



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special School Board Meeting

San Juan Island School District Special Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

6:00 p.m. Convene meeting – high school library

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Boyd Pratt, Brent Snow, Deborah Nolan, Heidi Lopez and David McCauley

A.S.B. Student Board Member: excused

Superintendent Present: Rick Thompson

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

Observers Present: Luanne Pasik, Diane Heller, Michael Biggers, Susan Williamson, Barbara Bevens, Jesse Visciglia, Suzanne Cowden, Linda Lobue, Jeremiah Lord, Nick Power, John Kapple, Michele Preston, Sally Waite, Sharon Kivisto

Recording Secretary: Maude Cumming

110 Establishment of Quorum – The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established with board members Boyd Pratt, Brent Snow, Heidi Lopez, David McCauley and Deborah Nolan.

OPEN MEETING

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

AGENDA

510 Budget Study Session for 2011-2012 Budget (Discussion)- Rick Thompson After describing the current level of the state's budget deficit as it relates to apportionment for school districts, Rick summarized the potential effect of anticipated funding shortfalls to our district. It was with a sense of sadness that he outlined his recommendation for reducing the educational program, including a reduction of educational program support. The board discussed the budget shortfall, acknowledging the projected enrollment estimates, fund balance policy language, the legal timelines for notices of certificated FTE reductions and the possible extension of the state legislative session. Rick noted that action on the following resolutions is timely for proper notification and for schedule planning purposes. A discussion ensued with observers present about alternative revenue sources and recent historical fundraising efforts. It was generally acknowledged that local monies have been heavily relied upon to maintain adequate funding for basic education and that communication with our state legislators is critical at this time.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

520 Approval of Resolution 11-007, 2011-2012 Reduced Educational Program (Action)- Rick Thompson This resolution enables the Superintendent and administrative team to reduce staffing positions, as necessary, in accordance with the SJEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Notices will be provided by the May 1, 2011 deadline. After thoroughly reviewing options and discussing district priorities, David moved to adopt Resolution 11-007, *2011-2012 Reduced Educational Program*. The board discussion continued around "put backs" should the state legislative session



end with more positive results. The board indicated that any identified additional revenue would be directed to classroom needs. The board vote was unanimous.

530 Approval of Resolution 11-008, 2011-2012 Reduced Educational Support Program

(Action) – Rick Thompson This resolution enables the Superintendent and administrative team to reduce classified positions, as necessary, according to the PSE Collective Bargaining Agreement. Notices will be provided by the end of the school year. Boyd moved to adopt Resolution 11-008, *2011-2012 Reduced Educational Support Program* with the same intent as Resolution 11-007, i.e. any “put back” resulting from additional revenue would be directed toward classroom needs. The board vote was unanimous.



540 Public Hearing – Proposed Allocation of I-728 funds for 2011-12 (Action)- Rick Thompson

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.

I-728 may not be funded for the upcoming school year. Though no specific recommendation can be made regarding a proposed I-728 allocation for 2011-12, state law requires that a public hearing be held prior to May 1 regarding I-728 allocations. Boyd formally opened the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m. and solicited public input on the use of any available I-728 funds. Jeremiah Lord suggested that the funding should go first toward reducing class sizes in grades K-4 and secondarily to providing additional professional development for educators. There was no other public input. The Public Hearing was formally closed at 7:59 p.m. Boyd stated that he was in agreement with Mr. Lord and moved to direct any I-728 funding that becomes available first to class size reduction in grades K-4, and secondarily to providing additional professional development for educators. The board vote was unanimous.

810 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Thompson, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

Boyd Pratt, Board Chair