



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting –Executive Session is convened in the faculty lounge to discuss negotiations and the Superintendent’s evaluation.

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, Kay Jakutis, Ben Thomas, and Marc Vermeire

Observers Present: Debbie Taylor, Michael Biggers, James Krall, Jim Bergquist, Linda Bergquist, Charles Delahunt, Michael Biggers, Nancy Jones, Bob Jones, Bob Guard, Loie Benson, Lisa Lamb, Neil Lamb, Cheryl Opalski, Kent Sooter, Patricia Swirtz, Bruce Robinson, Hans Rotherth, Diane Rotherth, Chin Mayo

110 Establishment of Quorum - The meeting was convened at 7:11 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 – The order of the agenda was adjusted to accommodate the travel needs of the observers present. After Section 100, Item 630 was heard, then Item 220, Section 400, Items 620 and 210, then Section 300, Section 500, Item 610, Section 700 and Section 800.

AGENDA

130 Consent Agenda (Action) - Boyd Pratt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, consisting of one Payroll voucher register in the amount of \$509,281.94, three General Fund voucher registers in the amounts of \$41,522.76, \$56,785.93, and \$52,652.61, three Capital Projects voucher registers in the amounts of \$10,943.41, \$8,217.66, and \$13,740.84 and three ASB voucher registers in the amounts of \$5,101.97, \$8,549.19, and \$3,183.82. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA



140 Approval of Minutes (Action) – Minutes of the April 25, 2007 Regular 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 – There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

210 Summer School Proposals (Exhibit 210.1 & Exhibit 210.2) (Action)- Ann Spratt presented the summer school proposal for the middle school and Michael Soltman, in Jody’s absence, presented the proposal for the

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

elementary. Ann remarked that summer school provides academic opportunities to two types of student; those who are struggling with passing classes and those who would benefit from a “jump start” on the next school year. Participation at the middle school level is expected for students who did not pass core classes and is voluntary at the Elementary School. Summer school programs are tuition-based and cover the cost of operations. Sally made a motion to approve the proposed summer school programs for the elementary and middle schools. The motion was passed unanimously.



220 2009 Winter Term France Trip Proposal – Permission to Plan (Exhibit 220.1)

(Action)- Nancy Jones As per Administrative Procedure 2124-P – School District Sponsored Study Trips, those trips costing in excess of \$1800 per student, must be approved for planning by the Board two school years in advance. Nancy Jones presented information for planning a Winter Term trip to France in January-February 2009. Information included a proposed itinerary, proposed dates, estimated costs, and transportation plans. Nancy shared comments from the students who participated in this year’s Winter Term France trip and highlighted slight changes in the program for 2009. She then formally requested approval to plan and to possibly organize some fundraising in the following year. Boyd stressed that there should be accessibility to as many students as possible who meet the academic criteria. Heidi acknowledged the incredible amount of effort involved in providing such an enriching experience and offered sincere thanks to Nancy for her work on this project. Lisa moved to approve the planning for Winter Term 2009 French trip. The board approved the motion unanimously.



310 Approval of Personnel Hiring (Action) - Maude Cumming

Position: Teacher
 Location: Griffin Bay High School
 Term: Continuing
 FTE: .6 FTE
 Candidate: Maggie Law

Position: Science Teacher
 Location: Middle School
 Term: Leave of Absence Replacement (one year)
 FTE: 1.0 FTE
 Candidate: Rebecca Drury

Position: English Teacher
 Location: High School
 Term: Leave of Absence Replacement
 (Sept. 07 – Dec. 07)
 FTE: .42 FTE (full-time for 4 months)
 Candidate: Carolyn Wayland

PERSONNEL



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

No Items

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 May 2007 enrollment data & budget information for the period ending April 2007.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

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

Service Provider: Huggins and Associates
 Recipient of Service: San Juan Island School District
 Description: Facilitating Strategic Planning meetings
 Amount: Not to exceed \$5,000.00



Boyd made a motion to approve this 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 – FHHS Golf Team
 Donor: San Juan Golf and Country Club
 Description: Men's jacket rainwear, 10 sets, valued at \$545.50

Recipient: San Juan Island School District – FHHS Golf Team
 Donor: The estate of Patti Benz
 Description: \$500.00

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

440 2007-2008 Budget Planning Update (Information)- Ben Thomas

Budget development for 2007-08 is on track with capacity to continue existing programs. Ben gave an update on budget development. It is projected that the budget will be submitted for approval at the July Board meeting.

450 Review Results of Fiscal Audit (Exhibit 450.1) (Information) – Ben Thomas

Ben reviewed the results and findings from the District's fiscal audit conducted this spring. Ben noted that minor issues had been corrected and that this audit was greatly improved as compared to prior audits.

