

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES**  
GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 301J  
COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON  
February 23, 2009

Board Members Present: Donna DeWinkler  
Joette Barry  
Susan Chaffee  
Carla Marconi  
Nita Haag

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Sue Hinton  
Lisa Lakin  
Steve Breeze

**I. Call to Order**

The regular board meeting was called to order by Donna DeWinkler at 5:38 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Tribal Education Committee Task Force Findings and Recommendations for Title VIII (Impact Aid) Funds**

Desi LaPlante shared with the Board the recommendations that the Indian Education Committee felt needed to be a priority for the 2009/2010 School Year.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

It was m/s by Chaffee/Haag and passed to approve the Agenda.

**V. Individuals Wishing to Speak on Agenda Items**

None

**VI. Consent Agenda**

It was m/s by Haag/Chaffee and passed to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the January 26, 2009 minutes. Under item III. Public Hearing Impact Aid Application the following should state "in lieu of". Additionally, under Reports, item B. the Student Director Report and New Business, item B. Football Field Name Change Request was moved to after the consent agenda.

The following expenditures of the Consent Agenda were approved:

General Fund Vouchers	\$118,303.59	Warrant #'s	947-1013
Payroll	\$544,530.17	Warrant #'s	876-946
LRHS ASB Vouchers	\$ 8,510.96	Warrant #'s	189-213
Middle School ASB Vouchers	\$ 5,111.03	Warrant #'s	184-188

## **VII. Old Business**

### **A. Procedure 2421P Retention**

Lisa Lakin stated that the retention committee met last week. She stated that they wanted to meet with the Elementary Principal regarding their RTI process.

### **B. Board Policy No. 4260 Use of Facilities & Kitchen**

Jeff Loe stated that there were no current updates to share at this time. Nita Haag suggested that the Board move any current policies to their Board work session.

### **C. Project Updates – Reader Board, Transformers**

Regarding the Reader Board, Jeff told the Board that after meeting with the Coulee Dam City Clerk the change in zoning at Lake Roosevelt High School would be a complicated process. Jeff also shared that the transformers would be changed out when the weather permits.

### **D. Legislative Update**

Donna DeWinkler shared with the Board regarding the meeting she attended with our Legislators in Olympia. She shared that Cathy McMorris Rodgers was writing a letter to request stimulus monies from Impact Aid funds. Donna mentioned that we had support from our local Legislators.

### **E. Facility Study**

Jeff Loe told the Board that he had nothing new to report at this time. Susan Chaffee asked that the process be initiated by the next board meeting. Nita Haag shared that Coulee Community Hospital might be a resource in this process.

### **F. Nespelem/Grand Coulee Dam Board Liaison**

Jeff Loe shared that we had advertised in the newspaper a call for a Board Liaison however, there had been no interest to date and calls to possibly interested people was to no avail. The Board instructed Jeff to keep the invitation posted on our website until the beginning of the next school year.

### **G. Request for Additional Hours – Nurse**

Jeff Loe told the School Board that Cheryl Fercha withdrew her request for additional hours.

### **H. Board Policy No. 1112 Director Orientation-Revised**

Jeff Loe told the Board that Board Policy No. 1112 Director Orientation had been a new policy update per the Washington State School Directors Association.

It was m/s by Haag/Marconi and passed to approve the Revised Board Policy No. 1112 Director Orientation.

I. Board Policy No. 1450 Absence of a Board Member-Revisit

Jeff Loe told the Board that further clarification was needed regarding Board Policy No.1450; he was unsure whether the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph had been removed.

J. Modified Education Plan

After consulting with the Attorney, Jeff shared that he felt we were not ready for a Modified Education Plan and asked the Attorney to prepare a statement to start the process.

It was m/s by Haag/Chaffee to approve the following; based upon projected education revenues the school district anticipates a need for significant reductions for 2009-2010 school year. The School Board hereby directs the Superintendent in consultation with the respective unions to determine necessary reductions in expenditures, voluntary staff reductions through retirements or resignations, and begin preparations of a modified education program for presentation to the Board. In restating the motion, Donna DeWinkler used the statement, "Declare a Modified Education Plan", all voted nay.

It was then restated by Haag with Barry seconding and passed to approve the above statement. The vote was unanimous.

K. Joint Board Meeting with Nespelem

Jeff Loe told the Board that he was trying to schedule a joint Board meeting with Nespelems' School Board and would try to set up a date in April.

**VIII. New Business**

A Unfair Labor Practice Settlement

Jeff Loe shared that there was an unfair labor practice filed against the District and through mediation a settlement was reached. Donna DeWinkler stated that this regarded personnel and should be discussed later in executive session.

