

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
BOARD WORK SESSION
GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 301J
COULEE DAM, WASHINGTON
October 8, 2008
6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Joette Barry
Nita Haag
Carla Marconi

Board Members Absent: Susan Chaffee (Excused)
Donna DeWinkler (Excused)

Administrators Present: Jeff Loe
Steve Breeze
Lisa Lakin
Sue Hinton

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Joette Barry called the work session to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review Board Protocol

This was tabled from last meeting due to not all of the board members being present. Those present this meeting felt that they could approve the board protocol with the understanding that changes could be made at a later date.

It was m/s by Haag/Marconi and passed to approve the board protocol for 2008/09 with the condition that changes can be made at a later date.

IV. Board/Superintendent Goals and Objectives Board Policy No. 1810

There was discussion on whether the sub goals set last work session were board goals or district goals. It was decided that they were more district goals and that there still needs to be some goals board specific and superintendent specific. Nita recommended that each board member come up with 3 to 5 board and superintendent goals and send them to Jeff before November 5th. These goals will then be discussed at the November 12th work session.

V. Declining Enrollment Issues

Jeff presented worksheets on enrollment projections and state funding for teachers. Jeff also gave some numbers on students who are attending other districts and are enrolled in on-line classes. Discussion followed on how we could get some of these students back. We need to look at the possibility of expanding our APEX on-line system to retrieve some of these students. There was discussion on how we could educate the public on school funding and how we could better promote the district. It was determined that this issue should be on the agenda for the November 12th work session.

VI. Principal Evaluations

Ray Gilman provided a new proposal for principal evaluation services. Discussion followed. Jeff reported that he met with the administrative team and if staff are asked to participate they asked that negative comments also come with suggestions on how to improve these negative feelings. The questions came up if we need to have 2 evaluations a year. Discussion followed. Lisa is attending a workshop and will ask what other districts do. Jeff will check with other districts. The principals were asked to come up with some goals for them. It was determined that we need to research this more.

VII. Board Policy No. 4330 Use of Facilities - Kitchen

Jeff went over the visit to the kitchen by the Title VII and PTA representatives. During the visit the representatives went over what part of the kitchen they would use. The understanding from the meeting was that only groups "associated" with the school district could use the kitchen. Nita agreed with the health inspectors concerns on proper sanitation when other groups use the kitchen. The board reviewed the current Use of Facility Policy and in the current policy it does grant access to the kitchen by groups as long they hire a District trained cook at the current cook's hourly wage. Discussion followed. It was felt that we need to continue to review this policy.

VIII. Graduation Goals Board Policy No. 2004

Due to board member Carla Marconi having to leave, the board meeting was called to a close.

IX. Board Policy Review – Tabled 2000 Series

Meeting was adjourned before getting to this agenda item.

X. Board Policy Review – 3000 Series

Meeting was adjourned before getting to this agenda item.

XI. Superintendent/Business Manager Travel

Meeting was adjourned before getting to this agenda item.

XII. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

It was m/s by Haag/Marconi and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Joette Barry, Vice-Chair

Jeff Loe, Secretary to the Board