



- A Parents In Touch meeting was held last week.
- Legislative Session closed with reduced staffing ratios, I-728 will be funded at \$254 per student FTE, health benefits will raise by \$100 per employee, carve-out costs went up from \$42 to \$45, Title I money went down 3%, levy base calculation has changes to incorporate Initiative 738 and 732. District's that have not passed a fully funded levy will not be impacted.
- Daycares in vicinity of schools would like to name schools as evacuation sites. Will check with insurance agency for liability.
- PEP Grant application was presented for review (see action items).

SUPT. REPORT  
CONTINUED

Wendy Rimmelpacher, Business Manager, reviewed the March P-223 enrollment (see attached).

ENROLLMENT

Wendy Rimmelpacher, reviewed the February 29, 2004, month-ending Financial Status Report (see attached).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kurt Olson, CHS ASB Officer, reported that CHS students read to Heights Elementary students on March 2 in honor of Dr. Suess's birthday, CHS boys placed 7<sup>th</sup> and girls placed 6<sup>th</sup> placed at basketball playoffs, a blood drive was held, faculty vs. seniors game raised \$200.00, and a TWIRP dance is scheduled for March 27th.

CHS ASB STUDENT  
REPORT

The District's construction contracts all have equipment spending capacity remaining. For every dollar spent, the State reimburses approximately \$.67. The district only has \$10,000 in the Capital Project Fund and there is \$21,000 capacity to spend on equipment. Cafeteria tables and microphones for classrooms were already purchased with these funds. The district's Capital Projects Fund has not had enough money available in this fund to recapture the money available for equipment. These construction contracts will be closed out by OSPI in 2005.

CAPITAL PROJECTS  
REPORT

Van Cummings, CHS Principal, reported that CHS is short \$5,000.00 of raising funds to hold the annual Washington Business Week. Many of the pledges are still in the process of applying for grants and Washington Business Week is not able to give any funds this year. Van shared that he hopes to be able to offer the program to next year's students.

WASHINGTON BUSINESS  
WEEK UPDATE

Pete Lewis reported that Governor Locke appointed Vicki Frei to serve on the Professional Education Standards Board.

APPOINTMENT TO  
PROFESSIONAL ED.  
STANDARDS BOARD

Dr. Jan Goodheart, Curriculum Director, reported that the Consolidated Program On-site Review is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> (see attached). An Exit Conference will be held at the District Office at 4:00 p.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

CONSOLIDATED  
REVIEW REPORT

Becky Coddington, Executive Secretary, reminded the school board that the Public Disclosure Commission Personal Financial Affairs Statements are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The PDC no longer provides paper instruction manuals or forms and encourages electronic filing. The 2004 instruction manuals and forms can be accessed on their web site at <http://www.pdc.wa.gov/f1/>.

PDC FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS

Jan Goodheart reported there would be summer school offerings for 4-year old children through high school. Four and 5-year old children will attend a program sponsored by Even Start. A two-hour literacy program will be held at the B & G Club and Highland Elementary School. An extended school year will be provided for special education students at all levels. A LCSC reading program will be held at Parkway Elementary School from the end of school through August 6th. Beginning the last week of July, a three-week Jump Start program is being developed for reading and math. An accountability program will be available at the high school. Lincoln Middle School will have a summer academy for 6-8 grade students the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. A Credit Retrieval program will be provided at the high school. There is a need to offer Pacific Northwest History since it was not offered last year. A fee of \$50.00 per session proposed and students could earn up to 2 credits. Camp Invention will be held at Highland and is a national sponsored camp for grades 1-5. ESL staff will work with students during the summer. The Child Study Team for some summer courses must recommend elementary students. Classes will be advertised next week after food services are finalized.

## SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Wayne Zipse asked if there are plans for a summer food service program. Wendy Rimmelspacher reported that they are researching which schools qualify as open sites.

Mike Rosenwood reviewed the proposed district technology plan for the 2004-07 school years and asked for input (see attached). Meetings have been held since October to develop Technology and Learning Implementation Plans for each school. The first year's focus is to provide the necessary staff development to implement the new Skyward Student Information System, and begin the regular replacement of outdated technology. By the second year all instructional staff will have updated equipment and software. Our goal is to follow a regular cycle of replacing technology so we don't get too far behind to ever catch-up. Beginning with the school year 04-05, every building will get a minimum of \$10,000 and CHS \$20,000 to finance building level technology plan hardware/software acquisition. Beginning in 2005-06, each building will receive \$2,000/year to train their staff for the new technology. The plan will be updated each year. The plan proposes moving toward more wireless networking rather than hard-wiring more areas. It also calls for splitting the MIS duties into two positions, one a Network Technician and the other a classified managerial job. The plan will be submitted for Board approval on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 04-07 TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The district had considered the Idaho Competency Testing Model for standards but it was not implemented. Technology Foundation Standards are available to help build professional development (see attached). Software will conform to minimum standards.

