



# SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

6:15 p.m. Regular Board Meeting –Executive Session is convened in the faculty lounge to discuss negotiations and personnel issues.

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting reconvenes – high school library

### MINUTES

- Board Members Present: Boyd Pratt, Heidi Lopez, Sally Bryan, Lisa Henderson and Todd Roberts
- A.S.B. Student Board Member: Theo Pratt
- Superintendent Present: Michael Soltman
- Administrators Present: Ann Spratt, Jody Metzger, Patricia Scott, Kay Jakutis, Ben Thomas, and Marc Vermeire
- Observers Present: Bruce Robinson, Dr. Mark Fishaut, Michael Biggers, James Krall and Debbie Taylor

**110 Establishment of Quorum** - The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. in the high school library. A quorum was established with board members Boyd Pratt, Heidi Lopez, Sally Bryan, Lisa Henderson, and Todd Roberts present.

OPEN MEETING

**120 Review of Agenda** – There were no changes to the agenda.

AGENDA

**130 Consent Agenda (Action)** - Boyd Pratt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, consisting of one General Fund voucher register in the amount of \$62,992.75, one Capital Projects voucher register in the amount of \$12,707.02, and one ASB voucher register in the amount of \$30.00. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA



**140 Approval of Minutes (Action)** – Minutes of the April 2, 2007 Special Board Meeting were presented for approval. Heidi moved to approve the minutes. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

MINUTES



**150 Public Comment** – There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**160 Presentation: Vaccination for the Human Papilloma Virus (Information)** – Dr. Mark Fishaut, the School District Consulting Physician, has recently written articles supporting vaccinations for the HPV virus. He presented information to the school board about the virus, the vaccination, and a possible school community partnership to provide information and low cost vaccinations to young women. Inquiries from the board included questions about cost, precedent and timelines and resulted in all board members agreeing to “continue the conversation” as more information becomes available.

**210 Analysis of Closure of Stuart Island School (Exhibit 210.1) (Information)** – Michael Soltman presented, as per Board Policy 6883 – Closure of Facilities, an analysis of the pending closure of the Stuart Island School for board review and discussion. The board also reviewed a draft letter to the Stuart Island Community, as well as recommended dates for closure hearings mandated by state law and board policy. A decision was made to hold two public hearings about the closure. The first hearing will be held at the regular Board Meeting in May, and the second on Stuart Island Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>.

CURRICULUM  
AND  
INSTRUCTION

**220 Legislative Update – Instructional Issues (Exhibit 220.1) (Information)** – Michael provided the board with the latest legislative updates regarding pending legislation governing instructional issues and the WASL.

**230 Proposed 2007-2008 Student School Calendar (Exhibit 230.1) (Action)** – Michael presented, for Board approval, the tentative agreement between the San Juan Education Association and the District regarding the student calendar for 2007-08. Recommended for approval was the school start and end dates and vacation/holiday periods. Specific recommendations for late start planning days will be made resulting from the strategic planning process. Lisa made a motion to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> draft of the 2007-2008 academic calendar. The board vote was unanimous.



**310 Approval of Personnel Hiring (Action) - Maude Cumming**

Position: Custodial Groundskeeper  
Location: District wide  
Term: Continuing  
FTE: 8 hrs/day, 260 days/year  
Candidate: David Caudill

Position: Bus Driver  
Location: District wide  
Term: Continuing  
FTE: 5 hrs/day, 180 days/year  
Candidate: Carla MacDiarmid

PERSONNEL



**320 Approval of Resignations / Retirement / Terminations (Action)- Michael Soltman**

Employee: Kent Sooter  
Position: Bus Driver  
Location: District wide  
FTE: 5 hrs/day, 180 days/year  
Action: Resignation

Employee: Ann Kiernan  
Position: Art Program Coordinator  
Location: Elementary School  
FTE: 4.75 hrs/day, 180 days/year  
Action: Resignation  
(on leave of absence 04-05, 05-06)

Employee: Kim Norton  
Position: Teacher  
Location: Griffin Bay School  
FTE: 0.2  
Action: Resignation



Employee: Gordon Banry  
 Position: Wrestling Head Coach  
 Location: High School  
 FTE: Winter sport season  
 Action: Resignation

Employee: Patricia Scott  
 Position: Principal  
 Location: High School  
 FTE: 1.0  
 Action: Resignation

### 330 Approval of Leaves (Action)- Michael Soltman

No Items

Boyd moved to approve the personnel agenda. The board approved the motion unanimously.

**410 2006-2007 Enrollment & Budget Update (Exhibit 410.1 & Exhibit 410.2) (Information)** – Ben presented April 2007 enrollment data & budget information for the period ending March 2007.

**BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

### 420 Approval of Grants and Contracts (Action) – Maude Cumming

Service Provider: San Juan County  
 Recipient of Service: San Juan Island School District  
 Description: Interlocal Agreement for mental health services for school age children and families  
 Amount: Not to exceed \$9,750.00



Heidi made a motion to approve the contract. The board vote was unanimous.

### 430 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations (Action) – Maude Cumming

*Our school district receives many gifts in the form of property items, cash, or services. The San Juan community is extremely gracious in their support of our schools. The Board formally acknowledges and accepts these gifts on behalf of the District. This formal acceptance also allows donated property items to become part of our inventory and to be covered for loss by the district insurance carrier.*



Recipient: San Juan Island School District – 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities  
 Donor: Warner Marketing  
 Description: \$600.0

Boyd made a motion to accept this donation with gratitude. The motion passed unanimously.

