

MINUTES OF
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Zipse, President
Greg Castellaw, Vice-President
Judy Rooney
Lloyd Wallis
Wyll Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Lewis Dan LejaMeyer
Jan Goodheart Becky Coddington
Van Cummings Denise Shriver
Linda Hall Flo Johnson
Kelly Brady Mary Minton

President Wayne Zipse called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Conference Room. REGULAR MEETING CONVENES

Wayne Zipse led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wayne Zipse asked if there was anyone in the audience who was not on the agenda but wished to address the Board. There was no one who wished to address the Board. PUBLIC INPUT

Wayne Zipse reviewed the agenda and reported that the Math Competition extended/overnight field trip was added to the consent agenda. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Dan LejaMeyer, Principal of Grantham Elementary School, reported that Sheri Baker, daughter of the late Myrn Greene, donated \$1,000.00 to Grantham Elementary School to purchase library books. DONATION TO GRANTHAM ELEM.

The Board requested a report showing the number of spring athletic participants. REQUEST FOR NO. OF PARTICIPANTS

Judy Rooney asked that the February 27, 2006, minutes be corrected to show that she attended Heights and Highland Elementary School science fairs rather than Heights and Parkway Elementary Schools. CORRECTION TO MINUTES

Motion by Lloyd Wallis, second by Wyll Jones, to approve the consent agenda to include:

- Minutes of February 27, 2006, as corrected;
- Personnel actions (see attached);
- Extended/overnight math competition field trip (see attached); and
- General Fund accounts payable warrants #104,222 through #104,328 in the amount of \$136,403.25; LMS ASB warrants #11,975 through #11,980 in the amount of \$234.37 and CHS ASB warrants #11,981 through #12,011 in the amount of \$28,901.77 for payment; motion carried.

Clarkston School District Science Framework Committee members Kelly Brady, Flo Johnson and Denise Shriver presented a Power Point presentation outlining science frameworks (see attached). The rationale behind science education reform research, the fundamental shift in science and components of learning the science curriculum was discussed. The CSD alignment with the CSD alignment provides a cohesive K-12 science curriculum (see attached)...Students are showing better thinking and writing skills by using the new curriculum. Teachers are noticing that student comprehension is also increasing. Mary Minton shared that the philosophy of teaching science is inquiry-based and that the level of expectation has risen. This curriculum is affordable, sustainable, and can be managed. The committee asked for Board approval to continue the process of changing how science is taught in Clarkston. The plan includes using Science and Technology for Children (STC) and the SEPUP secondary science program.

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Lloyd Wallis, to accept the Science Frameworks Committee and Learning Improvements Council as presented (see attached); motion carried.

Pete Lewis asked the Board how they would like to see the Clarkston High School Honors Program? Pete also recommended offering stand-alone biology and chemistry as a Sophomore and continuing with a cycle. How will honors classes align with other courses offered...discussion included:

- Honors students grouped together for better progress.
- Adding an action-based chemistry has been researched but found it to be very expensive. Additional companies may offer the curriculum at a lower cost in the future.
- Higher-level query based science or science mixed with math classes.
- Concerns of having students skipping entry-level physical science.
- Assessment prior to enrolling in honor courses.
- Running Start class offerings.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian requirements adopted by the School Board in 2001 (see attached).

CONSENT AGENDA

- MINUTES
- PERSONNEL
- FIELD TRIP

- BILLS

SCIENCE CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

ACCEPTED SCIENCE FRAMEWORKS

DISCUSSIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CLASSES

Pete Lewis reviewed a Clarkston High School Self-Study “Big Committee” Power Point that Brian Denton and Debbie Batterton will be presenting to the entire high school staff on March 15th (see attached). The committee consisted of eighteen high school teachers. Judy Rooney shared the importance to include access where students are not missing class time to work on activities. The process for assigning advisees to student groups would remain the same as in the past years. The advisors would monitor portfolio progress. Advisors would meet each year to set a portfolio work calendar. Students would continue to present their portfolios in the Spring.

CHS “BIG” COMMITTEE
REPORT

Judy Rooney shared that communication with students and parents is an important part of the plan.

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Wyll Jones to table to WASA Toolkit Power Point presentation until the next School Board meeting; motion carried.

TABLED WASA
TOOLKIT
PRESENTATION

Superintendent Pete Lewis highlighted the following:

SUPT. REPORT

- Student Choir presentation at Regional Board meeting in Pomeroy, WA
- Official Audit Report
- Aida CHS Band budget proposal
- Wendy Rimmelspacher and Ray Nicholson are attending WASWUG Skyward Conference March 13-14
- High School WASL is being held at the Elks Club
- Summer School programming being articulated
- Building being constructed two lots away from the pig barn
- Closed brain injury workshop
- Horizontal grade level calendar for elementary schools (1 day per month for teachers to meet for guidance)
- Staffing/Budgeting
- Skeet shooting team competition
- Regional spelling bee

Gail Anderson will continue to coordinate the Drivers Education program and Bob and Bonnie Hill have agreed to attend the training in Ellensburg, Washington this summer. Washington is the only state that doesn't provide six or more hours of driving time. The administration is comfortable that the district will not have to explore bidding out commercial instruction.

DRIVERS EDUCATION
UPDATE

The district is within 10 students to qualify for the QZAB energy savings project requirements at Clarkston High School. The roof top units and Ed Pak units at the high school need to be replaced. Cost estimates are being created while considering the possibility of the high school not qualifying for funds and if we only completed the lighting.

QZAB ENERGY
SAVINGS PROJECT
UPDATE

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Lloyd Wallis, to approve DSHS Administrative Match Contract as presented (see attached); motion carried.

DSHS ADMIN. MATCH
CONTRACT APPROVAL

Board members expressed concerns about \$7 for adults and \$5 per student to attend Lincoln Middle School level drama productions. Students are required to participate and the admission cost is high for family attendance at a middle school performance. The music parent group covers the cost of the production and the revenues go back into the music department. Judy feels that the program needs to advertise that the music department is sponsoring the event not Lincoln Middle School.

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Greg Castellaw, second by Judy Rooney, to move into Executive Session for no longer than 30 minutes at 9:10 p.m. to discuss negotiations and personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 9:40 p.m. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Lloyd Wallis, second by Wyll Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

WAYNE ZIPSE, PRESIDENT

PETE LEWIS, SECRETARY