

MINUTES OF  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
September 26, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Zipse, President  
Greg Castellaw, Vice-President  
Dennis Lenz  
Judy Rooney  
Lloyd Wallis

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Lewis, Superintendent  
Jan Goodheart  
Wendy Rimmelspacher  
Linda Hall  
Karle Warren  
Melody Stellmon  
Becky Coddington  
Mike Rosenwood  
Sam Adams  
Larry McConnell  
Wyll Jones

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. PUBLIC INPUT

Karle Warren reported that CCA and CEA joined together to write a grant through WEA for outreach. They will give \$1,700 to help with the Title I parent conference and will pay for six substitute days for staff to attend the parent conferences. CEA/CCA OUTREACH GRANT

The donation of an iMac computer was added to the consent agenda. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Superintendent Pete Lewis highlighted the following: SUPT. REPORT

- District 8 Area Quarterly Superintendent's Meeting in Spokane/GSL discussion
- Excess Special Education cost audit
- Highland/LMS dishwasher repair/replacement
- ITBS elementary testing & ITED secondary testing
- Payroll deductions
- Pedra Berenson's AWSP Scholarship
- Meeting with Lewiston Superintendent Dr. Joy Rapp & Tribune staff

- Remodeling of offices and video conference room at the District Office
- Substitute on-line presentation in Spokane September 28th
- Medicaid special billing rule changes
- Future surplus of the Clarkston Post Office building
- Clarkston Education Foundation fund raiser
- Full-time custodian vacation time (front-loaded verses back-loaded) issues
- Wyll Jones is running unopposed for Director District Position No. 2

SUPT. REPORT  
CONTINUED

Sam Adams and Larry McConnell shared before and after photos of the Clarkston High School tennis court construction. They also expressed their appreciation for a job well done. The top layer of coloring will need to be updated every 5-7 years. The courts have been tested for proper drainage. The local Fazzari's Tennis match was held the week the courts were finished.

TENNIS COURT  
RENOVATION PROJECT  
REPORT

Pete Lewis reported that the March P-223 enrollment of 2,712 headcount and 2,612 FTE's is 55 students above the budgeted number of 2,560 FTE's (see attached).

ENROLLMENT

Jordon Starr, CHS ASB Officer shared that last week was Homecoming week. Students raised 300 pounds of food and over \$800 in shirt sales.

CHS ASB STUDENT  
REPORT

Pete Lewis recommended the district's current Driver Education fee of \$275 be raised to \$300 per student to cover fuel, tire and service costs and employee 1.2% salary increase (see attached). Gail Anderson will be retiring as the coordinator after this year. The district has approached David Piper to determine if he has interest in attending a six-week training to be held in Ellensburg during the summer for full certification as a Traffic Safety instructor. The district currently owns four driver education vehicles. Pete shared that the district is considering the purchase a 2004 Ford Taurus to replace one of the 1998 Ford Contours. One of the 1998 Ford's would be moved to the mail route and the 1989 Buick LeSabre would be surplus. Judy Rooney shared that while attending the WSSDA Legislative Assembly she talked to Kitsap School District and a another similar sized district from the west side of the state. The State no longer supports the Traffic Safety Education program. Private companies have picked up the program in other areas at a cost of \$235 per student.

TRAFFIC SAFETY  
EDUCATION UPDATE

Pete Lewis will research what other schools offer or if there are any businesses in the surrounding area that are interested in managing the program.

Lori Atwood, parent, asked why a new vehicle was necessary and what the fee money is used for. Pete Lewis shared that it is difficult financially to update fleets when they are old and that newer fleets provide better safety for students.

TRAFFIC SAFETY  
EDUCATION UPDATE  
CONTINUED

Mike Rosenwood report that Clarkston is the first district to implement the electronic elementary Standards-Based Grading software through the Skyward software system. Fourth, fifth and sixth grade student grades will now convert to a grading system where "4" equals 90 percentile; "3" equals 80 percentile; "2" equals 70 percentile; "1" equals 60 percentile. First, second and third grade levels already used this grading system. Meetings have been held at all elementary buildings to create consistency. Grading will transition to the A, B, C grading method at the seventh grade. The electronic report card forces the district to look at standards, consistency and assists with state and federal student standard mandates. The electronic report card breaks specific grading down for additional awareness of various areas of mastery. The software program converts point grading to a one through four grading level as discussed above. Additional training is needed for teachers.

SKYWARD STUDENT  
DATA SYSTEM UPDATE

The secondary level has used on-line report card software for several years.