**440 Public Hearing- Proposed Allocation of I-728 Funds for 07-08 (Exhibit 440.1) (Action)** – Ben Thomas A public hearing was declared at 8:03 p.m. regarding the proposed allocation of I-728 funds for 2007-2008.



Initiative 728 appeared on the Nov. 2, 2000 ballot in Washington State; voters

approved the measure by nearly 72 percent. The initiative provides additional money to help students reach new state learning standards. It also dedicates certain state revenues to a "Student Achievement Fund," increasing revenue to the fund over time. Under I-728, school districts are authorized to use funds to reduce class size; provide extended learning opportunities; provide additional professional development for educators; provide early assistance for children who need pre-kindergarten support; and provide building improvements relating to class-size reductions.

There are six allowable uses of the new funds:

Reduce class sizes in grades K-4;  
 Make selected class size reductions in grades 5-12;  
 Provide extended learning for students in K-12;  
 Provide additional professional development for educators;  
 Provide early assistance for children who need pre-kindergarten support;  
 Provide improvements or additions to school facilities which are directly related to class size reductions and extended learning opportunities.

Proposed in Exhibit 440.1 was the allocation of District I-728 funds for the 2007-2008 school year.

There were no public questions or comments and the public hearing closed at 8:11 p.m.

Heidi moved to approve the allocation of I-728 funds for 2007-2008. The board vote was four in favor and one opposed. The motion for the allocation passed.

**450 2007-08 Budget Planning Update (Discussion) – Ben Thomas/Michael Soltman** Ben Thomas presented the latest information from the legislature regarding school funding for 2007-08, and the implications for budget development.

**510 Strategic Initiative Process Planning Update (Exhibit 510.1) (Discussion) – Michael Soltman** The Board discussed progress to date on the Strategic Initiative Planning Process with respect to recommendations for the curriculum alignment initiative. Planning for the May 4<sup>th</sup> session related to the project learning/student passion initiative was reviewed.

CONTINUING  
BUSINESS

**610 Revision of Board Policy 5408- Jury Duty and Subpoena Leave (Exhibit 610.1) (Action) – Michael Soltman**

Minor revisions to Board Policy 5408 have been recommended by the ESD 189 and WSSDA. Lisa made a motion to approve the revisions to Board policy 5408 and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS



**620 Athletic Program Forum Planning (Information) – Marc Vermeire and Michael Soltman** Scheduled for Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. is an Athletic Program Forum for the community to discuss and give input regarding the future of the District's athletic programs. During the past few years budget cuts due to declining enrollment have necessitated that the athletic program revenues be increased to cover a greater portion of the program cost. Revenue increases generated by significant fundraising on the part of Purple and Gold, and the increase in student participation fees, have sustained the program, but have been insufficient to balance revenues with expenditures.

The purpose of the forum is to discuss the sustainability of the current program, options for program reductions, and options for revenue enhancement in the context of the entire general fund budget. Further, challenges regarding athletic facilities (fields and gyms) will be explored with the potential of identifying a funding source to address the deteriorating football/soccer field, and limited gym space. The board discussion defined the parameters for the forum, and the "essential questions" that will be offered for discussion.

**630 Set 2007-2008 Board Meeting Dates (Exhibit 630.1) (Action) - Michael Soltman** The proposed board meeting dates for school year 2007-2008 were presented for board approval. Boyd made a motion to approve the dates. The motion passed unanimously.



**710 ASB Report** – Theo Pratt reported that WASL testing has ended at the high school. The Prom will be held this weekend and a DVD recording of last year's "Every 15 minutes" enactment of a DUI tragedy will be shown as a reminder to students to continue to make safe decisions around celebrations. Theo also reminded everyone of the Ryan Smith Performing Arts Festival to be held May 17-20.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS

**720 Principals' Reports** – Patricia reported that Winter Term courses are developing for next year, and that work is moving forward on the competency- based syllabi. The high school students have completed pre-registration and the staff is in the process of building the master schedule. Applications for local scholarships are now available to seniors. Ann Spratt reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade pre-registration went well and that transition plans for the fifth grade are in place. The middle school play "Cinderella" was a success and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade band earned two "Superior" ratings at the large group band contest. Jody Metzger reported that she is currently working through "Peer Observations" and that the elementary school staff had met for an "Open Court" Reading Curriculum presentation. She also shared that this month the K-12 Science Outreach Program included marine field trips to observe living organisms at high and low tides.

**730 Special Education Director's Report** – Kay reported that she will be conducting "Childfind" May 18<sup>th</sup> and is also engaged in planning for early entry testing for kindergarten.

**740 Athletic Director's Report** – Marc reported that all spring sports including Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf and Track are all involved in post season contests. Overall, spring sports have gone very well this year considering the high number of offerings and our current hybrid league.

**750 Superintendent's Report** – Michael had no further items to report.

**810 Chairman's Report** - Boyd Pratt had no further items to report.

**820 Board Members Reports** - There were no further items to report from the rest of the board.

Next Meetings:

Regular School Board meeting – May 30, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

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Michael D. Soltman, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

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Date

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Boyd Pratt, Board Chair