale High School Auditorium

Windward High School Celebration will be held Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Ferndale High School Auditorium

Indian Education Program Celebration will be held Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria

Clearview High School Graduation will be held Friday, June 15, 6:00 p.m., at Horizon Middle School Commons

Ferndale High School Graduation will be held Saturday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., at Civic Stadium in Bellingham

II COMMUNICATIONS continued

B. Recognition of Outstanding Seniors

Principal Dawn Fairchild and department heads of Ferndale High School recognized outstanding seniors by presenting plaques to recipients as follows:

Agriculture Science	Krista Coffey
Art	Steffrie Akers
Band	Steffrie Akers
Business Education	Michael Ebert
Ceramics	Shannon Andrews
Early College	Breann Edwards
English	Krysta Hamilton
English	Michael Corcoran
Family and Consumer Science	Paula Patrick
Foreign Language – German	Michael Corcoran
Foreign Language – Japanese	Krysta Hamilton
Foreign Language – Spanish	Austin Shipman
Indian Education	Carmen Misanes
Industrial Technology	Sarah Gonzalez
Mathematics	Laura Parkinson
Mathematics	Ryan Williams
Orchestra	Sara Usery
Physical Education	Shelby Nerison
Physical Education	Alexander Samoylenko
Science	Timothy Fisher
Social Studies	Reed Larson
Special Services	Katharine Zeilstra
Theatre Arts	Alexander Marks
Vocal Music	Joshua Honrud

On behalf of the board, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Lehnert sent congratulatory letters to each student prior to this evening's meeting.

C. Recognition of Nationally Certified Teachers

Dr. Jim Gibson, executive director for instructional services, introduced Mr. Rich Harbison, Operations Manager of Conoco Phillips, who presented \$500 checks to teachers Laura Friend and Michael Smith, the 2007 recipients of National Board Certificates. Ms. Ann Fulton was also recognized, but was not in attendance. Dr. Gibson presented lucite gold star awards to the recipients.

II COMMUNICATIONS continued

D. Recognition of Employees' Service to the District

The following presentations were made to individuals who have at least 15 years of service with the district and are scheduled to retire/resign from the school district at the end of the year.

1. North Bellingham Elementary School Principal Aileen Powell presented certificates to
 - a. Anita Coleman, administrative assistant, who has served 24 years
 - b. Diane Becker, teacher, who has served 36 years
 - c. Bryan Brink, teacher, who has served 32 years

These individuals had books donated to the school library in lieu of receiving a plaque.

2. Custer Elementary School Principal Susan Holmes presented a certificate to Diane Gray, librarian, who has served 35 years. Ms. Gray will also have books donated to the library in her honor in lieu of a plaque.
3. Horizon Middle School Principal David Hutchinson presented a plaque to Don Rieland, teacher at Clearview High School, who has served 17 years.
4. Mountain View Elementary School Principal Georgia Dellinger presented a plaque to Diane Crosslin, teacher, who has served 32 years.
5. North Bellingham Elementary School Principal Aileen Powell presented a plaque to Candy Ford, teacher, who has served 30 years.
6. Skyline Elementary School Principal Linda Melland presented a plaque to Susan Petterson, teacher, who has served 17 years.
8. Dr. Lehnert presented certificates and plaques to outgoing principals Tony Harduar, Aileen Powell and Susan Holmes.

Note: Plaques will also be given to teachers Greg Hart and David Fayram. They were not able to attend this evening's meeting.

II COMMUNICATIONS continued

E. Presentation of Golden Apple Award

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Don Mann, reporter with the *Record-Journal*, who presented the Golden Apple Awards to Diane Crosslin and Wanda Bruner, teachers at Mountain View Elementary School. The *Record-Journal* annually recognizes outstanding teachers in the district. Mr. Mann said Diane and Wanda represent excellence in teaching.

A recess was taken from 9:06 to 9:15 p.m.

F. Community Input

Mr. Gordy Bay, Ferndale SEIU President, presented information to the board on how SEIU participated in lobbying the state legislature in the areas of raising classified salaries, increasing transportation funding, redesigning state funding as well as others. He said the union is committed to working with the district in these matters.

III CONSENT AGENDA

** *Mr. John Hruby moved to approve the consent agenda.*

The motion carried unanimously.

A. Approved Minutes

Approved the minutes of the April 26, 2007, public hearing and the April 26, 2007, school board meeting, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

B. Approved Voucher Transmittals

Approved voucher transmittals as follows:

General Fund vouchers #219567 through #219939 in the amount of \$366,178.46; Manual warrants #219116 through 219565 in the amount of \$19,968.92; General Fund Payroll Warrants #219286 through #219564 dated April 30, 2007, in the amount of \$1,025,031.33; and electronic deposits in the amount of \$1,995,613.62; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #6167 through #6171 in the amount of \$15,231.97; A.S.B. Fund vouchers #19288 through #19350 in the amount of \$60,931.167; and Private Purpose Fund vouchers #388 to #378 in the amount of \$310.00.

C. Approved the Hiring of Certificated Personnel for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 School Years

Approved the hiring of certificated personnel for the 2006/2007 school year as indicated on the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. These positions were contained in the staffing sheets, which the Board approved at the May 2006 board meeting.

Approved the hiring and rehiring of administrative and certificated personnel for the 2007/2008 school year as indicated on the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

D. Approved Supplemental and Personal Services Contracts for 2006/2007 and 2007-2008 School Years

Approved supplemental and personal services contracts for the 2006/2007 school year for persons indicated on the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. These positions are contained in the staffing sheets which the board approved at the May 2006 board meeting.

