



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Juan Island School District Special Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2011

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

MINUTES

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

A.S.B. Student Board Member: Excused

Superintendent Present: Rick Thompson

Administrators Present: Gary Pflueger

Observers Present: Doyle Moir, Jess Rathburn, Sherry J. Muir, Carol Duke, Lisa Duke, Stephanie Mattox, Regan Taylor, Rick Goff, Connie Goff, Jack Cory, Todd Kromer, Debbie Taylor, Christy Putney, Jane Fox, Keri Talbott, Kim Rathburn, Laura Flaum, Andrea Berlatskey, Barbara Jensen, John Jensen, Deborah Vermeire, Tom Doenges, Katie Oliver, Cindy Conrad, Ryan McCullough, Rose Shaw, Sharon Minke, Niki Truesdale, Meghan Hoffman, Chad Hoffman, Laurie Paul, Auralee Jameson, Shannon Evans, Shannon Miniken, Michael Biggers, Jen Fleming, Mark Fleming, Diane Heller, Kim Ryan, Chrisite Mogill, Robin DelaZerda, Jenn Furber, Tamara Carter, Tanja Williamson, Roxanne Angel, Tessa DeGavre, Tori Zehner, Sandy Buckley, Angela Attwell, Kevin Roth, Nick Power, Tami Doenges, CJ Wavra, Susan Williamson, Liz Covert, Rob Cuomo, Pat Gislason, Penelope Haskew, Noel Harley, as well as other people who are not on record.

Recording Secretary: Maude Cumming

110 Establishment of Quorum – The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established with board members David McCauley, Heidi Lopez, Boyd Pratt, Brent Snow and Deborah Nolan.

OPEN MEETING

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

AGENDA

130 Public Comments – There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

410 Approval of Resignation (Action)– Rick Thompson

PERSONNEL

Employee: Gary Pflueger
Position: Principal
Location: Elementary School
FTE: 1.0
Action: Resignation



Approximately 130 people attended the board meeting. Many people spoke and expressed dissatisfaction with the resignation of Gary Pflueger as the

Friday Harbor Elementary School Principal. David opened the discussion by introducing the board members and the superintendent, explaining the format of the meeting, dispelling rumors and clarifying that all comments by the board and by any observers are a part of a public record. Gary addressed the room, expressing his gratitude and requesting respect for his decision to resign. There were questions, complaints, statements of support and words of gratitude for Gary's service. At 7:36 p.m. Brent moved that the board call an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. The board vote was unanimous. The board re-convened for public meeting at 7:50 p.m. At that time, Boyd, acknowledging the strong testimonials to Gary's character, moved to approve Gary's resignation. The board vote was unanimous.

440 Search Process for Friday Harbor Elementary School Principal (Discussion)

– Rick Thompson shared the process for recruiting candidates for the position of Elementary School Principal. He indicated that the district would recruit widely by advertising on professional websites and in professional journals. He stated that he would be meeting with staff for direct input, screening committees will be developed and a community forum will be held to focus on local values. Rick stated that it is a multi-tiered process and that the district would begin immediately in order to encourage high quality candidates. There were further comments, both in support of the difficult job of the administration and the board, and against the decision to accept the resignation. Brent spoke about the job of the school board and the work that is in process to maintain a high functioning school district.

810 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

Regular School Board Meeting - Jan 26, 2011, 6:00 pm, high school library

NEXT MEETING

Rick Thompson, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

David McCauley, Board Chair