Nita Haag requested a roll call vote.

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry because we are between a rock and a hard place; I move to ratify the settlement. All opposed.

It was m/s by Haag/Marconi and passed to approve; due to the fiscal constraints of the district the Board believes limited funds can best be spent serving students. By ratification of this settlement agreement dated, February 19, 2009, between the Grand Coulee Dam School District and the Grand Coulee Dam Education Association, the Board does not acknowledge in any respect that they have engaged in any intimidating or threatening behavior. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Jeff Loe read the above mentioned settlement.

B. Football Field Name Change Request

Shawn Pope read a letter of support from the football team regarding renaming the High School football field after coach, Rob Williams.

The Board stated they will take the request under consideration.

C. Transportation Services Report

George Davis presented his report to update the Board regarding transportation.

D. LRHS – Pathways Report, NAV 101 Survey Results

Cathy Krohn presented information to the School Board members about the Districts' NAV 101 program; she also brought a sample prep notebook for their review stating that during the student led conferences students present their prep file to their parents.

E. Field Trip Request –State SADD

Joette Barry shared with the Board that the Safty Club planned to attend the State SADD Conference in March. She stated that she was requesting assistance from the School District to help pay for fuel and ferry costs. Discussion followed.

It was motioned by Nita Haag to approve the Field Trip Request-State SADD with no cost to the District.

No second, the motion failed.

It was then motioned by Donna DeWinkler that the Board approve the Field Trip Request –State SADD with help in paying for gas and a letter for ferry fees.

No second, the motion failed.

It was m/s by Chaffee/Marconi and passed to approve the Field Trip Request-State SADD with no financial aid and to table the financial part until the Board work session on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Joette Barry abstained

F. Review High School Graduation Requirements

Steve Breeze went over the Districts' current graduation requirements at Lake Roosevelt High School and shared the State Board of Education currently requires 19 credits for High School Graduation.

G. Review- Student Fees, Extracurricular Fuel Fees, Facility Use Fee

Jeff Loe recommended to the Board that the review of student fees, extracurricular fuel fees and facility use fees be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat on March 14th

#### H. WSSDA Legislative Conference Report

Joette Barry shared with the Board her report from her attendance at the Legislative Conference held in Olympia. Joette said she was able to speak with the Legislators who had attended our Legislative meeting held at Lake Roosevelt High School regarding our facilities.

#### I. Regional Superintendents/Business Managers Meetings Report

Jeff Loe talked about his attending the Regional Superintendent/Business Manager meeting with other area school districts in our Educational Service District. He said further discussion would continue in Executive Session.

### **IX. Personnel Items**

#### A. Resignations

None

#### B. Hires

1. Rick Morton, LRHS Assistant Softball Coach

It was m/s by Barry/Marconi and passed to approve the above hire

### **X. Reports**

#### A. Administrative

##### 1. Principals

- a.Center Elementary Principal, Sue Hinton let her building report stand, however she did share some highlights and events at her school with the Board. Sue also invited the Board to attend their “Read Across America” on Monday, March 2, 2009
- b.Middle School Principal, Lisa Lakin also let her report stand and told the Board that 2 students had qualified for the Regional Spelling Match and the Basketball and Wrestling teams have had a successful season.
- c.Lake Roosevelt High School, Steve Breeze let his building report stand as presented to the Board.

#### B. Student Director

Dani Pope shared with the Board some current events at Lake Roosevelt High School. She stated that the Wrestlers were going to State and Basketball to Regionals and the Mr. LR Competition is scheduled as well. She also shared that the Leadership class had been working on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation.

### C. JOM/Title VII

Donna DeWinkler shared that at the Indian Education Committee they worked on the recommendations pertaining to the 2009/2010 school year programs and activities to present to the District.

### D. Tribal Education Committee Meeting

Jeff Loe was unable to attend the Tribal Education Committee meeting.

### E. Fiscal

#### 1. Budget Status

Jeff Loe reviewed the Districts' current budget status and projections with the Board.

#### 2. Enrollment

Jeff Loe presented the current enrollment report for the month of February with the Board.

## **XI. Public Participation**

Rick Morton of Electric City read a letter he had written and planned to submit to the editor of the Star Newspaper.

## **XII. Executive Session**

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry and passed to go in to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for 30 minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30110 (1)(g).

Chair, Donna DeWinkler asked for 10 minutes at 8:15 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

It was m/s by Barry/Chaffee and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Donna DeWinkler, Board Chair

Jeff Loe, Board Secretary

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