

**BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

September 28, 2009  
7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

At 7:00 PM President Todd Berge called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors Dodd, Gibson, McClusky and Holmes were present.

**II. Recognition of Visitors and Placement on the Agenda**

None

**III. Good News**

**A. Recognition of Partnership with Blaine Police Department**

Director Berge presented Chief Mike Haslip and Officer Ryan King with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of exceptional support and assistance to the students and staff of the Blaine School District.

**B. Family Service Center-Director Berge presented Larissa Dhanani and Jessie Burton with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the tireless and invaluable level of support provided to students and families of the Blaine School District through family services.**

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Dodd, second by McClusky, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

**A. Minutes of August 24, 2009 and September 10, 2009**

**B. Financial Matters**

1. General Fund	8/31/09	96774-96780	\$ 8,539.49
( Prepaid FY 2009-10)			
General Fund	8/31/09	96690-96773	\$ 176,781.65
(FY 2008-2009)			
Excluding Northwood Alliance warrant # 96743			
General Fund	9/16/09	96781-96841	\$ 168,005.09
(08-09 FY Accruals)			
General Fund	9/16/09	96842-96892	\$ 63,297.67
(FY 2009-2010)			
2. ASB Fund	8/31/09	7340-7349	\$ 4,565.10
(2008-09 FY Accruals)			
	9/16/09	7350-7356	\$ 12,311.92
(2008-09 FY Accruals)			
	9/16/09	7357-7361	\$ 4,490.18
(2009-2010 FY)			
3. Payroll	8/31/09	96644-96689	\$ 1,389,770.76
	9/30/09	96893-96946	\$ 1,549,758.32

**C. Personnel**

1. Aime Nadeau-Hired as BES/BMS Sped Resource Room Teacher (New)
2. Brandon Glanzer-Hired as BES .80 5th Grade Job Share (Grant)

3. Linda Conour-Hired as BPS 2.0 hour Playground Assoc (Allmann)
4. Gabrielle Allmann-BPS Playground Increased from 2.0 to 2.5 hours (Sand)
5. Melissa Wenzl-Hired as BPS 6.0 hour Resource Room Spec Assoc (Terry)
6. Susan Vargo-Hired as BES 6.0 hour Resource Room Spec Assoc (Rowell)
7. Kelly Pfeil-Hired as BMS 6.5 hour Alt Ed Spec Assoc (New)
8. Valerie Sellers-Hired as BHS 4.0 hour Alt Ed Spec Assoc (New)
9. Carrie Berndtson-Hired as BHS 3.0 hour LAP Spec Assoc (New)
10. Peter Lupo-Hired as BMS .50 7th Grade LA/SS Job Share w/Mumma
11. Joy Garner-Hired as BMS 1.0 7th Grade LA/SS (Mitchell-Mumma)
12. Robert Lehnert-Resigned from MS Boys' Basketball
13. Gary Moore-Hired as MS Asst Fastpitch Coach
14. Ron Kowalke-Hired as HS Asst Football Coach
15. Rob Adams-Hired as MS Football Coach
16. Tami Kohonen-Resigned from BES Lunchroom Supervision
17. Sabrina Koebel-Hired as BES Lunchroom Supervisor (trans from BPS)
18. Tricia Hitchcock-Hired as .50 BPS Kindergarten (Increases to 1.000 FTE)
19. Kristen Clausen-Hired as HS Dance Coordinator (ASB Funded/Berge)
20. Sean Miller-Volunteer Football Coach

- D. Resolution No. 0910-05 Cancel and Reissue Warrant #95834 to Jim Nelson
- E. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement 2009-10 Online Data Collection Educational Services (DuxData)
- F. 2009-10 Homeport Learning Center Contract Approval
- G. 2009-10 OSPI Drug/Alcohol Funds Omnibus Grant Approval (Annual)
- H. Approval of High School Overnight Trips: HS Band to Idaho and Portland
- I. Approval of 2009-10 Highly Capable Grant Application
- J. Approval of 2009-10 Early Intervention Services Contract
- K. Approval of 2009-10 Running Start Agreement between Blaine School District and Bellingham Technical College

**V. Public Comments/Hearing of Individuals or Groups**

None

**VI. Budget Report**

In the absence of Donna D'Angelo, District Business Manager, Superintendent Ron Spanjer reviewed the information regarding enrollment and budget status.

A. Enrollment Update: The September count date shows overall enrollment at projected level.

B. Budget Status: The 09-10 budget figures are on target at this point of the year.

We are still closing out the 08-09 budget with the figures shared updated through August.

**VII. Program Reports**

A. Gear Up and AVID-The Directors next drew their attention to a presentation specific to the AVID program. Blaine High School principal Scott Ellis, along with Blaine High School teachers Oliver Smith and Mike Stevens, talked on goals and values of AVID. A group of students was involved in this presentation, demonstrating the practical side of day-to-day use of the tutorial protocol for extended learning. Several students commented on the positive effect this program is having on their current education, as well as anticipated future benefits for college enrollment.

B. Long Range Planning Update and Schedule: The Board received an update on the details of the Long Range Planning process, scheduled to get underway later in October. The process will be facilitated by ESD 189 Assistant Superintendent Buck Evans.

C. H1N1 Update: Information on the H1N1 virus is updated each week by Whatcom County Health Department, with the most pertinent information posted to the District website. Absentee rates in the Blaine School District continue to be at typical levels for this time of the year.

D. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Overview –Superintendent Ron Spanjer also shared that an after school tutorial program will be implemented for Grades 3-8, beginning at the end of October and running through May. This program will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00-5:00pm. It will be funded through the recently received 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

E. Superintendent’s Report: Open houses are complete on all sites. There were great levels of participation at all schools. The website is kept up to date by Tim and a collective effort by each school which supplies weekly information for the Spotlight. One school is featured on the homepage every other week. LID went very well with a 2-hour session for all school staff. Blaine Elementary staff provided an overview of RTI with Blaine High School providing an update on the AVID Program.

### **VIII. Action Items**

A. Northwood Alliance Warrant Approval: Motion by Dodd, second by Holmes, to approve the warrant. Motion passed 4-0, Gibson abstaining.

B. 2009-10 Board/Superintendent Goals Approval: Motion by Holmes, second by McClusky, to approve goals.

### **IX. Executive Session**

The Board moved into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing District position in collective bargaining and to review the performance of a public employee. The Board returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

### **X. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.-Motion by Dodd, second by McClusky to adjourn.

#### Those in Attendance:

Todd Berge	President
Charles Gibson	Vice President
Mike Dodd	Director
Campbell McClusky	Director
Susan Holmes	Director
Ron Spanjer	Secretary/Clerk
Charlotte Fouse	Recording Secretary

#### Also in Attendance:

Scott Ellis	Mike Stevens	Officer Ryan King
Larissa Dhanani	Jessie Burton	Chief Mike Haslip
Oliver Smith		

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY/CLERK