

BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
November 23, 2009

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. All Directors were present along with parents of students that would be presenting to the Board and those that would be recognized during the meeting.

II. Recognition of Visitors and Placement on the Agenda

None

III. Good News

A. Recognition: School Nurses Margaret Gibson and Cheryl Greathouse: They have been called upon to assist staff, students, and families of the community during this early flu season. We appreciate their extraordinary service and presented them with Certificate(s) of Appreciation.

B. Recognition: In recognition of an outstanding season, Coach Jay Dodd accepted a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Borderite Football Team. The Directors noted that this was the third year in a row they have achieved playoff status and Trevor Chou was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for setting new school records. David Craig, representing the players, thanked the District and the community for its continued support during the season.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Dodd, second by McClusky, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was approved 5-0.

A. Minutes of October 26, 2009 meeting

B. Financial Matters

1. General Fund	97294-97396	10/30/09	\$ 133,793.03
Excluding Northwood Alliance #97357-\$1,166.67			
General Fund	97397-97524	11/16/09	\$ 194,577.35
2. ASB Fund	97397-9410	10/30/09	\$ 28,012.96
ASB Fund	7411-7420	11/16/09	\$ 20,129.49
3. Payroll Fund	97235-97293	10/30/09	\$ 1,510,316.05

C. Personnel

1. Ron Walton-Hired as 7.50 Spec Assoc (BMS 3 hr Resource Room Spec Assoc (Camba)+4.5 hr bus aide (new))
2. Elaine Yano-Hired as 7.50 hrs/day BPS Secretary (Richardson)
3. Dawn Corcorran-Increase Secretary time .50 hrs/day (other position reduced)
4. Janet Mumma-Resigned from MS History Day Asst
5. Cindy Gresen-Hired as BES Highly Capable Coord
6. Debbie Coapstick-Hired as 21st Century After School Prog Bus Driver (New)
7. Pete Lupo-Hired as BMS Boys' Head Basketball Coach
8. James Bring-Hired as BMS Boys' Asst Basketball Coach
9. Cabe Vanderyacht-Hired as BMS Girls' Asst Basketball Coach
10. Troy Taubenheim-Hired as BHS Boys' JV Basketball Coach

- 11. Shaun Pile-Volunteer BHS Varsity Basketball
- 12. Kelcie Rocha-Resigned from BMS Math Champs
- 13. Kelcie Rocha-Requesting Maternity/Unpaid Child Care Leave Nov 30-April 9th

14. BES Enrichment Contracts \$300 each; Mike Coffey-Nightingales, Ann Marie McAuley-Unicycling, Brandon Glanzer-Model Rockets, Dorothy Johnson-Beading/Floor Hockey/Christmas Crafts (3), Marianne Hollander/Elizabeth Flemming-Art Appreciation (split), Shari Akers-Singspiration & Margaret Gahard-Fun with Spanish

15. Travis Thayer-Volunteer Coach

16. Dougal Thomas-Volunteer Coach

D. Trip Approval: HS Chamber Choir to New York April 28

E. Interlocal Agreement: Bellingham School District for Health Care Services 09-10

V. Public Comments/Hearing of Individuals or Groups

None

VI. Budget Report

A. Enrollment Update for November: Review was provided by Superintendent Spanjer. Our total number is currently slightly higher (10) than our budgeted amount.

B. Budget Status through October 2009: Superintendent Spanjer noted that financial information supported our revenues and expenditures as being consistent with current budget expectations.

VII. Program Reports

A. CISPUS Leadership Training: A group of Blaine Middle School students shared their recent learning experience at CISPIS Leadership Camp. They presented skits demonstrating new skills for communication and ways to encourage friendship, tolerance, school spirit, and courtesy on campus. Peter Lupo and Molly Mitchell are the advisors.

B. 2010-2011 Budget Planning Timeline: Superintendent Spanjer provided the Board with a brief review of budget information for the upcoming school year. To date, the legislature has not provided any guidance from the state. The Directors agreed to hold a Work Session on December 7 to discuss the 2010-11 budget development process and establish a preliminary timeline.

C. County Funding for Intervention Programs: Randy Elsbree, Special Services Director, shared information on the Public School Prevention Intervention Opportunity funding that has become available through Whatcom County Department of Health. Each Whatcom County school district will receive \$55,000 annually to provide additional services for students in drug and alcohol prevention and intervention/mental health services. The funding becomes available in January and will be used for assistance at the middle school and high school levels

D. 2009 Washington State Education Study: Seattle Northwest Securities provided the results of a recent voter survey. The publication included trends on Mood and Perspectives, Opinions about Education, School Funding, Communication, and Property Taxes.

E. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Spanjer distributed copies of the 09-10 Inclement Weather Protocol and a Seasonal Activities Schedule. He shared that the Parent/Teacher Conferences are going well, with excellent participation.

The calendar for the Long Range Planning Community Forms includes December 1 and 3 in Birch Bay and the Point Roberts Forum has been tentatively schedule for January 5. Committee meetings are Jan 12, Feb 5 and Feb 22 (with the Board).

Three Board members attended the Annual WSSDA Conference last week and reported to the group.

Susan Holmes: Felt it was an excellent conference with outstanding speakers for the sessions. She indicated that she had purchased some of the materials offered and would have them available for other Board members to use. Of special note was the session on "Meeting with the Legislature" the provided how-to information on making the most of Board visits to "The Hill" in February.

Charles Gibson: Indicated that it was the best conference that he has attended and was pleased to have had the opportunity. He went on to suggest that our Board should organize a "follow-up" promptly after similar events in the future so that information can be shared while it is still readily available. Note: The Directors then agreed to a regular agenda item of "Board Comments" to make time available at the regular monthly meetings.

Campbell McClusky: Also agreed that the sessions were very good and suggested that some could be repeated rather than forcing attendees to make a choice. He has completed the hotel survey.

VIII. Action Items

*Northwood Alliance Warrant: Motion by Dodd, second by Holmes, to approve Warrant No. 97357 in the amount of \$1166.67. Motion passed 4-0, with Gibson abstaining.

IX. Executive Session

The Directors moved into executive session at 8:55 PM for approximately 30 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

X. Reconvene and Adjourn

At 9:35PM, the Board reconvened with no action taken. Motion by Gibson, second by McClusky, to adjourn.

In Attendance:

TODD BERGE	PRESIDENT
CHARLES GIBSON	VICE PRESIDENT
MIKE DODD	DIRECTOR
CAMPBELL MCCLUSKY	DIRECTOR
SUSAN HOLMES	DIRECTOR
RON SPANJER	SECRETARY/CLERK
PATT VAN WANSEELE	RECORDING SECRETARY

Also in Attendance:

Margaret Gibson
Randy Elsbree
David Craig

Cheryl Greathouse
Molly Mitchell-Mumma
Football Team Members

Jay Dodd
Pete Lupo
Middle School Students

Wayne Vezzetti
Trevor Chou

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