

FERNDAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Ferndale, Washington

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2006, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the administration office conference room at 7:02 p.m.

Members present were John Hruby, Lee Anne Riddle and Bernie Thomas. Norm Robertson was excused from the meeting due to illness. Stuart McKay was excused from the meeting due to a work commitment.

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 Curriculum and Instruction Cynthia Sicilia, Director of Classified Personnel Diane Beaman and Director of Special Services Michael Berres.

There were 26 persons present in the audience.

II COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update on Viral Outbreak

Dr. Berres updated the board on the viral outbreak which occurred at Eagleridge Elementary School. The virus was similar to the norovirus. He said that the situation could have been disasterous, but was not due to the community coming together and doing the things that needed to be done in order to contain the virus. The district will continue to track illness at Eagleridge as well as at other buildings into next week. The district has sent home various pieces of information for parents.

B. Announcement of Land Purchase

Dr. Lehnert announced the purchase of land for the new secondary school site. The district completed its purchase of 29 acres of land from Rod and Darlene Erickson today. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were in the audience and Dr. Lehnert asked them to come forward.

Mr. Erickson said the acreage has been part of the Erickson family property which began with an initial purchase of land by Erickson's grandfather more than 100 years ago. Erickson conveyed that his father valued education and learning; he would be glad to see that the site will serve and teach children of the community.

Mrs. Erickson commented that the community knows the geographic area as Swede Hill. It would be nice to keep that history with the property.

II COMMUNICATIONS continued:

Mr. Larry Willman who represented the district in negotiations with the Ericksons was present and said it was an honor to work with the district and the Ericksons. It was a good deal for all involved.

C. Presentation about Custer Elementary School's PTO Passport Program

Dr. Lehnert introduced Custer Elementary School Principal Susan Holmes. Ms. Holmes introduced parent/teacher organization member Debbie Gust who made a presentation to the board about the Passport Program.

The program has been at Custer for a number of years and is facilitated by parent volunteers. The PTO contributes approximately \$680 per year to the program. Some teachers choose to make the program part of their regular curriculum. Each month students are provided maps at their grade level to study. They also have practice drills. Once per month students are tested on their knowledge. If they pass the test they are awarded stamps to place in their passports.

This year 334 students are participating in the program. Approximately 8-10 parents volunteer on a regular basis to support the program.

Ms. Holmes expressed her appreciation to Custer PTO for its support.

D. Presentation about the National Governor's Conference

Dr. Lehnert introduced Vista Middle School Principal Mary Kanikeberg who reported on her attendance at the National Governor's Conference. Educators from around the country were invited to the conference which focused on literacy at the secondary level.

Ms. Kanikeberg was invited to attend because of her expertise in designing professional development tools to assist teachers. Also, Vista has been on a five year focus to increase literacy at the school as its school improvement plan. The school has sustained learning in the area of literacy.

Ms. Kanikeberg reviewed the points that she made at the conference with the use of a Powerpoint presentation.

### III CONSENT AGENDA

\*\* *Mr. Thomas moved to approve the consent agenda.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

A. Approved Minutes

Approve the minutes of the September 28, 2006, school board meeting, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

B. Approved Voucher Transmittals

Approved voucher transmittals as follows:

General Fund vouchers #215500 through #215777 in the amount of \$414,523.43; General Fund Payroll Warrants #215357 through #215497 dated September 29, 2006, in the amount of \$1,019,440.95; and electronic deposits in the amount of \$1,858,370.29; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #6087 through #6089 in the amount of \$393,079.87; and A.S.B. Fund vouchers #18796 through #18884 in the amount of \$36,793.11.

C. Approved Supplemental and Personal Service Contracts for 2006/2007 School Year

Approved supplemental and personal service contracts for the 2006/2007 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 2006 board meeting.

D. Authorized Overnight Travel

Authorized overnight travel for Ferndale High School's Chess Club Advisor Don Pringle, a chaperone and chess club members to attend the 2007 State Chess Team Championships in Issaquah, Washington, February 9 and 10, 2007. Estimated expenses in the amount of \$500 will be paid by the high school ASB account. District transportation will also be provided.

E. Authorized Out of State Travel

Authorized out of state travel for Ferndale High School's Choir Director Kay Hageman, chaperones and choir members to travel on a tour in the Los Angeles and Disneyland areas in Southern California, May 10-13, 2007. Estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,955 will be paid by the high school choir ASB account.

III CONSENT AGENDA continued:

F. Adopted Resolution No. 21-2006 Canceling Capital Projects Fund Warrant

Adopted Resolution No. 21-2006 canceling capital projects fund warrant 6069, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

G. Adopted Resolution No. 22-2006 Authorizing the Secretary of the Board and the Executive Director of Business and Support Services to sign all warrants ordered to be issued by the Board

Adopted Resolution No. 22-2006 authorizing the secretary of the board or in his absence the executive director of business and support services to sign all warrants ordered to be issued by the Board, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

H. Adopted Resolution No. 23-2006 Authorizing the Secretary of the Board or Executive Director of Business and Support Services to invest any excess district moneys

Adopted Resolution No. 23-2006 authorizing the secretary of the board or in his absence the executive director of business and support services to contact the Whatcom County Treasurer's Office and instruct its personnel to invest any excess district moneys in accordance with the procedures established by the treasurer's office and applicable laws governing the investment of school district funds, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

IV CURRICULUM AND PUPIL PERSONNEL

A. Curriculum and Instruction Report

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Cynthia Sicilia provided a written report for the board.

Mr. Thomas commented that it looks like the district is doing terrific things especially with special education and minority students in order to close the achievement gap. He is glad to see the work is showing results.

V PERSONNEL

No Items

## VI BUSINESS

### A. Financial Statements

Mr. Deebach will review the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2006, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. He noted the district purchased two new school buses.

## VII BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

### A. Bond Projects Update

Mr. Craig Calkins, project manager, provided a written report on the status of the district's bond projects. He noted the district would be going to bid on the new elementary school in January which is an optimum time to do so.

## VIII GENERAL

### A. Administrative Procedures No. 8220 P-1 Nutrition and Physical Fitness

Mr. Elvis Dellinger, assistant superintendent, presented Administrative Procedures No. 8220 P-1 Nutrition and Physical Fitness to the board for its information. These procedures are in draft form. As far as policy, the district is in compliance with state and federal meal program guidelines. The district will review its health and fitness curriculum and review its school lunch program. A large part of the procedures is teaching kids what is in the kinds of things they eat. It is essential to teach children to make wise choices. It is important to teacher lifelong fitness to students along with choosing healthy nutrition.

A volunteer committee will be meeting to refine the procedures.

The board adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

## IX EXECUTIVE SESSION

President's Statement:

At 9:04 p.m. the board convened into executive session for approximately one hour for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and property acquisition matters. The session concluded at 10:06 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary