

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lopez Island School District #144

February 2, 2011

School Library

6:00p.m.

School Board Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. In attendance: Diana Hancock, Chairperson; John Holding, Vice Chairperson; Patsy Haber, Member; Diane Dear, Member; and remotely, Nikola Chopra, Member. Also attending: Linda Martin, Superintendent; Roland MacNichol, Secondary Principal.
- II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Add to Administrative Reports item v. Superintendent Process and in New Business add iii. Secondary to item c. School Improvement Plan.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Action)
a. Regular Meeting: January 26, 2011
i. Change: add to the end of LEA process of hiring the principal.
Diana Hancock approved the minutes as corrected.
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: (Action)
a. Consideration to accept the resignation of Judy Ferguson as school psychologist at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
b. Consideration to approve the trip to Nicaragua from February 19, 2011 through March 5, 2011.
c. Consideration to accept donation from Gerald and Iris Graville in the amount of \$525.00 for the Nicaragua trip.
d. Consideration to accept the resignation of Colleen Currie as teacher at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
e. Consideration to accept the resignation of Ethan Salter as teacher at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
Motion: Patsy Haber moved seconded by Diane Dear to approve the consent agenda items a. through e. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. DELEGATIONS:
a. Colleen thanked the Board for her five years here. She told the Board a little about where and why they were going to Japan and hoped to be back on Lopez someday.
b. Joan introduced her husband Mitch Love to the Board.
- VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
a. Lopez Education Association: We are pleased to acknowledge further preliminary steps toward positive negotiations. Our membership voted on a position that should be appreciated by all participants in the contract. We feel that this sensible stance will allow our district to have a contract in place by the time candidates for the K-12 principalship visit our schools, proving that a spirit of cooperation and partnership is evident.
Furthermore, the LEA membership would like to help the district by defraying the costs of visits by two teachers to the school districts of finalists for the principal position. We believe that this may help our school in these times of budgetary restraint.
LEA would also appreciate a meeting with the board to develop a vision for our whole district community.

- b. Public School Employees: None
- c. Associated Student Body: None
- d. Principals' Report:
 - i. Roland informed the Board of Jeanna's important role in our school and that her first commitment is always to children. He also recounted the many roles Jeanna has had in the past and the many hats she wears as a school counselor. She has the deepest commitment to our students, school and community. Linda presented Jeanna with a certificate appreciating her for outstanding work with students, staff and community.
 - ii. Elementary is fortunate to have had the Book It assembly for "Henry's Freedom Box" presented by Friends of the Lopez Library. We are using "Building a Knowledge Base in Reading" to build a rubric for evaluating our curriculum. Secondary has just finished the first semester successfully. We have addressed issues with some students to fill in math and science holes. Staff will be looking at the 6th -12th grade curriculum regarding what we must teach, what the community expects and what our school's core values are. Patsy thanked Roland and Jeanna for sending home the schedule options for parents to look at. Roland is taking 7 students to Clover Park High School which is a large, diverse urban school. The goal of this trip is to talk to students with other life experiences and set up a partnership between our schools.
- e. Superintendent's Report:
 - i. Linda acknowledged the Board for the work they do and how much we value their work. Shannon Wilbur has written a grant and the school will receive new solar powered flashing signs for the school zones. Our cabinet has been working on a Critical Incident Plan and if the Board is interested, Linda will get a copy for them to read.
 - ii. Brend Hunt-Holma, Director of Special Services spoke to the Board about our Special Services program. Brend also gave the Board a fact sheet.
 - iii. Congratulations for receiving approved status with full accreditation.
 - iv. The Board received information on the principal search. Linda and John will get together to discuss timeline and process for the meeting on the 17th. Linda gave the Board information about principal pay. The Board would like to wait to determine the salary of the principal.
 - v. Superintendent process – Linda gave a letter to the Board and explained that because the K-5 principal position is not open and the superintendent position has expired she is looking for a new position. She also gave the Board a draft of the timeline for hiring a new superintendent.
 - vi. A visioning meeting from 4 to 6 will be posted as a public meeting. Diana will talk to Linda tomorrow about arranging a meeting before the 17th.
 - vii. Teddy McCullough was acknowledged for his presentation of the bill he wrote. Teddy spoke to the Board about the process for the bill.

VII. BUDGET DISCUSSION:

- a. Linda passed out a handout of the budget adoption timeline and stated that because staffing will be discussed this year we will need to find a different budget process than last year.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Technology and Wi-Fi questions were answered in the Board packets along with the results of the staff survey.

b. Energy Conservation

- i. Proposed water contract – Linda informed the Board that all water for our school comes from a well on Sam and Julie’s property. Sam would like to raise the price to a half of a cent per gallon. Sam noted that this is the first time that they have asked to have the price raised. Sam stated that the original intent of the contract was for this to be a short term fix and that the school would limit irrigation. Sam and Julie would like the school to honor the spirit of the contract. Sam and Diana will sit down and discuss a contract.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Culinary Discussion – Resolution 3:2010-2011 Linda, Roland and Jeanna believes the culinary program should move forward and expand and feel the best place to hold the class is in the back half of the tech room. Before voting on a resolution for the culinary remodeling project, the Board would like to take a closer look at the project.

- b. The Small Works Resolution 4:2010-2011 was renumbered to 3:2010-2011.

- i. The Board would like to discuss at a future meeting the possibilities of a policy that allows for the acceptance of local bids over non-local bids.

Motion: John Holding moved seconded by Patsy Haber to approve Small Works Resolution 3:2010-2011. John Holding called for a roll call vote. Voting Yes: Haber, Dear, Chopra, Hancock, and Holding. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. Linda passed out the School Improvement Plans for Elementary, Secondary and Decatur schools.

- c. The Network for Excellence in Washington Schools Resolution 5:2010-2011 was renumbered to 4:2010-2011.

Motion: John Holding moved seconded by Diane Dear to approve Network for Excellence in Washington Schools Resolution 4:2010-2011. John Holding called for a roll call vote. Voting Yes: Chopra, Haber, Hancock, Dear and Holding. The motion passed unanimously

X. COMMUNICATIONS: None

XI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- a. Diana would like input as to how to streamline meetings.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:50

- a. The Board adjourned into executive session at 8:50 to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation. They returned at 9:20 to regular session. No action was taken

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m.