



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2007

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting – High School Library, Executive Session was convened on site at 11:10 p.m. to discuss negotiation parameters for each bargaining unit.

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: Debbie Taylor, James Krall, Debbie Fincher, Michael Biggers, Jim Skoog, Marilyn O'Connor, Bob Elford, Mary Elford, Lola Elford, Jody Digiacomio, Belinda Hedin, Bruce Robinson, Tina Fisher, Brent Snow, Hannah Snow, Kent Sooter, Cheryl Opalski, Court Bell, John Pachuta, Bill Cumming

110 Establishment of Quorum - The meeting was convened at 7:05 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 – Suggested changes to the agenda included hearing section 610, "Presentation of 2007-08 School Calendar Options", earlier in the evening, in consideration of public attendees. The addition of section 240, "Adoption of Board Policy 6883," was also noted.

AGENDA

130 Consent Agenda (Action) - Boyd Pratt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, consisting of a General Fund voucher register in the amount of \$99,216.25, one Capital Projects voucher register in the amount of \$23,896.86, and one ASB voucher register in the amounts of \$5,431.21. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA



140 Approval of Minutes (Action) – Minutes of the February 28, 2007 Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval. There was a correction noted on the date of an upcoming event. Sally moved to approve the minutes. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

MINUTES



150 Public Comment – Parent Debbie Fincher requested an audience for a discussion involving recent student behavioral issues at the elementary school. Arrangements were made to continue a review of the issues through a private appointment with the Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

210 Winter Term Evaluation (Discussion) - Principal Patricia Scott provided the board with updated information about faculty, staff and student discussions regarding the evaluation and future planning of Winter Term. The high

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school staff has developed a daily and "Late Start" schedule for Winter Term, and is in the process of planning for improved logistics, increasingly relevant course offerings and appropriate assessments.

220 Proposed Revision of BP2410 – High School Graduation Requirements – Friday Harbor High School (Action)- Patricia Scott and Michael Soltman presented a revised Board Policy 2410 and discussed the proposed changes related to graduation credit requirements and the proposed language for approval of competency based course credit. The board was asked to consider the revisions to BP2410 to provide flexibility for the awarding of competency-based academic credit during winter term. No action was taken, as the board requested more time to reflect on the proposed changes.



230 Future of Stuart Island School (Discussion) – Michael presented additional information about Stuart Island School to inform a discussion about the future of the school, the buildings, and the site. Information was also presented about the legal requirements of closing a public school building. After the history of Stuart Island School was reviewed, public comment was heard from property owners and other interested parties regarding the future of the school. Several options were discussed, including closing the school but retaining ownership, closing the school and divesting the district's interests, and seeking a creative and revenue neutral solution to retaining and maintaining the buildings and the property. It was decided to gather more information on the costs associated with on-going maintenance and to hold a public hearing on Stuart in effort to find a way to work with the community on long-term solutions.

240 Adoption of Board Policy 6883 – Closure of Facilities (Exhibit 240.1) (first reading) - Michael Soltman presented, for the first reading, a new board policy for closing a school facility. State law requires that before any school is closed, the Board of Directors must first adopt a policy "regarding school closures which provides for citizen involvement before...the board of directors considers the closure of any school for instructional purposes." Proposed for first reading is BP 6883. There were no edits or suggested changes to the policy. The second reading will be at the next board meeting.

240 Strategic Initiative Process Planning (Exhibit 240.1) (Discussion/Action) - Michael and Boyd updated the board about the working group session held on March 12th to further define the curriculum alignment initiative. Meeting notes from the Curriculum Alignment Sub-group meeting on March 20th were shared as well. Key issues developed in this meeting included improving the transition between schools on a curriculum level, to strengthen current curriculum and instruction in relation to teaching to standards, and to implement a technology solution to monitor and report the progress of students over time. The next Curriculum Alignment Sub Group meeting will be held Monday, March 26.

310 Approval of Personnel Hiring (Action) – Maude Cumming

No Items

PERSONNEL

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

Employee: Homer Smith
 Position: Teacher
 Location: Elementary School
 FTE: 1.0
 Action: Retirement

Employee: Larry Wight
 Position: Teacher
 Location: High School
 FTE: .50
 Action: Retirement



330 Approval of Leaves (Action)- Michael Soltman

Employee: Val Curtis
 Position: Teacher
 Location: Middle School
 FTE: 1.0
 Action: Leave of absence 07-08 school year

Employee: Cheryl Opalski
 Position: Teacher
 Location: Middle School
 FTE: 1.0
 Action: Leave of absence 07-08 school year

Employee: Jane Weil-Smith
 Position: Teacher
 High School: High School
 FTE: 1.0
 Action: Medical Leave Sep. 07- Dec. 07



Boyd moved to approve the above leaves and retirements. The board approved the motion unanimously.

410 2006-2007 Enrollment & Budget Update (Exhibit 410.1 & Exhibit 410.2) (Information) – Ben presented March 2007 enrollment data & budget information for the period ending February 2007, and noted the award of the “Safety Net” funds to the district.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

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

No items to report.