Information about the electronic report cards and future parent access to electronic grading will be included in the October 2005 district newsletter.

Curriculum Director Jan Goodheart reviewed the 2004-05 WASL test results and OSPI Bulletin No. 52-05, WASL testing schedule (see attached). The high school testing window is being changed to honor state in-service day commitments as outlined in Bulletin No. 52-05 (see attached). WASL makeup dates will be in August.

WASL RESULTS & WASL  
TESTING SCHEDULE

Board members expressed concern for math scores and the need for improved overall test scores.

A Special School Board Meeting was scheduled for October 3 at 6:00 p.m. to follow-up on the August 24, 2005 strategic planning and goal setting discussion.

SPECIAL SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING, OCT.  
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Judy Rooney highlighted the September 2005 WSSDA Legislative Assembly issues (see attached). The WASL graduation requirement was discussed at length. WEA is working to eliminate the WASL from being a graduation requirement. One of the legislative issues was to increase school board member compensation from \$50 per day to \$100 per day. Clarkston voted not to be compensated in the past. Judy shared that half of the school board members attending the legislative assembly reported that they were currently being compensated.

LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY

Jan Goodheart reported that Clarkston School District is in compliance with the states basic education requirements for the number of instructional minutes required and the level of certification for all district teachers.

APPROVED MINIMUM  
BASIC ED COMPLIANCE

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Dennis Lenz, to approve Minimum Basic Education Compliance, OSPI Form 1497 as presented by Curriculum Director Jan Goodheart (see attached); motion carried.

Pete Lewis asked if emailing the School Board was the best practice of keeping them informed of requests for letters of support? Consensus of the Board was to be informed by email prior to submitting letters.

INFORMING BOARD OF  
REQUESTS FOR  
LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Pete Lewis reported that Asotin County has applied for Transportation Enhancement program funds through the Washington State Department of Transportation for the design and construction of a pathway from the Clarkston Heights to the 15<sup>th</sup> Street/Fleshman Way intersection (see attached). A map of the project was reviewed. Pete Lewis submitted a letter to support the project.

AC FLESHMAN  
WAY/15<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
TRANS.  
ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAM

Motion by Lloyd Wallis, second by Greg Castellaw, to approve the consent agenda to include:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of September 12, 2005, as corrected;
- Personnel actions (see attached);
- Extended/overnight field trips (see attached);
- Highland Glass, Inc. donation of Polycarbonate & Plexiglass to CHS (see attached);
- Computer donation to Parkway by Corlene Eberle; and
- Accounts payable warrants #101,825 in the amount of \$4,076.90 and warrants #101,826 through #101,906 in the amount of \$74,967.51 and warrants #101,907 through #102,017 in the amount of \$194,419.62; LMS ASB warrants #11,494 through #11,500 in the amount of \$2,011.40 and CHS ASB warrants #11,501 through #11,505 in the amount of \$1,927.13 and warrants #11,506 through #11,534 in the amount of \$16,214.16 for payment; motion carried.

- MINUTES
- PERSONNEL
- FIELD TRIPS
- HIGHLAND GLASS  
DONATION
- COMPUTER DONATION

• BILLS

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Dennis Lenz, to adopt Resolution No. 05-16, Annual WSSDA Conference attendance by a newly elected director (see attached); motion carried.

ADOPTED RES. NO. 05-  
16, WSSDA CONF.

Motion by Judy Rooney, second by Greg Castellaw, to table the request to increase the Drivers Education rate and purchasing of a car until additional options could be researched (see attached); motion carried.

TABLED DRIVERS ED  
RATE INCREASE

Pete Lewis shared that ITBS and ITED tests are no longer mandated. Judy Rooney asked if the ITBS test could be offered to interested sixth grade students on a specific date since a nationally standardized test is required to qualify for participation in programs such as the Johns Hopkins program. Pete Lewis said that he would discuss this option with administrators.

ITBS & ITED TEST  
DISCUSSION

Judy Rooney said, "I'm not sure that acquiring the Post Office building would be in the best use of district funds. Does the district have the resources at this time and does that building have the needed parking and grassed area for the district's needs?"

BOARD COMMENTS

Judy Rooney shared that she would be in favor of offering three years of math at the high school level to keep students connected prior to taking college placement tests.

Judy Rooney shared that Highland Elementary invited her to talk to Highland's Parent Council as an individual Board member. Judy will not be speaking on behalf of the Board but will comment on established issues on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Greg Castellaw, second by Lloyd Wallis, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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WAYNE ZIPSE, PRESIDENT

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PETE LEWIS, SECRETARY