Approved positions for supplemental and personal services contracts for the 2007/2008 school year as indicated on the ECA Staffing Sheets attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

E. Accepted Resignations

Accepted the resignations of

1. Ms. Diane Becker, first grade teacher at North Bellingham Elementary School, a retirement resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
2. Mr. Bryan Brink, primary grade teacher at North Bellingham Elementary School, a retirement resignation from his position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
3. Ms. Dianne Crosslin, first grade teacher at Mountain View Elementary School, a retirement resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
4. Ms. Melissa Engels, English teacher at Windward High School, a resignation of .5 FTE of her full time position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
5. Mr. David Fayram, teacher at Ferndale High School, a resignation from his position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
6. Ms. Candy Ford, second grade teacher at Eagleridge Elementary School, a retirement resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
7. Ms. Rhonda Hansen, kindergarten teacher at North Bellingham Elementary School, a resignation of .5 FTE from her full time position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
8. Ms. Joanna Legoe, English and Spanish teacher at Horizon Middle School, a resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
9. Mr. Don Rieland, teacher at Clearview High School, a retirement resignation from his position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

10. Ms. Lori Rigglesman, science teacher at Horizon Middle School, a resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
11. Ms. Sandra Walker, reading teacher at Ferndale High School, a retirement resignation from her position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.

F. Approved Leaves of Absence

Approved leave of absences for

1. Ms. Anne Aageson, math specialist at Skyline and Eagleridge Elementary Schools, a .5 FTE general leave of absence from her full time teaching position, effective the 2007/2008 school year.
2. Ms. Rhonda Hansen, kindergarten teacher at North Bellingham Elementary School, a childcare leave of absence from her teaching position, effective the 2007/2008 school year.
3. Ms. Janelle Karney, integrated studies teacher at Horizon Middle School, a childcare leave of absence from her .6 FTE teaching position, effective the 2007/2008 school year.
4. Ms. Rebecca Montgomery, language arts/social studies teacher at Horizon Middle School, a .4 FTE leave of absence from her full time teaching position, effective the 2007/2008 school year.
5. Ms. Mara Shaw, physical education teacher at Skyline Elementary School, a leave of absence from her .6 FTE teaching position, effective the 2007/2008 school year.
6. Ms. Amber Young, geometry and algebra teacher at Ferndale High School a general leave of absence, effective the 2007/2008 school year.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

G. Authorized Travel

Authorized travel for:

1. Horizon Middle School Teacher Rebecca Montgomery and student Emma Crowley Watson to travel to the Future Problem Solvers International Conference in Boulder, Colorado, May 31 to June 3, 2007. Estimated expense to the district of \$900 will be paid by the highly capable budget.
2. Ms. Nancy Hudson, Horizon Middle School Teacher, and Mr. Chris Perkins, Clearview High School Teacher, to attend the AVID conference in Dallas, Texas, June 24-29, 2007. Estimated expenses of \$4,245 will be paid by the PAS and SAFE budgets.
3. Mr. Greg Hart, Skyline Elementary School Teacher, and the fifth/sixth grade Aiming High students to go on an educational field trip about Puget Sound to Sucia Island, Washington, May 31 to June 1, 2007. There will be no cost to the district.
4. Advisor Mary Guest, Ferndale High School Swim Team and chaperones to attend an overnight training in Victoria, B.C., Canada, August 22-24, 2007. Estimated expenses of \$560 for coaches and chaperones will be paid by the ASB budget.
5. Advisor Steve Menefee, Ferndale High School Band and chaperones to attend the Tumwater Marching Band Competition in Olympia, Washington, October 12 to 14, 2007. Expenses will be paid by the Band Boosters.
6. Advisor Steve Menefee, Ferndale High School Band and chaperones to attend a band retreat at Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham, Washington, August 29 to 30, 2007. Expenses will be paid by the Band Boosters.

H. Adopted School Board Resolution No. 5-2007 Delegating authority to WIAA

Adopted School Board Resolution No. 5-2007 delegating authority to WIAA, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

IV CURRICULUM AND PUPIL PERSONNEL

A. Curriculum and Instruction Report

Dr. Gibson presented a written report on curriculum and instruction.

B. Adopted Instructional Materials

Dr. Gibson presented a list of instructional materials for the board's consideration. These were presented at the May school board meeting. No public comment was received with regard to the materials.

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John Hruby moved to adopt instructional materials per the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI BUSINESS

A. Financial Statements

Mr. Deebach reviewed financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2007, at attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. He noted a correction on page two of the narrative that spoke to special education allocation funding. The district has an additional 59 students funded at 115%, not 1.15%.

Mr. Darrell Clute, Director of Transportation, was present to speak about the district's transportation fleet. This is background information for the board on discussions that will occur in the future about budget and funding buses.

Mr. Clute noted the district received another outstanding bus inspection report this year.

B. 2005-06 Audit Report

A written final 2005-06 Audit report was presented to the board.

VII BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A. Bond Projects Update

Mr. Craig Calkins provided a written report on the status of the district's bond projects.

Mr. Deebach noted that the scheduled Mountain View Elementary School classroom project will not happen this year. The matter will go before the hearing examiner in June.

He also reported that Lummi Island Water Association is in the process of upgrading its equipment. Once that is complete the district will be able to become part of the association and connect Beach Elementary School to the association's water lines.

VIII GENERAL

A. Revise School Board Policy No. 3210 Nondiscrimination of Students

Mr. Elvis Dellinger, assistant superintendent, present School Board Policy No. 3210 Nondiscrimination of Students for the board's consideration.

The policy is being submitted for revision to incorporate changes in the law due to legislation.

Final consideration of the policy will be scheduled for the June board meeting.

IX EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:45 p.m. the board convened into executive session for approximately one hour for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Mr. Thomas announced that no action would be taken during or following the session.

The board adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary