

Notice of a
Re-scheduled
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
AGENDA

- 4:30 PM** **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – School Library**
ADJOURN to a CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – MS Home Ec Room 116
 The Board may adjourn to meet in a closed Executive Session regarding personnel matters, per RCW 42.30.110.1(g)

- 5:30 PM** **RE-CONVENE to REGULAR MEETING- School Library**
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 *2. Consent Agenda

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Members of the community, parents, students, staff, administrators and visitors are invited to make an announcement.

SPECIAL REPORTS

4. ASB (Associated Student Body) Report
 5. OEA (Orcas Education Association) Report
 6. PSE (Public School Employees) Report
 7. PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Assoc) Report

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

8. Business Report – Keith Whitaker –
 9. K-8 Principal's Report - Kyle Freeman
 10. Facilities and Transportation Report – David Johnson
 11. Superintendent's Report – Barbara Kline
 12. Board's running questions: Review updated Board Goals for 11-12 – make changes, M&O Levy resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. Members of the community, parents, students, staff, administrators and visitors are invited to make statements or requests that are in the best interest of our schools, with each presentation limited to not more than three minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- *14. Approve amendments to 2011-12 School Board Operating Protocols.
 *15. Approve agreement with OEA (Orcas Education Association) regarding the WA State Salary cut.
 *16. Approve HS trip to Japan.
 *17. Approve Resolution 2011-15 re: Cooperation with OIPRD on Shared Use of Facilities.
 *18. Approve Doe Bay Community Assn. request to pay for re-landscaping OISD Doe Bay property at Doe Bay expense.
 *19. Second reading and adoption of revisions to the following OISD Policies:
- 2420 Grading and Progress Reports;
 - 3120 Enrollment;
 - 3413 Student Immunizations and life Threatening Health Conditions;
 - 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees;
 - 5610 Substitute Employment.

ADJOURN

*Denotes possible action

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATE:Next Re-scheduled Regular School Board Mtg: Tuesday, Dec.20, 2011 @ 5:30pm - School Library.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

- CALL TO ORDER** – Public Session: Chair Brownell convened the regular meeting at 5:30pm in the School Library and announced that the board was in an executive session for approximately one hour regarding personnel issues and no decisions were made.
- Board Members Attending: Chair Janet Brownell, presiding, Vice Chair Tony P.Ghazel, Scott Lancaster, Jim Sullivan, and Chris Sutton.
- Administration: Supt/ HS Principal Barbara Kline, K-8 Principal Kyle Freeman, Bus Mgr. Keith Whitaker, Facilities Manager David Johnson, and Admin Asst. Cathy Ferran.
- Others: P.Slabaugh, M.Doyle, B.Phelan, S.Morrissey, H.Smart, V.Vandermay, J.Hellar, V.Hellar, M.Griffith, P.Slabaugh, L. Oakes, R.Gropp, K. Jensen and others.

Pledge of Allegiance Attendees stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Motion: by Lancaster, second by Ghazel to add, under General Business #13A of the agenda, acceptance of a donation from the Booster Club.
- Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion: by Lancaster, second by Sutton to approve the Consent Agenda.
- Discussion: Chair Brownell queried Supt. Kline as to the funding status of ms basketball. Kline assured that ms girls basketball would happen.
- Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

SPECIAL REPORTS:

- ASB Vice-President, Huxley Smart, reported that students were preparing for the Annual Holiday Luncheon. This year it will be on Dec.15 during the second half of the school day.
- OEA Teacher, Mandy Randolph, reported that the WA State Legislature would be back in session as of 11.18.11; OEA will be wearing red that day in support of education. They will be gathering under the maple tree for a picture. The whole community is invited to help show support for adequate funding of public education. There will be a press release. Chair Brownell suggested they email the Chamber of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

- Business Manager Report: Business Mgr. Whitaker submitted report and brief in writing to the board previously. The Budget for 2011-12 (F-196) was approved by Marilyn Sollers of the Educational Services District and then sent on to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Director Lancaster inquired about the \$14000 in transportation. It reflects the school bus depreciation stipend from the state. Director Ghazel expressed his appreciation for the new formatting of the Activities report. Questions arose about the Board of Directors budget; Whitaker will address and report next month. Whitaker will have an enrollment report at that time as well.
- K-8 Principal /Food Services Report: Principal Freeman thanked the board for a warm elementary school. Children and teachers no longer need to wear their jackets in the classroom. The middle school is

now using the individual space heaters from the elementary as now, their HVAC no longer works. Director Lancaster inquired about the technology training for the teachers. Freeman reported that some were interested in Moodle pages while others were looking for a refresher on some basic tools. Future classes will include training on Google Applications. Barbara Kline reported success with Google surveys. Director Lancaster thanked Freeman for setting up the Smart Board for the football team. Food service staff is working on the holiday meal for December.

Facilities/Transportation Report: David Johnson submitted his report in writing previously. Director Sutton appreciated the report on the bus miles, etc. Johnson reported that bus#4 is close to capacity. Director Lancaster asked where the funds were coming from for the hs roof repair. As it is an upgrade, the funds will go out of Capital Projects. Johnson went on to report that OSPI had given final approval for the Urgent Repair Grant projects- replacing and upgrading the fire alarm systems throughout. Detectable heads will be placed throughout the system. This means that when the fire dept responds to an alarm, they can see on the panel which room or location it is coming from. Work starts over the December holiday break. Discussion ensued about replacing the water heater in the Old Gym. Director Lancaster will be working with Johnson on this - cost estimates will be in soon. Upgrades to the system can be paid for out of Capital projects fund. Johnson reported that he just purchased a small used van for \$900 that will accommodate 9 passengers and 1 handicapped passenger. Johnson went on to report on the current maintenance items for the buses.

