



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 28, 2009

4:30 p.m. Friday Harbor High School Vocational Winter Term program visit beginning at the Tech Building and continuing at the International Cooking classroom, high school room 402

6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting – middle school commons

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Boyd Pratt, Sally Bryan, Heidi Lopez, David McCauley and Todd Roberts

A.S.B. Student Board Member: Nick Roberts

Superintendent Present: Michael Soltman

Administrators Present: Rod Turnbull, Fred Woods, Kay Jakutis, Gary Pflueger, Ann Spratt and Ben Thomas

Observers Present: Debbie Taylor, Nancy Young, Cherie Jackson, John Jackson, Tina Barnes, Roger Paul, Kathy Paul, Katy Barsamian, Barbara Bevens, Lisa Salisbury, Dick Goff, Connie Goff, Ed Sawyer, Janie Burke, Pamela Gross, Michelle Herko, Paul LeBaron, Nina LeBaron, Sam Stitt, Sharon Morrissey, Jan Bollwinkel-Smith, Bruce Hoeller, Luanne Hoeller, Tina Jones, Michael Biggers, Linda Lobue, Mark Fishaut, Sharon Fishaut, Krissy Haugen, Charlie Anderson, Pamela Gross, Binney Haenel, Oak Boesky, Susan Williamson, Steven Smith, Alicia Robinson, Ann Monin, Sharon Kivisto

110 Establishment of Quorum – The regular School Board meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the high school library after a tour/visit of the Friday Harbor High School Winter Term Vocational Program. A quorum was established with board members Boyd Pratt, Sally Bryan, Heidi Lopez, David McCauley and Todd Roberts.

OPEN MEETING

120 Review of Agenda – It was agreed to first hear the 100 section, then hear section 500, and then begin again in the 200 section and complete the agenda.

AGENDA

130 Consent Agenda (Action) – Boyd moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, consisting of two General Fund voucher registers in the amounts of \$89,470.70 and \$5,037.12, one Capital Project voucher register in the amount of \$21,234.00, one ASB voucher register in the amount of \$217.43, and one Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher register in the amount of \$78.00. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.



140 Approval of Minutes (Action) – Minutes of the January 15, 2009 special School Board meeting were presented for approval. Sally moved to approve the minutes. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

MINUTES



150 Public Comment (*Information*) – There were no public comments.

160 Board Recognition and Presentation – Michael Soltman January is school board member recognition month. Michael presented individual certificates of appreciation to honor our school board members and expressed thanks for the board’s vision, commitment and tireless dedication to the education of our community’s children.

170 PTA Focus Day, February 26, 2009 (*Information*) - Deb Nolan Friday Harbor High School PTSA President, Debra Nolan, encouraged participation and support for the upcoming legislative advocacy day on February 26, 2009. The FHHS PTSA will be chartering a bus to go to Olympia during the legislative session to rally for Basic Ed Funding. Deb asked for firm commitments to the event and solicited email addresses for continued communication. She described her recent advocacy trip to Olympia and continued to encourage a letter writing campaign to make sure that individual voices are heard by our legislators.

200 No items

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

310 Approval of Personnel Hiring (*Action*) – Michael Soltman

PERSONNEL

No items

320 Approval of Resignations / Retirements / Dismissals (*Action*) – Michael Soltman

No items

330 Approval of Leaves (*Action*) – Michael Soltman

No items

410 Monthly Enrollment and Budget Update (Exhibit 410.1 and 410.2) (*Information*) - Ben Thomas presented January 2009 enrollment data and budget information for the period ending December 2008.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

420 Approval of Grants and Contracts (*Action*) - Maude Cumming



Service Provider:	San Juan Island School District
Recipient of Service:	Northwest ESD
Description:	Interagency Agreement, SUCCESS for School Readiness grant
Amount:	\$11,152.00

Service Provider:	San Juan Grange
Recipient of Service:	San Juan Island School District
Description:	Grange Hall Rental for FHHS Dance Class
Amount:	\$500.00

Boyd made a motion to approve the grant and contract as presented. The board vote was unanimous.