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 – PIP Program
 Donor: United Way

Description: \$3,000.00

Recipient: San Juan Island School District – ASK Program
 Donor: United Way
 Description: \$1,200.00

Recipient: San Juan Island School District – Drama
 Donor: Vanguard Association
 Description: \$1,200.00

Recipient: San Juan Island School District – ASSC Stipend
 Donor: MS PTSA
 Description: \$1,358.00

Recipient: San Juan Island School District – Athletics
 Donor: Purple and Gold
 Description: \$3,500.00

Recipient: San Juan Island School District
 Donor: San Juan Public School Foundation
 Description: \$24,000.00

Boyd made a motion to accept these donations with gratitude. The motion passed unanimously.

440 Approval of Resolution #07-01 – Declaration of Surplus Properties (Action)

- Ben Thomas presented Resolution #07-01 for board approval to declare technology equipment as surplus. Lisa moved to approve the resolution. The board vote was unanimous.



450 2006-07 Mid-Year Budget Review (Information) - Ben presented for discussion a mid-year budget review to included projected balances in all funds. It was noted that the district continues to be in a sound financial position.

460 2007-08 Budget Planning Assumptions and Parameters (Exhibit 460.1) (Discussion) – Ben and Michael presented enrollment projections, anticipated revenue and expense variances, and proposed budget planning assumptions for the 2007-08 budget year. Michael presented information about the continuing challenge of declining enrolment and the impending closure of Stuart Island School.

510 Proposed Lease Agreement with Friday Harbor Athletic Association (Exhibit 510.1) (Action) – Michael Soltman presented the proposed lease agreement with Friday Harbor Athletic Association for board discussion and approval. Drafts of the maintenance and operations agreements were presented for board review. After discussion, the board requested additional language to insure accountability for the fields to be built to appropriate development standards. Michael will present revised language for review at the next meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS



610 Presentation of 2007-08 School Calendar Options (Exhibit 610.1) (Discussion) - The Board of Directors considered for discussion two calendar options for the 2007-08 school year. Boyd prefaced the discussion with the reminder that the board's decision had to be based on what was best for student education and for the district as a whole. Public input regarding the

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two options was taken. Parents and community members shared comments and viewpoints for consideration.

Proposed in both options is a school start the day after Labor Day.

Option "A" is the traditional calendar with "snow make-up days" scheduled for the 3rd week of June, if necessary.

September 4th – School Starts
December 21 – January 1 – Winter Break (12 days)
February 16-24 – Mid-winter Break (9 days)
April 5-13 – Spring Break (9 days)
June 13 – School Ends
June 16 – Snow make-up days, if necessary

Option "B" eliminates the February break. However, two 4 day weekends are proposed (one each in February and March). These longer weekend breaks would also serve as "snow make-up days" if necessary.

September 4th – School Starts
December 20 – January 1 – Winter Break (13 days)
February 15 - 18 – Four Day Weekend (Snow make-up February 15th, if necessary)
March 14 - 17 – Four Day Weekend (Snow make-up March 14th and 17th, if necessary)
April 5-13 – Spring Break (9 days)
June 13 – School Ends

The calendar is also subject to negotiations with the San Juan Education Association. It is anticipated that the board will consider action on a tentative agreement at the regular April meeting, assuming tentative agreement can be reached by April 20th. The board thanked everyone for coming to discuss these calendar proposals.

710 ASB Report – Theo reported about the WASL tests, student-led conferences, the Celebration of Academics, and spring sports. He shared that the Advisories have recently been meeting together for positive group interaction.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

720 Principals' Reports – Jody reported about the success of peer observations in the classrooms, the middle school transition meetings for 5th graders and the progress in the Safe Routes to Schools project. She also shared that the elementary school PTA St. Paddy's Day auction raised approximately \$10,000.00. Ann reported about the upcoming middle school play, *Cinderella*, and about student-led conferences. Ann also expressed great appreciation for the level of commitment of her staff as they begin conversations around needs for next year. Patricia reported about the grants awarded through the Center for Student Action and the student-run Community Council. She also noted that four students and two teachers are attending the National learn and Serve Conference in New Mexico this month.

730 Special Education Director's Report - Kay reported that WASL testing at the high school has gone smoothly.

740 Athletic Director's Report – Marc reported on Sports Awards and shared that Girl's Basketball earned the WIAA Distinguished Academic Award and

that the Boy's Basketball team are State Academic Champions again this year. He reports, also, that the wrestling coach, Gordy Banry is retiring after 15 years of coaching.

750 Superintendent's Report – Michael reported that he is in the process of developing an agreement with Steilacoom School District to make Washington Virtual Academy (WAVA) available through our district, and that he plans to bring in a contract for review by the board at next school board meeting.

810 Chairman's Report - Boyd Pratt had no further items

820 Board Members Reports - There were no further items

830 Convene Executive Session, 11:10 p.m., high school library – Negotiations Parameters The board convened an executive session to discuss negotiation parameters for each bargaining unit. Executive session adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Special Board meeting – April 2, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

Regular School Board meeting – April 25, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Michael D. Soltman, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

Boyd Pratt, Board Chair