

**BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Review**

February 22, 2010

The Blaine School Directors held two work sessions prior to the regular monthly board meeting. From 4:30-5:30 PM, some members of the Long Range Planning Steering Committee shared the progress that has been made on Vision, Purpose, and Belief statements as well as preliminary Goals. The Long Range Planning Steering Committee will hold its culminating meeting on March 16. The Board will look toward their April 26 meeting for formal adoption of the document.

The second work session, held 5:30-6:30 PM. was for the purpose of reviewing progress on the 2010-11 program year budget work. This session was held to discuss the process and format of documentation. There will be a public forum on March 8 for the purpose of receiving input from staff and community members regarding the 2010-11 budget. Prior to the forum, updated information on the budget will be available on the district website and from building administrators.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board began at 7:00 PM. Superintendent Ron Spanjer announced that Blaine School is pleased to join Governor Gregoire in acknowledging School Retirees' Appreciation Week (March 15-21) and Classified School Employee Week (March 8-12). Scott Ellis introduced the six high school wrestlers that placed for Blaine at the State Tournament. Camden Nix and AJ Pieczynski received certificates of recognition from the Board for outstanding academic and athletic achievements.

The Directors approved the Consent Agenda as submitted along with the 2010-11 school year calendar. They considered information on the Board Docs (Paperless Board Meetings) program and a cost-sharing opportunity from WECU for magnetic school calendars and directed the Superintendent to hold off on the Board Docs implementation until additional financial information can be attained..

During Program Reports, Seattle NW Securities provided information on refinancing of District bonds. The Directors approved of proceeding with the refinancing option to save taxpayers' expense. The building principals shared February School Improvement Plan updates emphasizing math as well as work in science and reading. The staff has been enthusiastically proceeding with RTI, AVID and MSP and program implementation. During his report, Superintendent Spanjer commented on the outstanding support for the Math Night and the Pizza & Pizzaz Chamber Choir fundraiser. Important upcoming events include March 22 meeting in Pt Roberts and K-8 Parent-Teacher Conference Week March 8-12.

Following the regular agenda items, the Board convened in executive session for 50 minutes to review position on a bargaining related issue, as well as an item specific to the performance of a public employee.

NOTE: This is a review of the board meeting and not to be considered as official minutes. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please call 360-332-5881. Thank you.