

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 301J
COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON
January 26, 2009

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

Board Members Absent: Carla Marconi (excused)

Student Representative: Jennelle Jim

Administrators Present: Sue Hinton
Lisa Lakin
Steve Breeze

I. Call to Order

The regular board meeting was called to order by Donna DeWinkler at 5:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearing – Impact Aid Application

Jeff Loe stated that a Public Hearing is to be held to go over the Impact Aid Application as Board Policy states. He said Impact Aid funds are based on any student living on federal/trust lands. He said that the District can use the money in lieu of local and state funds. Chair Donna DeWinkler asked why we don't qualify for construction money. She suggested adding some Nespelem students to our application so that we can try to qualify. Discussion followed.

IV. Approval of Agenda

It was m/s by Chaffee/Haag and passed to approve the Agenda with the following additions; under IX. Personnel, B. Hires 2. Rebecca Byers, LRHS Assistant Track Coach, 3. Paul Braun, LRHS Assistant Track Coach, and changes to New Business B. Martin Luther King Day Video Presentation and F. Navigation 101 Report and X. Reports B. Student Director be moved before Old Business and C. Food Service Report –Pam Bowman will not be able to attend. Susan Chaffee will be adding a report for New Business P. Modified Education Plan.

It was m/s by Chaffee/Haag and passed to approve the Agenda with the changes to New Business D. Request for additional hours-Nurse and E. SHARP Kids After-school Program Report be moved before Old Business.

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: Unanimous vote.

The following expenditures of the Consent Agenda were approved:

General Fund Vouchers	\$161,266.71	Warrant #'s 778-875
Payroll	\$543,775.42	Warrant #'s 697-777
LRHS ASB Vouchers	\$ 15,203.57	Warrant #'s 157-183
Middle School ASB Vouchers	\$ 1,642.20	Warrant #'s 151-156

VII. Old Business

A. Policy Review and Schedule

Jeff Loe stated that Nita Haag has volunteered to get our policies in order. Nita made a proposal of how to attack the policies in order to be ready for the 1st reading at the regular board meeting.

B. Procedure 2421P Retention

Lisa Lakin said she has scheduled a meeting with the committee for this Thursday. Chair Donna DeWinkler said to work on the rating policy that she suggested. Lisa asked if the WASL information should be left in. Donna said yes.

C. Board Policy No. 4260 Use of Facilities & Kitchen

Jeff Loe stated that the policy he did was based on what WSSDA suggested and what we had in place before. He said Nita and Donna have worked on a Policy. Susan Chaffee asked if this policy could be worked on and finished at the next board work session. The policy was tabled.

D. Project Updates-Reader board, Transformers

Jeff Loe said he will talk to Alliance about zoning just the parking lot. He said the transformers will be put up after winter is over.

E. Legislative Update

Jeff Loe shared with the board that Donna and he went to Olympia and met with Senator Rosemary McAuliffe along with Sheila Stalp and Senator Bob Morton. Donna said that packets were sent out to everyone ahead of time, but Senator McAuliffe didn't have it front of her and had questions about it. Donna said we won't be having a hearing with the legislators. She said the good thing is Senator McAuliffe didn't see a problem with the state coming up with 50% of the money to build a facility. Joette Barry suggested making a disc about our situation to hand out. Susan Chaffee suggested checking with the leadership class to work on the disc.

F. Review of Policy No. 7231 Indian Policies & Procedures

Jeff Loe said that part of Impact Aid funding we have to have Indian Policies and Procedures in place. Chair Donna DeWinkler said changes were made to the policies

and they were approved by the Title VII Indian Education Committee last Tuesday. She said Karen Condon from the education committee at the tribe has reviewed the Policy and Procedure.

It was m/s by Barry/Chaffee and passed to approve the 1st and 2nd reading of Policy No. 7231 Indian Policies and Procedures. Donna abstained.

G. Facility Study

Jeff Loe stated that we are eligible to have the facility study done and be reimbursed for it in May. Jeff recommended starting the process. He said we have to choose a company to do the study and that may take some time.

Nita Haag said with our financial status she is uncomfortable doing this. Joette Barry said we have to take these steps to have a building built. Jeff noted that we have a study from 2003. Susan Chaffee said to relieve our financial burden we should move in this direction.

It was m/s by Barry/DeWinkler to approve the process of the facility study, after further discussion among the board members the motion passed. Unanimous vote.

H. Nespelem/Grand Coulee Dam Board Liaison

Jeff Loe reported that this will be advertised in the paper this week. Susan Chaffee asked Jeff to call the people that Val Vargas-Thomas suggested before it goes in the paper.

VIII. New Business

A. School Board Recognition Month

Jeff Loe thanked the Board and handed out certificates to each board member.

B. Martin Luther King Day Video Presentation

Gretchen Nelson-Antoine introduced two of her students that shared a video they had created about Martin Luther King.

C. Food Services Report

Pam Bowman was unable to attend. The report was tabled.

