

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 301J
COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON
September 24, 2007

Board Members Present: Joette Barry
Susan Chaffee
Jim Erickson
Donna DeWinkler
Carla Marconi

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Jeff Loe
Karl Miller
Lisa Lakin
Sue Hinton

I. Call to Order

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Erickson at 5:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

It was m/s by Chaffee/Marconi to approve the agenda with the following changes. Under Old Business item D. Nespelem Board Representative, under New Business, item L. Surplus Textbooks, M. Legislative Update, N. WSSDA Regional Meetings., and O. Headstart Concerns

IV. Individuals Wishing to Speak on Agenda Items

A parent wishing to share her concerns with the Board will address her concerns during the Old Business regarding Security Cameras.

V. Consent Agenda

It was m/s by Chaffee/Marconi and passed to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

The following expenditures of the Consent Agenda were approved:

General Fund Vouchers	Warrant #'s 83-185	\$293,895.87
Payroll	Warrant #'s 1-82	\$496,642.71
LRHS ASB	Warrant #'s 10-34	\$ 27,154.84
Middle School ASB	Warrant #'s 1-9	\$ 1,622.42
Capital Projects Fund	Warrant # 1	\$ 13,642.36
Transportation Vehicle Fund	Warrant # 1	\$ 58,969.09

VI. Old Business

A. Security Camera Policy

The Board heard a parent who shared her concerns about the safety at Lake Roosevelt High School. She shared a personal story with the Board and urged them to approve a policy to operate the security cameras. The Board then reviewed the policies they were considering and after discussion and concern for the safety of all students they came to an agreement on a policy.

It was m/s by DeWinkler/Barry and passed to approve the 1st reading and m/s by Barry/Marconi and passed to approve the 2nd reading at this time.

B. WSSDA Policy Services

Jeff Loe revisited the necessity for our District to update our Board Policies. He shared that he would be sending our policy book in it's' entirety directly to WSSDA.

C. Graduation Credit Requirement

Jeff Loe reviewed the need to adopt the policy regarding our graduation credits being lowered to 23 credits. There was discussion amongst the Board, High School Administrative Staff and parents about this year's credit requirement.

It was m/s by DeWinkler/Chaffee and passed to lower the High School credit requirements to 23.

D. Nespelem Board Representative

The Board talked about their continued interest in having a representative attend the Nespelem School Board meetings. The Board hopes to contact those parties that might still be interested for future participation.

VII. New Business

A. USDA Roof Repair Grant – Public Input

Mary Schilling shared that the District needed to have an official meeting regarding the USDA Roof Repair Grant and get the School Board to approve moving forward with the grant submission. The Board approved the grant application process.

B. Title V Grant

Mary Schilling shared with the Board possibly using these grant monies to work towards an Automated Library System in all of our District libraries. Jeff Loe shared that the Librarians were concerned about being able to purchase much needed new books for their libraries. The Board approved the plan to move forward with automation for our libraries.

C. Bus Garage Fire Update-Declare Emergency Status

Jeff Loe talked about the ongoing investigations regarding the bus barn fire. There was the possibility of pursuing the prospect of manufacturer defects. Jeff shared that we needed to declare Resolution 07/08-1 for Emergency Status.

It was m/s by DeWinkler/Barry and passed to approve the Resolution 07/08-1 Advertising for Bids-Emergencies.

D. Surplus Bus Purchases

Jeff Loe shared about School Districts' offering their surplused buses to us and that we need to approve the nominal purchase amount of \$1.00 from Quincy and Lake Chelan School Districts.

It was m/s by Barry/Marconi and passed to approve the purchase amount of \$1.00 for Surplus Buses from Quincy and Lake Chelan School Districts.

E. Resolution 07/08-2 Transfer of Funds

Jeff Loe discussed that the proposed levy dollars that we needed to transfer from the General Fund to the Transportation Vehicle Fund in order to purchase the new buses.