430 Approval 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 - SOS campaign
 Donor: San Juan Island Community Foundation
 Description: \$25,000.00

Recipient: Fred Yockers, FHHS Drama Club
 Donor: Island Sunrise Foundation, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Webert
 Description: \$4,000.00

Heidi moved to accept these donations with gratitude. The board vote was unanimous.

510 Long Range Financial Task Force Planning (Exhibit 510.1) (Discussion/Action) – Boyd Pratt and Michael Soltman At the January 15th meeting of the school board, proposals to address the \$825,000 - \$1,000,000 budget reductions over the next two fiscal years were presented by Superintendent Soltman. Superintendent reviewed these proposals and this evening Board members discussed the three proposals, considered potential benefits of each, and further developed a transition plan for necessary financial/program restructuring.

CONTINUING
BUSINESS

The discussion centered around two points; moving the sixth-grade class from the middle school to the elementary school and whether or not to maintain a middle school principal for a transition year in the face of necessary administrative cutbacks. Board members agreed that it is increasingly evident that restructuring is necessary in targeting a balanced budget for the 09/10 school year but there were differing opinions about the best possible restructuring outcome for the district. Board members were also in agreement that maintaining the middle school principal position for the 09/10 year for transition support purposes was prudent. Input was then heard from the public attending the meeting.

Directors Roberts and Bryan requested additional information about specific savings and costs associated with the recommendation to move the 6th grade program to the elementary school. Superintendent Soltman committed to provide the board with additional information. It was decided to delay the vote and to review additional information with a commitment to make a decision at a special board meeting next Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

600 No items

NEW BUSINESS

710 ASB Report – Nick Roberts reported that the ASB has tripled its canned food drive through advertising and promotion. He also shared that 15 students from the high school's Center for Student Action performed community service at the Mullis Center (on behalf of Senior Services) on Martin Luther King Day. He spoke about upcoming events such as the Knowledge Bowl on February 5th, the ORCA Bowl on February

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7th and a substance abuse prevention program called “Every 15 minutes” in April.

720 Principals’ Reports – Gary spoke about the growing positive climate in the elementary school and the lengthening paper chain that is being built through recognition of “random acts of kindness”. He also shared about the new OSPI elementary report card and the Response to Intervention, DIBELS, and Double Dose reading support programs. Gary also highlighted the success of December’s *I Love to Read Month*. Ann reported on the middle school team’s enrichment at the OSPI Winter conference and the proposed changes in the WASL testing format. She also shared how the middle school teachers are targeting gap areas in student learning as determined by MAP testing in the middle school. Fred complimented High School Drama Director Fred Yockers and the cast of the high school musical, *GREASE*, and notified the board about the upcoming Winter Exhibitions. He also described the after school tutoring program that is supported through a grant provided by the San Juan Prevention Coalition.

730 Student Services Director’s Report – Kay spoke about the progress of the SUCCESS grant that supports efforts to remove barriers in early childhood, especially as they related to behavioral issues and relayed that Federally instigated changes SPED regulations will result in changes the state’s WACs and that our SPED practices are following suit.

740 Athletic Director’s Report – Rod reported that participation in athletics is up, even though enrollment has seen a downward trend. Fall Sports Awards included WIAA award recognition for academic achievement for 4 of the 5 fall teams. He also noted that 74 (of 131) fall athletes had a GPA of at least 3.0.

750 Superintendent’s Report – Michael confirmed the Special Board meeting for next Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. and affirmed that he would meet with board members singly or in pairs to provide additional information about the restructuring proposal.

800 No items

BOARD REPORT

Next Meeting:

NEXT MEETING

Special School Board meeting – February 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Regular School Board meeting – February 25, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael D. Soltman, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

Boyd Pratt, Board Chair