

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:30pm Chair, Janet Brownell, called the meeting to order in the School Library and immediately adjourned to a closed executive session for one hour (MS home ec room) to discuss personnel matters such as staff contracts per RCW 42.30.110.1(G).

CALL TO ORDER – Public Session:

Chair Brownell re-convened the regular meeting at 5:30pm in the School Library and announced that the board was in Exec session for 1 hour discussing personnel matters such as the Superintendent’s evaluation; no decisions were made.

Board Members Attending:

Chair Janet Brownell, presiding, Vice Chair Tony P.Ghazel, Scott Lancaster, Chris Sutton, and Jim Sullivan.

Administration:

Supt/ HS Principal Barbara Kline, K-8 Principal Kyle Freeman, Bus Mgr. Keith Whitaker, Facilities Mgr. David Johnson, Admin Asst. Cathy Ferran

Others:

Joyce Nigretto, Marney Gaylord, Iris Parker-Pavett, Fred Klein, Sophie Thixton, Kari Schuh, Ian Lister

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Sullivan announced that he would be recording the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: By Lancaster, second by Ghazel to pull off the Consent Agenda the Facilities Manager Salary Matrix for approval and to approve CA as amended.
 Discussion: The board would like to see the salary matrix for all administrative positions at their next meeting.
 Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Students Iris Parker-Pavett and Sophie Thixton spoke about their upcoming trip to Japan. Fred Klein announced that he came to discuss his concerns about the failed bond measures and his suggestions for new approaches. Ian Lister, on behalf of Parks and Rec reported that thus far the county has received 900 ballots regarding the Parks and Rec levy.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

No Special Reports

ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS:

Business Report:

Business Mgr. Keith Whitaker presented his report- see attached. Business Mgr. Ben Thomas proposed that he would like his current contract modified to 2 days per month; with final separation moved up to March. At that point he would be available on an hourly basis for his time. Thomas is confident in Whitaker’s abilities and went on to recommend that Whitaker’s hours be increased to full time. Lancaster commended Thomas for his efforts and reminded all that the board’s intention all along was to hire someone local for the business office functions. Thomas went on to suggest that we increase the FTE for building and administrative support. As regards the budget, Thomas suggested that NERCS (non-employee related costs) be frozen. Chair Brownell asked that both managers come up with milestone dates that the district would need extra support for so as to appropriately budget.

K-8 /Food Service/Report:

Principal Freeman gave his report- see attached.

Facilities/Transportation Report:

Facilities Mgr. Johnson gave the facilities report – see attached. There was also discussion around hot water in the elementary school. Johnson will come up with a short term solution. Discussion ensued regarding a new school bus. Business Mgr. Whitaker interjected that due to statewide budget cuts and funding uncertainties that the ESD was recommending that at this time we not transfer funds into a TVF account for a bus purchase as that action would irrevocably commit those funds for that purpose. Concerns were raised by Member Ghazel about where the matching funds would come from for the OSPI grant for elementary building repairs. There was discussion about the \$456,000.00 grant and the required 3-1 match. Non voted debt using Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB's) was discussed and Superintendent Kline reported that our request for 6 million in QSCB authorization had been approved by OSPI.

Superintendent/Principal Report:

Superintendent/Principal Barbara Kline reported on the high school and the district-see attached report. Because of the recent approval of QSCB authority, it was suggested that Trevor Carlson of, Sr.VP of Seattle Northwest Securities Corp. be invited up to speak at the February board meeting to clarify QSCB's (Qualified School Construction Bonds) and the differences between the uses of voted vs non-voted debt.

BOARD'S RUNNING QUESTIONS:

Fred Klein, long time resident, proposed a new strategy to acquire community consensus for a plan for the facilities that the community can live with and commit to. His plan is to host a series of community gatherings of 50-60 people who represent diverse opinions. His hope is at the end of the meetings/gatherings they will arrive at consensus. See attached proposal for getting to YES for the Orcas Island School Children. The Board encouraged Klein and thanked him for his efforts. Member Sutton reiterated his concerns about going forward with non-voted debt and no clear way to pay it off. Member Sutton reported that local attorney, Adina Cunningham, would give board members a 90 minute presentation on the WA State Open Meetings Act, rules around file retention, etc. Supt Kline clarified the rules in the OISD Athletic Handbook regarding alcohol and drug infractions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kari Schuh, member of the Island Reproductive Health Coalition read a letter of thanks to the board -see attached.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- #14 Motion: by Ghazel, second by Sullivan to approve Revised Board Protocols.
Vote: Unanimous approval (5-0)
- #15 First reading of revised policies: 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying; 4215 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances.
- #16 Decision to purchase a new school bus was tabled until April. At that time the board would like the recommendation of the Facilities Mgr and Transportation Director.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:20pm

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 5:30pm in the School Library
For inclusion in 1/27/2011 Minutes

ORCAS ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT- BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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JANUARY 27, 2011 CONSENT AGENDA (updated Jan 20, 2011)

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1. APPROVE MINUTES of the Dec 23,2010 regular meeting.
2. APPROVE Student Trip to Japan- see attached.
3. APPROVE list of curriculum materials for Math and Language Arts.
4. APPROVE the following PERSONNEL ACTIONS/ITEMS:

Certificated:

- Hire **Natasha Meskew** to fill the **0.10 annual/0.10 actual** (second semester only) **FTE Middle School ELL** (English Language Learner) teacher position, effective Jan 31, 2011; Approximate cost for the remainder of this school year: \$5,400, includes a 34% benefit allowance.

PSE-Represented Classified:

- Hire **Debbie Liblik** to fill the **0.16 annual FTE Para-Educator 1**- Elementary special ed assignment, effective Jan 28,2011 ; to provide 1.75 hours per school day; Approximate cost for the remainder of the current school year: \$3,650, includes a 44% benefit allowance;
- Hire **Robin Hatten** to fill the additional **0.07 annual FTE Custodial** position for the Waldron School, effective Jan 28, 2011; to provide an additional 0.75 hour (45 minutes) per school day; Approximate cost for the remainder of the current school year: \$1,913, includes a 44% benefit allowance;

Non-Represented Classified:

- Approve the attached Facilities Manager's Salary Matrix.

Co-Curricular:

- Appoint **Bobby Curtis** as the OHS Boys JV Basketball Coach, effective Nov 15, 2010 (1st year stipend: \$1,349).

5. APPROVE authorizing the following WARRANTS:

- ACCTS PAYABLE warrants 200928 -200954; and 201166 – 201262 dated Nov/Dec in the amount of \$186,116.46.
- PAYROLL warrants 200955 – 201262 dated Dec, 2010 in the amount of \$482,590.26.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Recording Secretary
Catherine Ferran

School Board Approved: _____, Chairperson
Janet Brownell

ATTEST: _____, Secretary to the Board/Superintendent
Barbara Kline