The School Board thanked the committee for their time and effort to put together the technology plan.

Dr. Jan Goodheart, Curriculum Director, reported that a request for input for the I-728 spending plan was sent to staff and parents last week (see attached). A public hearing will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to gather additional input prior to presenting a spending plan for approval.

## I-728 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Superintendent Pete Lewis asked the School Board if they had a date in mind to discuss scheduling a continuation of their goal setting and mid-year evaluation of the superintendent. The Board agreed to work with Becky Coddington, Executive Secretary, by phone to schedule a date for the meeting.

SCHEDULE  
CONTINUATION OF  
GOAL SETTINGS & MID-  
YEAR SUPT. EVAL.

Pete Lewis shared that due to the district's staffing patterns and to create neighborhood schools, the administration recommends returning Grantham Elementary School to a K- 6 school. This would leave two open classrooms at Highland and Heights Elementary Schools. Grantham Elementary would be full. If Grantham were to close, there would be 5 classrooms displaced. There would be a reduction of staff at Highland and an increase at Grantham. Current staffing plans call for an increase of 6.0 FTE. We are trying to do what is best for students educationally and for families.

DISCUSSED GRANTHAM  
K-6 PROGRAM

Bob DeBuhr, Grantham Elementary School principal, reported that he has talked to students and parents that would like to return to the neighborhood schools. Fifteen 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have already been attending Grantham School this year. Students that choose to remain at Highland would be given the opportunity to do so. Students would be fazed back into Grantham Elementary School.

Dana Lahnam & Kathy Carlson shared that students are at an impressionable age in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Some parents have elementary students in several different schools. The students are very proud to be involved with the Grantham Elementary Marimba band.

Motion by Dennis Lenz, second by Marjorie Briney, to move the Grantham Elementary School K-6 program discussion to an action items; motion carried.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM  
ON AGENDA

Motion by Marjorie Briney, second by Judy Rooney, to approve the recommendation to return Grantham Elementary School to K-6 status beginning with the 2004-05 school year; motion carried.

APPROVAL TO RETURN  
GRANTAM TO K-6  
STATUS

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Dennis Lenz, to approve the consent agenda to include the additional resignations of Jan Fullerton and Jim Bruce's and General Fund Accounts Payable Warrants No. 94,630 and CHS ASB Warrant No. 10,256 for payment:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of March 8, 2004;
- Personnel (see attached);
- Accounts payable warrants #94,471 through #94,629 in the amount of \$236,663.12 and warrant #94,630 in the amount of \$9,800.00; LMS ASB warrants #10,177 through #10,192 in the amount of \$1,613.43 and CHS ASB warrants #10,193 through #10,255 in the amount of \$53,327.52 and warrant #10,256 in the amount of \$14,291.00 for payment;
- Resolution No. 04-04, delegating authority to WIAA (see attached);
- Resolution No. 04-05, Classified Appreciation Week (see attached);
- Resolution No. 04-06, Volunteer Appreciation Week (see attached); motion carried.

- MINUTES
- PERSONNEL
- BILLS
- RES. NO. 04-04
- RES. NO. 04-05
- RES. NO. 04-06

Pete Lewis shared that Resolution No. 04-05 proclaims March 22-26, 2004, as Classified Employees Week and Resolution No. 04-06 proclaims April 18-24, 2004, as Volunteer Appreciation Week. All staff will be recognized the first week of May 2004.

Motion by Marjorie Briney, second by Judy Rooney, to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 4215, Use of Tobacco on School Property (see attached); motion carried.

1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF BOARD  
POLICY NO. 4215

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Dennis Lenz, to adopt Board Resolution No. 04-03, Transfer of Debt Service Fund Interest Income to the Capital Projects (see attached); motion carried.

ADOPTED RES. NO. 04-03

Motion by Marjorie Briney, second by Judy Rooney, to approve the submittal of the PEP Grant to provide fitness center equipment (see attached); motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT  
PEP GRANT

Motion by Dennis Lenz, second by Marjorie Briney, to accept the donation of 950 books from First Book National Book Bank valued at \$2,800.00 and donation of Discovery Trunk materials valued at \$1,000.00 (see attached); motion carried.

ACCEPTED DONATION  
OF BOOKS

Dennis Lenz asked, "Is it true that a student has five chances to pass the WASL test?" Yes, but the details of when the test can be retaken has not been determined.

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Dennis, Lenz, second by Marjorie Briney, to move into Executive Session for 90 minutes at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 p.m. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Dennis Lenz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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WAYNE ZIPSE, PRESIDENT

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PETE LEWIS, SECRETARY