D. Request for Additional Hours-Nurse

Cheryl Fercha thanked the board for allowing her to have an Aide. She shared results of improvements that have been made. She talked about a new program called the FLASH program that she will be teaching children at the Middle School. She said the program talks about decision making, puberty, anatomy and physiology. She said parents have the right to look at the curriculum before hand as well as waive their student out of certain days. She stated that in August, September and October she put in a lot of extra time. She asked the board if they would pay her for 105 hours.

Nita Haag would like to table this. She said it might start a precedence. Joette Barry said that we don't want to accept hours that are just submitted. Nita has a question about the bargaining unit and would like to explore it more before making a decision.

It was m/s by Chaffee/DeWinkler to pay the 105 hours based on the availability of funds, with Nita Haag and Joette Barry opposing, the motion was a tie, did not pass and was therefore tabled.

E. SHARP Kids After-school Program Report

Mary Schilling reported that the Nespelem after school program late night Friday night is running strong. She said there are about 75 to 100 attending. She said that a staff member is regularly picking up food from the food distribution in Nespelem to take to the late night Friday's. She stated that TANF is contributing \$250 every Friday.

Mary said in the after school programs here, there were no missing assignments at the end of the semester. Mary reported that they started a digital photography program at the High School and an engineering lab at the Middle School. Mary said Christine Gregoire cut the 21st Century funding out of the budget. She said she won't know if they will get funding for this summer or next school year.

F. Navigation 101 Report

Cathy Krohn reported on the Navigation 101 program. She said students will be having student led conferences on May 13th & 14th. She said that students are learning to take ownership in their education and parents are becoming more involved. Discussion followed.

G. Driver's Education Report

Steve Breeze said there is a big turn out for Driver's Education this semester. He said Amanda Fisher has done a good job keeping on the students to get their work turned in.

H. Booster Club Report

Chair Donna DeWinkler said there are 22 members and 45 star members in the booster club. She said this year the club has paid for football dummies and bags for the Middle School football program. She said they will give out two \$500 scholarships this year. Donna shared that there is \$1,000 set aside for new bleachers at the High School.

I. All Staff Budge Cuts Meeting Report

Jeff Loe shared with the board the meeting he had with the staff about the proposed cuts. Nita Haag told Jeff he did a great job presenting the information to the staff.

J. Coulee Community Hospital Disaster Plan Agreement

It was m/s by Haag/Barry and passed to approve the disaster agreement plan with Coulee Community Hospital. Unanimous vote.

K. District Organizational Chart

Jeff Loe said that Nita Haag made an organizational chart. Nita said this chart is to encourage the use of the chain of command. She said it makes a visual for the community to see who to go to when questions or complaints arise.

L. NAFIS Spring Conference – March 8-10, Washington DC

The Board tabled this until they can speak with Carla Marconi to see if she would like to attend.

M. WASA Small Schools Conference – March 2-3, Yakima

Jeff Loe said the WASA small schools conference is a good one to go to, but he is unable to make it this year. He asked the board if anyone would like to attend.

N. Renew/Non-renew Superintendent Contract

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry and passed to extend the Superintendents contract for another year.

Roll Call

Susan – Yes

Nita – Yes

Joette – Yes

Donna – No

Motion passes.

O. Joint Board Meeting with Nespelem February 17th?

Chair Donna DeWinkler said that Tuesday's are not good for the board and to ask for a different date.

P. Modified Education Plan

Susan Chaffee handed out a document on a modified education plan that was done in this district in years past. She said that it is a tool that we could use. Nita Haag said the Modified Education Plan is a plan that lists the essentials that we can survive on, what we will cut and how much it will cost. She said it is the administrator's responsibility to come up with the plan. Discussion followed.

IX. Personnel Items

A. Resignations

None

A. Hires

1. Randy Friedlander, LRHS Assistant Golf Coach
2. Rebecca Byers, LRHS Assistant Track Coach
3. Paul Braun, LRHS Assistant Track Coach

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry and passed to approve the above hires.

X. Reports

A. Administrative

1. Principals

- a. Center Elementary Principal, Sue Hinton let her report stand but did share that on February 18th there will be a passport to learning family night.
- b. Middle School Principal, Lisa Lakin went over her report and shared that 91% of the students at the Middle School had 5 or less demerits this semester.
- c. Lake Roosevelt High School, Steve Breeze let his building report stand. He did share that this spring students will walk their parent to the computer lab and do their schedule for next year with their parent.

B. Student Director

Jennelle Jim shared with the board that Title VII committee needs more parents to attend. She said at the High School they are having a Winter Fest this week.

C. JOM/Title VII

Donna DeWinkler said at the meeting last week they approved the Indian Policies and Procedures.

D. Tribal Education Committee Meeting

Nothing to report this month.

E. Fiscal

1. Budget Status

Jeff Loe discussed with the Board the Districts' revenues and expenditures and projections for the upcoming months. He said his predictions show having a fund balance of \$106,000.

2. Enrollment

Jeff Loe did not have any information to share.

XI. Public Participation

None

XII. Executive Session

It was m/s by Chaffee/Haag and passed to go in to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for 30 minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30110 (1)(g).

XIII. Adjournment

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

Donna DeWinkler, Board Chair

Jeff Loe, Board Secretary