Superintendent/Principal Report: Superintendent/Principal Barbara Kline submitted a written report previously. She presented the board with a book recommendation from teacher, Lorena Stankevich, 'That Used To Be Us' by Thomas Friedman. Teacher, Patricia Slabaugh, was thanked for all her efforts to pass the levy on behalf of the 'Way Forward Committee'. The energy audit for the old gym and Waldron will be approximately \$5000. Kline offered her time to teacher, Val Hellar. She assured the board that the Japan trip is being planned within the district's insurer guidelines. There would be no travel to places deemed dangerous. The home stays are rigorously vetted and there may be future opportunities for a student exchange program. Chair Brownell was impressed with the syllabus that Hellar provided.

BOARD'S RUNNING QUESTIONS: The school board would like to visit with legislators in Jan of 2012. Administrative Asst. Ferran will coordinate. Business Mgr. Whitaker will prepare the M&O levy resolution for a four-year term. He will also be preparing a resolution to accept the \$900,000 Capital Projects Levy that just passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Suzanne Morrissey read a letter (see attached).

6:15pm ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board adjourned to executive session to hear a personnel complaint by Morrissey.
6:24pm RE-CONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING: Chair Brownell announced that no board action was taken in the executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Jensen expressed concerns about student athlete policies. She would like to see a panel convened to re-evaluate them. Randy Pence asked for clarification on the investigation of student athletes. He had questions about Supt./Principal Kline's role. Chair Brownell suggested convening to executive session.

6:28pm ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board adjourned to executive session to hear a personnel complaint by Pence.
6:40pm RE-CONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING: Chair Brownell announced that no board action was taken in the executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Phelan stated that the current policy regarding holding student athletes accountable for engaging in illegal activities is flawed. Candace Bodenhamer would like the policy to be reviewed and reconsidered.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- #13A Motion: by Lancaster, second by Sullivan to accept the \$11,000 donation by the Booster Club including an OIEF match of \$5000.
Discussion: Director Lancaster thanked Candy Bodenhamer.
Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)
- #14 Motion: by Ghazel, second by Sutton, to approve amendments to the 2011-12 School Board Operating Protocols.
Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)
- #15 Tabled – no OEA Agreement yet.
- #16 Motion: by Ghazel, second by Sutton, to approve hs trip to Japan.
Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)
- #17 Motion: by Sutton, second by Ghazel, to approve Resolution 2011-15 re: Cooperation with OIPRD on Shared Use of Facilities.
Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)
- #18 Motion: by Lancaster, second by Ghazel to approve Doe Bay Community Assn request to pay for re-landscaping OISD Doe Bay property at the Association expense.
Discussion: Director Sutton abstained from the vote, as he is a member of the association. Facilities Mgr. Johnson will provide 'hold harmless' for any volunteers to fill out.
Vote: Approved- 4 (Brownell, Ghazel, Lancaster, Sullivan)
Abstain- 1 (Sutton)
Motion Passed
- #19 Motion: by Lancaster, second by Ghazel, to adopt the following revisions/new OISD Policies 2420, 3120, 3414, 5001, and 5610(new).
Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:45 pm

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES: Tuesday, December 20,2011 @ 5:30pm Re-scheduled Regular Board Meeting in The School Library

Respectfully submitted: _____, Recording Secretary
Catherine Ferran

School Board Approved: _____, Chairperson
Janet Brownell

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

Orcas Island School Board:

Recently the school administration ousted some students from sports teams on suspicion of attending a party two weeks earlier where alcohol was allegedly present. The parent who hosted the coed, drinking sleepover for minors had the audacity to identify football players he thought were there.

Using poor judgment, an overzealous administration decided to take the law into their own hands. They proceeded to conduct an investigation of the event based on hearsay as they had no proof of wrongdoing. In the witch hunt that followed, some students were coerced into turning in classmates. This was a case in which there was no police involvement, no arrests, no bodily harm, no property damage and no proof of anything. The abusive, inappropriate and unprofessional manner in which this was handled was psychologically scarring to the children in your charge.

Ultimately, some of the students were punished severely, some a little, some slipped through the dragnet and some acquired alibis. These kids were subjected to a Draconian system in which suspicion is a legitimate cause for dismissal. Rather than teaching fairness to impressionable adolescents this breeds contempt for authority and distrust of others. We need professionals with sound judgment and some semblance of justice to replace the current system or everyone will continue to suffer.

Suzanne Morrissey

Addendum

Last week I received a letter from one of your teachers via school email. The letter reveals a level of vitriol that is disturbing in anyone let alone a teacher. Please advise your employee that I expect a written apology.

November 14, 2011

To the Orcas Island School Board:

The Orcas Island Booster Club (OIBC) is delighted to inform you that we are contributing \$11,000 for the 2011/12 Basketball program. These funds were raised in part from a \$5000 grant from the Orcas Island Education Foundation that was generously matched by contributions from the community.

\$5000 of this donation, if accepted, is to be applied to coaching stipends for the High School program, as that was the stipulation of the OIEF contribution. The remaining funds may be used for stipends, transportation and referee fees for both High and Middle school programs. OISD should submit detailed invoices to OIBC requesting payments.

OIBC recognizes that equipment for the season is to be covered by the teams through additional fund raising that the teams will organize.

The OIBC is interested in supporting Spring Sports for the 2012 season and look forward to receiving a detailed budget for the needed funding.

Go Vikings!

Candace Bodenhamer, President

Orcas Island Booster Club