It was m/s DeWinkler/Chaffee and passed to approve Resolution 07/08-2 Transfer of Funds.

F. WASL Results

The Principal's from each building shared their WASL results as compared to previous school years.

G. Remove Jerry Birdwell from Asbestos List

Jeff Loe discussed the need to remove Jerry Birdwell's name from the District Asbestos Certification list.

It was m/s by Barry/Chaffee and passed to approve the removal of Jerry Birdwell listed for District Asbestos Certification.

H. Wright Elementary Gym Use

Jeff Loe shared that he had been contacted from different groups inquiring about the possible use of Wright Elementary gym. The Board shared their interest in getting more information about the cost of opening part of the building for community use.

I. WSIAA/Robert Brooks Meeting Report

Donna DeWinkler shared about the WSIAA impact aid meeting she attended in Seattle. Donna shared that those in attendance were able to submit 5 outstanding issues to NAFIS from their Washington Association.

J. Physical Education

The Board discussed how other Districts have found ways to incorporate physical education in to their school day. There was further discussion regarding what type of grant monies might be available to contribute to PE curriculums and other coordinated efforts within our schools.

K. Request for additional para-educators

Sue Hinton shared her concerns and the need for additional staffing to help with special needs students within the classrooms at Wright. The Board decided to further the discussion in Executive Session since it pertained to students.

L. Surplus Books

Mary Schilling presented the request to surplus books that were no longer being used in the District and the necessity to have Board Approval to do so.

It was m/s by Barry/Chaffee and passed to approve the list of surplus textbooks.

M. Legislative Updates

Joette Barry attended the WSSDA Legislative Assembly in Yakima. She shared the updates within our State Legislature with the Board.

N. Regional Meetings

Jeff Loe shared with the Board the upcoming WSSDA Regional meeting coming to our area. The meeting will be in Omak on October 11th.

O. Headstart

Donna DeWinkler shared her concerns about the Headstart classroom size at Center Elementary. For liability sake, the District should request a letter from Headstart stating that they measured the space and determined that there was adequate room for their program.

VIII. Personnel Items

A. Resignations

None.

B. Hires

1. Krys Shell-Higgs, LRHS 11th Grade Advisor

It was m/s by DeWinkler/Chaffee to approve the hire. 4-0 vote with Barry abstaining.

IX. Reports

A. Administrative

1. Principals

- a. Center Elementary Principal, Sue Hinton reported that a big thanks to the community efforts for the playground at Center and that it is great to be a part of a community that is so supportive of our children.
- b. Middle School Principal, Lisa Lakin shared about the quality new staff hires for our after school programs at the Middle School and also the fall sports participation is up this school year.
- c. Lake Roosevelt High School, Karl Miller let report stand and Brad Wilson talked about sports updates.

2. 21st Century

Mary Schilling shared that we had received our grant for \$268,000 per year for 5 years.

3. Student Director

Luke Seekins shared with the Board that the Leadership Class had started Peer Mentoring Groups for freshman and they were organizing some fun homecoming activities for the student body.

B. JOM/Title VII

Carla Marconi shared that the Title VII grant had been received and that the by-laws were approved and available on our website. She also shared that the next Title VII Parent Advisory meeting was scheduled for October 15th at 5:00 p.m. in Nespelem.

C. Fiscal

1. Budget Status

Jeff Loe shared the current fund balance status and estimation of revenues and expenditures as per his reports.

2. Enrollment

Jeff Loe shared the enrollment is 694.3 FTE for September.

X. Public Participation

None

XI. Executive Session

It was m/s by Marconi/Chaffee to go in to Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. for 30 minutes.

Open Session

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry and passed to approve the new Para-educator positions, 6 hours per day and 5.5 hours per day.

It was m/s by DeWinkler/Marconi and passed to approve \$1,000 for Robert Brooks for additional services.

XII. Adjournment

It was m/s by Chaffee/Marconi and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Jim Erickson, Chairperson

Jeff Loe, Board Secretary
