

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
BOARD RETREAT
GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 301J
COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON
March 14, 2009

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

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Jeff Loe
Steve Breeze
Brad Wilson
Lisa Lakin
Sue Hinton

I. Call to Order

The board retreat was called to order by Chair Donna DeWinkler at 8:07 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

It was m/s by Haag/Marconi and passed to approve the agenda with the addition of K. Possible Cuts from Community and L. Superintendent Evaluation.

IV. Items of Discussion

A. Enrollment Projections

Jeff handed out his spreadsheet showing the projected enrollment for the next five years. Normally we budget 26 kids less each year. Discussion followed.

B. Review Fees-Student Fees, Extracurricular Fuel Fee, and Facility Use Fee

The group reviewed a sheet showing all of the fees in the schools. Principals need to make sure these fees plus the book replacement fees are in the handbooks. Gate fees for sporting events are a league decision.

C. Review School Meal Prices – Increase?

OSPI provides a report on the meal prices by all of the schools districts in the State of Washington. Jeff provided this report showing a comparison of the Grand Coulee Dam School District prices to the average of all of the schools in the State for the 2008/09 school years. The GCDSD is above the average except for adult lunch. Discussion followed.

It was m/s by Chaffee/Marconi and passed to raise the adult lunch price by .10 cents to \$3.25.

- D. **Revise Policy No. 5341 Travel Expense Reimbursement?**
As part of the proposed cuts for next year it was recommended that the mileage rate be cut in half. Also proposed was eliminating the meal per diem for one day travel and making the mileage reimbursement payable only once for every four people when traveling to the same destination. The teacher contract states that the teachers will be paid the state mileage rate.
- E. **Possible Cuts in Athletics**
Brad Wilson and Jeff attended a meeting in Wenatchee with the superintendents and athletic directors to discuss possible league-wide cuts in athletics. It was determined that each district will have to decide what to cut. Brad proposed some possible cuts. Discussion followed.
- F. **Possible Cuts in Non-staff Related Costs**
Jeff reported on reviewed costs from last year to see if any savings could be found or contracts cancelled. The administrative staff was asked about various services they use and if any could be cut. Possible cuts were proposed. Discussion followed.
- G. **Possible Cuts in Supplemental Contracts**
A list of supplemental contracts were provided and possible cuts were proposed. Discussion followed.
- H. **Possible Cuts in Certificated Staff**
Possible cuts were proposed in certificated staff. Discussion followed.
- I. **Possible Cuts in Classified Staff**
Possible cuts were proposed in classified staff. Discussion followed.
- J. **Possible Cuts in Principal Days**
Possible cuts in principal days were proposed. Discussion followed.
- K. **Possible Cuts from the Community**
Donna relayed some possible cuts from what she's heard from the community. Joette also provided some ideas. Could we move into two schools? Discussion followed.
- L. **Superintendent Evaluation**
Discussion was on how to score the sheet when some questions couldn't be answered. It was determined that those questions that were left blank would be deducted from the final tally.

VII. Executive Session

It was m/s by Chaffee/Barry and passed to go into executive session to review personnel issues for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) at 2:30 pm.

Chair Donna DeWinkler asked for another 20 minutes at 3:00 pm.

No action taken.

VIII. Adjournment

It was m/s by Chaffee/Haag and passed to adjourn at 3:25 pm.

Donna DeWinkler, Chairperson

Jeff Loe, Board Secretary

