



# SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting – 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: Ben Thomas, Fred Woods, Jody Metzger, Ann Spratt

Observers Present: Michael Biggers, Anne Sheridan, Liza Michaelson, Debbie Taylor, and James Krall

**110 Establishment of Quorum** - The meeting was convened at 7:04 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** – Noted was the revised 300 section. AGENDA

**130 Consent Agenda (Action)** – Boyd Pratt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda, consisting of one Payroll voucher register (July) in the amount of \$506,733.99, two General Fund voucher registers in the amounts of \$91,376.12, and \$28,920.90, one ASB voucher register in the amount of \$60.00, two Capital Projects voucher registers in the amounts of \$25,982.01 and \$8,384.99, and a Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher register in the amount of \$3,000.00. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion. CONSENT AGENDA



**140 Approval of Minutes (Action)**– Minutes of the August 29 Regular Board meeting and the September 12, 2007 Special Board Meeting were presented for approval. Two typographical errors were noted and Boyd moved to approve the minutes, as amended. The board was unanimously in favor of the motion. MINUTES



**150 Public Comment** – Lisa Michaelson and Anne Sheridan, as representatives of the newly developing sjRIDESHARE program, presented the program to the board, requesting support through any appropriate educational avenues such as newsletter articles and possibly high school Advisory presentations. The board discussion resulted in board approval of providing parent information in newsletters. PUBLIC COMMENT

**210 Report of School Opening (Exhibit 210.1) (Information)**- The leadership team and the board reviewed and discussed the opening of the school year. Michael stated that the school opening was “one of the best he’d seen.” Jody stated that she felt that the root of climate is in relationships, and that changes and improvements at the elementary school had begun with the first assembly of the year. She gave examples of the staff’s efforts in CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

creating a positive climate, including increased supervision, implementation of the Response to Intervention (RTI) program, and hall banners encouraging respect. Other program additions include a reading intervention program called "Double Dose" and the school-wide DIBELS reading assessment. Ann shared that in spite of a significant number of new staff, the middle school had really pulled together as a team. She reported that "Back to School Night" was very well attended and that MAP Assessment training was going well, Ann expects to begin assessing 6<sup>th</sup> graders next week. Fred reported that teachers were enthusiastic and "ready to work." The high school administration is focusing on student's attendance habits as well as developing strategies for students who have been identified as both ahead and behind in WASL testing.

**220 Review of Winter Term Schedule - (Exhibit 220.1) (Information)** - Fred Woods reviewed the programs and schedule for winter term and informed the board of progress developing the competency-based courses for the term. He discussed competency-based credit as compared to seat-time based credit, and reaffirmed that the local board approval of the syllabi would be sought upon recommendation by the District Curriculum Council.

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

Position: MS/HS Librarian  
 Location: High School  
 Term: Provisional 1<sup>st</sup> year  
 FTE: 1.0 FTE  
 Candidate: Catherine Buchanan

Position: Paraeducator  
 Location: High School  
 Term: Continuing  
 FTE: 6.5 hrs/day  
 Candidate: Sarah Taylor

Position: Paraeducator  
 Location: Middle School  
 Term: Continuing  
 FTE: 4 hrs/day  
 Candidate: Andrea Schmidt

Position: Paraeducator  
 Location: Elementary School  
 Term: Continuing  
 FTE: 4 hrs/day  
 Candidate: Shannan Valentin

Position: School Psychologist  
 Location: District Wide  
 Term: Provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
 FTE: TBD (as needed)  
 Candidate: Teresa Hart

Position: Volleyball Asst/JV Coach  
 Location: High School  
 Term: Fall Sport Season 07-08  
 FTE: Stipend \$2300

**PERSONNEL**



Candidate: Annie Bryant  
 Position: ASB Coordinator  
 Location: High School  
 Term: School Year 07-08  
 FTE: Stipend \$3500  
 Candidate: Gordy Waite

Position: SJ Juvenile Court Liaison  
 Location: High School  
 Term: School Year 07-08  
 FTE: Stipend \$4300  
 Candidate: Marc Vermeire

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

No Items

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

Employee: Molly Walker  
 Position: Special Ed Teacher  
 Location: Middle School  
 FTE: 1.0 FTE  
 Action: Leave of absence for the 07-08 school year



Boyd moved to accept the personnel agenda and the requested leave of absence. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

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

No items

**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 Drama Dept.  
 Donor: Jim and Magalen Webert  
 Description: \$2500.00

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

**440 2007-2008 Coaches Salary Proposal (Exhibit 440.1) (Action)** – Michael reviewed for the board the recommendation for the Cheer Leader



coaching salary. This proposal had previously been tabled at the request of board members who required clarification on the rationale that resulted in a substantially lower Cheer Leader Coach's salary, as compared to other coaches. The commitment and responsibilities of the Cheer Leader Coach were reviewed and as a result Lisa Henderson moved to raise the Cheer Leader Coach's salary from \$2,000.00 per year to \$3,000.00 per year. The motion was approved unanimously.

**510 Approval of Revised Friday Harbor Athletic Association Lease (Exhibit 510.1) (Action)** - Michael presented for board action the revised FHAA lease for the Carter Street field development, and maintenance and operations agreements. Questions were raised regarding the area that had been originally designated for a future school building, if needed, and the lease's stated intent for future community use. It was decided that further clarification with Friday Harbor Athletic Association would be necessary before signing the lease.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

**610 Capital Levy Proposal Timeline (Exhibit 610.1) (Information )** - Michael reviewed for the Board the process and timeline for preparing for the capital levy renewal election scheduled for February 5, 2008. Identification and estimation of costs of proposed projects and technology is underway. The deadline for the Board's Resolution is December 26, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS



**710 ASB Report** - Theo Pratt agreed that the school year began very smoothly. He reported on Homecoming Spirit Week, Float building, plans for the homecoming parade and Pep Rally. He shared that the Future's Fair is next week, and that auditions for the high school play, *"The Man Who Came to Dinner"* would be held soon. He also informed the board that there were two students who were interested in replacing him as the ASB Representative to the Board and that he would be inviting them each to accompany him at future meetings.

**750 Superintendent's Report** - Michael reported about the upcoming District Curriculum Council, and updated the board on developments around the Griffin Bay Lease proposal.

**750.1 Superintendent's Goals (Exhibit 750.1) (Action)** - Michael presented the Superintendent's Goals to the board for approval. Boyd moved to accept he goals as presented. The board vote was unanimous.



**810 Chairman's Report** - No additional report.

**820 Board Members Report** - Sally shared some interesting reading material by Daniel Goleman on the collective consciousness. She highly recommended Goleman's book, Social Intelligence, The New Science of Human Relationships.

Next Meeting:  
Regular School Board meeting - Nov 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael D. Soltman, Superintendent

Date

Boyd Pratt, Board Chair

Secretary to the Board