

GRAPEVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT #54
822 Mason Benson Road
Grapeview, WA 98546

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES from November 28, 2006
Continued on December 5, 2006

Study Session: The study session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The draft brochure for the new superintendent was reviewed. After a discussion, the consensus was to add the district's major goals to the brochure, to include a statement regarding the compensation package and to add a picture of students. Pam attended the WASDA conference and talked with Everett School District who recently hired a superintendent. They developed a recruitment plan that worked very well for their district. Some of the points that she shared were to be clear on the qualities and attribute that we desire in candidates, and check references. About 100 brochures will be distributed to all superintendents in ESD113 and mailed to surrounding district. Tracy Arkin presented a budget analysis that included an overview of the 2005-2006 expenditures. A memo was shared that outlined projected costs for the 2006-2007 budget items.

Regular Meeting: Board Chair Pamela Berger called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Pamela announced that this meeting was a continuation of the regular meeting that was shorted due to inclement weather conditions.

Board Members Present: Those members present were Pamela Berger board chair, Mike McGuire member, Darren Porter member, Randy Duckworth member, and Jim Snyder superintendent. Dee Ann Kline member was absent.

Staff members present: Lora Hewins, Joan Jensen, and Tracy Arkin, recording minutes.

Members of the audience: Gary Longmiere

Agenda: The revised agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 23, 2006 special study session, the October 24, 2006 study session, the September 24, 2006 regular meeting, and the November 8, 2006 regular meeting were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Superintendent Report:

Non-High: Jim and Pam appeared at the North Mason School District meeting last week to deliver our final payment for the non-high debt.

Community Letter: Jim gave each board member a copy of the community letter that I delivered to the Grapeview Community Association a couple of weeks ago.

Heating & Cooling System: The control system for our HVAC is becoming out of date, and will need to be replaced. We now have a heating system for one of our middle school buildings that has a broken fan blade, and there are no replacement parts available for this system.

Impact Fees: You have a copy of the impact fee recommendations. The Mason County Superintendents met with the county commissioners on November 13 to lend support for this proposal.

Technology Support: Jim indicated that we plan to employ Ad Addison as our new technology person. He will replace Gordon Moores of InfoSystems.

Goals: A copy of the superintendents' revised goals for 2006-2007 was disbursed. Jim will give an update each month at the regular board meetings.

District Goals: Some of the major goals/objective for the district are as follows:

- Maintain our focus on student achievement
- Select a new superintendent
- Build the school year budget for 2007-2008
- Prepare ourselves for a bond issue if North Mason is successful in theirs
- Develop a maintenance and replacement plan
- Begin discussions for a long-term facilities plan

Custodian: We have advertised for a custodian to replace Pam Watkins who recently submitted her resignation.

North Mason: North Mason may run their bond issue again this spring. They have been advised that the construction costs have gone up considerably. This means that our costs will go up as well.

Principal Report:

Kindergarten: Joan and Sherrie Gill, presented a full day Kindergarten schedule. The proposed schedule called for three full days M-W and Th-F would be half days. This schedule would increase reading to 90 minutes per day and math 50-60 minutes for the three full days. It would also increase the 100 minute requirement for Health/Fitness to 90 minutes. A discussion followed. The consensus was to have Jim and Joan hold a meeting to parent feedback. We will also look at continuing contract obligations if we are to increase to a full time teacher.

Library Update: The library is still under construction. Chairs and furniture have started to arrive. We continue to get many positive comments on how the library looks and feels. We have added more books that are new; many books are for middle school and are fiction, best sellers, and award winners. We have added to our non-fiction section.

End of Trimester: Monday, Dec 4 is the end of first Trimester. Report cards go home on Thursday, December 4.

Sports Update: Boys basketball is under way. The game schedules this week are Tuesday and Thursday at Grapeview and Friday in Olympia at Community Christian

Winter Music Program: The winter music program is scheduled for Dec 14 at 7pm. Students in grades k-3 will be performing.

School Savings Program: We continue to offer our children a savings program through Washington Mutual Bank. They are able to open a savings account and make deposits here at school every Friday.

Staff Goals: The teaching staff has finished their individual goals as well as our school goals and objectives. Our overall goal is to continue to improve our WASL scores. Our objectives to get to our goal are; to provide more support to families to help them help their child succeed through a math night, reading night with free books, and a lunch buddies program. We will provide school homework help and tutoring for grades 3-8 beginning in January. And last we would like to add part time tech person to problem solve and be able to provide a

open time in computer lab where kids can go to work without the teacher (tech would be there to monitor).

Health and Fitness: The “Take 10” fitness curriculum has arrived. This program will help to meet the 100 minute a week requirement in elementary school. This program puts 10 minutes a day cardiovascular exercise into the classroom that teacher can do with their kids.

Student Learning Plans: Student Learning Plans are completed and turned into Joan with the exception of a few parents who have not responded. We will continue to work with these families.

Student Assessment: Reading fluency testing for grades k-6 started this week using the Dibels program. We are tracking the five lowest students in each grade level. This is the first progress monitoring and results will help with report cards and give us an idea of improvement skills needed and where to go next. The reports will be shared with the parents.

Bus Purchase: New buses are here. We are waiting for inspection at Shelton Co-op and will follow-up with some issues that need to be fixed.

Pottery Class: The second round of pottery and after school pottery is in session. This has been a big hit. Kids have done some fabulous work and are really excited. This session ends on 15 December.

Snow Day: Joan stated that the staff consensus was to make-up the snow day on December 19 and 20. The calendar change will be to go a full day on December 19 and a half-day of December 20. Winter break will beginning on December 21 and school will resume on January 2.

Financial Report: Tracy reported a projected net ending cash balance of \$84,565.01 for the month ending September 30, 2006.

Budget Status: Balances as shown by the County Treasurer as of 10/31/06:

Transportation	\$41,500.62
Debt Service Fund	372,299.52
Capital Projects Fund	514,942.15
ASB Fund	5,893.55
General Fund	102,927.08

Board Policy: The board accepted policy 6700 Nutrition and Physical Fitness and procedure 6700 Nutrition and Physical Fitness Procedures as a fist reading. Both will be placed on the December agenda as second reading.

Board Items:

2006-2007 Board Goals: Randy made a motion seconded Mike to adopt the final school board goals for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion passed 4-0. A copy of the final goals is attached to this report.

Action Plan: The board reviewed the draft Goals for Staff and Administration Action Plan. A discussion of which board member would be responsible for each goal took place. The agreement was that Randy Duckworth would be the first board member to attend a community meeting. Mike McGuire will review district goals at each regular board meeting. Pam Berger will provide the first board report for the Gator News. Randy Duckworth will help select a former Grapeview student to sit on the school board as a non-voting member. Remaining items will be assigned or rotated at the next meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Darren: Basketball is going well. We had our first victory over Pioneer last week. Darren said that they are preparing the varsity team to move to the next level and be ready next year for competition at the High School level.

Pam: Pam reported that the WASDA conference in Spokane was great. There were many good motivational speakers one was a teacher out of California.

Randy: Good Meeting. He is glad to see progress in Kindergarten.

Audience Comments: Lora Hewins thanked the board from the staff for their recognition letter. Gary Longmeire reported that the Santa Giving tree at the was last Saturday. While they were glad, for those that did turnout it was less then they anticipated.

Board chair Pamela Berger announced that the regular meeting would recess and the board would resume in Executive Session for approximately 30 minute to discuss a personnel issue. No action would be taken.

Executive Session: At 8:15 p.m. the board held an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The executive session ended at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment: The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James Snyder, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

James Snyder, Secretary

Pamela Berger, Board Chair