510 Strategic Initiative Process Planning Update (Exhibit 510.1) (Information) –

Michael Soltman provided an update on the progress of strategic initiative planning. The Curriculum Alignment and the Student-Directed Learning Working Groups have completed their drafts of 24 month results statements. Action planning will follow in August and early September.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

520 Athletic Program Forum Debriefing (Exhibit 520.1) (Information)- Marc

Vermeire Board members reviewed information obtained at the athletic program forum conducted in May. At the forum, participants discussed and recorded responses to three questions:
Given rising costs and increasing athletic program subsidies...

1. What should be the priority of sustaining the athletic program at current levels as compared to other recognized priorities such as lower class sizes and additional instructional support for needy students?
2. Are there realistic ways to increase revenue to sustain the current program?
3. Are there realistic ways to reduce program costs to sustain the current number of sports teams and offerings?

The forum served two purposes; educating the public on the budget issues within the athletic program and continuing the conversation around solving these issues with parents and interested community members. At this time the district will continue to work on identifying specific targets within the program that could be appropriately supported through private endowment. Boyd and Michael committed to writing an article reviewing the forum and identifying opportunities for financial support.

610 Revision of Board Policy 5408 - Jury Duty and Subpoena Leave (Exhibit 610.1), Board Policy 6630 - Driver Training and Responsibility (Exhibit 610.2) and Administrative Procedure 6605 - Student Conduct on Buses (Exhibit 610.3) (Action) - Michael Soltman Recommendations have been made by the WSSDA policy service, and by ESD 189, to make revisions to these operating policies. Changes are minor and reflect changes in state law. After noting one minor edit, Boyd moved to accept these policies. The board vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS



620 Approval of 3-year Technology Plan (Exhibit 620.1) (Action)- Steve Smith Periodically OSPI requires the District to update the technology plan we have on file in order to continue to qualify for E-rate reimbursement associated with telecommunications costs. The state provides no funding for technology. A tech levy was discussed for next spring. The board was asked to approve the Tech Plan and indicate the approval through a letter signed by the Board Chair and the Superintendent. Heidi moved to approve the Tech Plan. The board vote was unanimous.



630 Public Hearing - Proposed Closure of Stuart Island School (Exhibit 630.1) (Discussion) 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 Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. There were 14 members of the general public present who were there to give testimony regarding the closure of Stuart Island School. Michael began the hearing by sharing some background about the state's current position on "remote and necessary schools" and on the condition of the Stuart Island School facility. Participants in the discussion shared their history with Stuart Island School, their personal views, some fresh ideas and many heartfelt opinions about possibilities for the future of the buildings and grounds. Most (not all) agreed that local economics and current demographics are such that student occupation is unlikely in the near future. Most also agreed that community participation around building restoration and property

improvement is possible and could begin as early as this summer. Most of the participants in the discussion expressed concern for losing a valuable "treasure" and local resource. Michael summarized the discussion and assured those present that nothing would happen quickly and that there would be a second Public Hearing, currently scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2007 at the Stuart Island School. The Public Hearing ended at 7:55 p.m.

710 ASB Report – Theo Pratt reported that AP testing is over and that the Ryan Smith Performing Arts Festival was a huge success. Theo shared that the current principal selection process has involved several students and he appreciated this opportunity for student input. Theo also spoke about the recent assembly featuring a guest speaker sponsored by the HOTS (Helping Out Teen Society) group and the controversial conversations that sprung from the presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

720 Principals' Reports – Ann Spratt shared that the Student Learning Plans are completed for all students who did not pass the WASL's. She described a very enjoyable evening with the incoming 5th grade parents and mentioned that the 5th grade students would be visiting the middle school the next day. The 7th grade trip to John's Island went very well, the 6th grade students had a great trip to Seattle, and the 8th graders will be traveling to Sooke next week for four days. Both Jody Metzger and Patricia Scott were absent for the board meeting. Debbie Taylor added that five Elementary School Math Olympiad Competitors from the 5th grade returned from the competition with high honors, having actually competed at the 6th grade level!

730 Special Education Director's Report – Kay reported that Childfind produced no candidates for screening and that there were three children screened for early entry into Kindergarten.

740 Athletic Director's Report – Marc reported four athletes went to State Competition this year, including Jordyn Taylor for Golf, Whitney Porter for Track and Keller McNairy and Josh Lehr for Tennis. All students had an enjoyable experience and appreciated the opportunity to compete at the state level.

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

810 Chairman's Report - Boyd Pratt reminded the current board members that there is only two weeks left to file for re-election.

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

Next Meetings:

Regular School Board meeting – June 13, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael D. Soltman, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

Boyd Pratt, Board Chair