

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ferndale, Washington

MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2007, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bernie Thomas in the administration office conference room at 12:17 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 Classified Personnel Diane Beaman and Director of Special Projects Aaron Kombol.

There were five persons present in the audience.

II COMMUNICATIONS

No Items

III CONSENT AGENDA

** *Mr. Stuart McKay moved to approve the consent agenda.*

The motion carried unanimously.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

A. Approved Minutes

Approved the minutes of the June 28, 2007, regular board meeting, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

B. Approved Voucher Transmittals

Approved voucher transmittals as follows:

General Fund vouchers #220928 through #221278 in the amount of \$722,051.62; Manual warrant #220989 in the amount of \$244.78; General Fund Payroll Warrants #220669 through #220927 dated June 29, 2007, in the amount of \$1,024,593.80; and electronic deposits in the amount of \$1,2,028,994.97; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #6199 through #6219 in the amount of \$1,069,113.47; and A.S.B. Fund vouchers #19443 through #19492 in the amount of \$46,433.66.

C. Approved the Hiring of Certificated Personnel for the 2007/2008 School Year

Approved the hiring of certificated personnel for the 2007/2008 school year as 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 2007 board meeting.

D. Accepted Resignations

Accepted the following retirement and resignations:

1. Mr. David Crane, fifth grade teacher at Skyline Elementary School, a retirement from his position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
2. Ms. Isabel Farquhar, special education teacher at Mountain View Elementary School, a resignation of .4 FTE of her full time position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.
3. Mr. Andrew Goss, sports medicine teacher and athletic trainer at Ferndale High School, a resignation from his position effective the end of the 2006/2007 school year.

E. Approved Leaves of Absence

Approved leave of absences for

1. Ms. Tanya Woods, administrative assistant at Ferndale High School, a leave of absence for the 2007-08 school year.
2. Ms. Kathy Kyle, kindergarten teacher at North Bellingham Elementary School a .4 FTE leave from her .6 FTE position, effective the 2007-2008 school year.
3. Ms. Megan Mitchell, second grade teacher at Custer Elementary School, a .5 FTE leave from her 1.0 FTE position, effective the 2007-2008 school year.

F. Adopted Resolution No. 7-2007 Canceling General Fund Warrants

Adopted Resolution No. 7-2007 canceling general fund warrants 219845, 220291, 220336, 220418, 220428, and 220913 as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

G. Authorized Student Accident Insurance representative for 2007-08

Authorized The MEGA Life & Health Insurance Company as the student accident insurance representative for the 2007-08 school year.

The MEGA Life & Health Insurance Company has provided student accident insurance for the past sixteen years. It is recommended that MEGA Life & Health Insurance Company continues providing services for the 2007-08 school year.

H. Authorized Travel

Authorized advisors Mitch Davis, Edwin Elefson, Tony Torretta and Mike Smith, chaperones and seven Ferndale High School students to travel to Silver Lake on an overnight camping trip to plan FFA program activities August 20-21, 2007. Estimated expenses to the district of \$245 will be paid by the vocational budget.

IV CURRICULUM AND PUPIL PERSONNEL

A. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Report

Dr. Lehnert introduced Mr. John Young, vocational director at Ferndale High School, who presented a report to the board on the Career and Technical Education Program.

Mr. Young provided an overview of last year's data compared with previous years. Funding for the career and technical education is based on FTE. This past year an increase of 13.34 FTE occurred overall. Mr. Young said he believed the increase was due to how the advisory board decided to promote various courses through the course catalog.

Mr. Young reported 595 students participated in the program. A total of 556 college credits were earned in 2006-07 compared to 90 college credits earned in 2005-06. Mr. Young believes one of the reasons more students are in the program is because Bellingham Technical College was convinced to drop the \$25.00 registration fee. This was a huge barrier with students getting a check to the college. He will continue to work with Whatcom Community College in efforts to drop their fee as well. Mr. Young also credited staff with doing a good job of exposing students to the tech prep program.

Mr. Young presented the new CTE logo designed by former high school student Ellie Kemp who is now attending Washington State University studying engineering.

IV CURRICULUM AND PUPIL PERSONNEL continued:

Mr. Young presented a powerpoint presentation *By the Numbers* authored by Hart Hodges. The report included extensive information about the job market, population, workforce, economy, etc.

Mr. Young said that the goal, over the next two years, of the vocational program at the high school is to have a vision for every program and to have a program industry partner. He also suggested it may be beneficial to present to the community at some time in the future a forum on CTE.

V PERSONNEL

No Items

VI BUSINESS

A. Financial Statements

Mr. Deebach reviewed financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2007, at attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. He reported he is working on the preliminary budget for next year and will have that board members next week.

B. Award Bids for 2007-08 High School Yearbook

Mr. Deebach presented the bids for the Ferndale High School yearbook. The district received one bid for the publishing of the high school yearbook for 2007-08. The bid was submitted by last year's publisher, Premier Graphics, and after careful review, it is recommended that the board accept Premier Graphics as the lowest responsible bidder.

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John Hruby moved to accept the bid from Premier Graphics for \$19,160 (black and white) and \$33,270 (color), as the lowest responsible bid for the 2007-08 Ferndale High School yearbook, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

VII BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A. Energy Education, Inc. Presentation

Mr. Aaron Kombol, director of special projects, introduced Mr. Ed Graff who represents Energy Education, Inc. He gave a presentation on how his company can assist with reducing energy costs for the district. He said his program requires no capital outlay and is a people oriented effort. The focus is to reduce energy consumption. He reported the district, over the next ten years, could save approximately \$2.5 million. Those dollars can then be redirected to teaching and learning.

B. Bond Projects Update

Mr. Craig Calkins, project manager, provide a written report on the status of the district's bond projects. A copy of Custer Elementary School's Schematic Design was provided to the board. Mr. Calkins reported the district has received the permit for the new elementary school.

Mr. Aaron Kombol reviewed the status of the projects at Ferndale High school. He said the district has been working with ESD 189 to review and development a plan for technology at the high school. ESD 189 will also complete a district-wide analysis this fall. The district is looking at installing a new emergency calling system.

VIII GENERAL

A. Review Administrative Procedures No. 3200 P-1 Student Rights and Responsibilities

Mr. Elvis Dellinger, assistant superintendent, presented revisions to Administrative Procedures No. 3200 P-1 Student Rights and Responsibilities for the board's review.

Earlier this year the district had a parent who appeared before the board contesting the procedure portion of our 3200 Policy: Student Rights and Responsibilities. As a result the district convened an "Ad Hoc" Citizens Committee to review Procedure 3200 P-1 section 3a Dangerous Weapons.

VIII GENERAL continued:

The committee proposed new language for this section that clarifies the definition of a “dangerous weapon” for students, parents and school personnel. It provides a broader and clearer definition of what might be considered a dangerous weapon or object on school district property; which we will provide school personnel a wider range of options when making decisions regarding the safety of students and personnel at our schools.

The new language will be incorporated into the procedure.

The board adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

IX EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:32 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 executive session was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary