

**College Place Public Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
7:00 PM, Meadow Brook School Library
Thursday, April 19, 2007**



MINUTES for Thursday, April 19, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Julie Hill, Dr. Ginger Ketting-Weller, and Bob Giger

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS – Paul Hartwig and John Davin

OTHERS PRESENT – Superintendent Tim Payne, Alison Swanson as Recorder, Principal Chris Drabek, Principal Jeff Peterson, Special Programs Coordinator Carol Garbe, and several audience members.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- **CONSENT AGENDA** – Ms. Hill requested that the Consent Agenda be amended upon approval to move Jim Herbert's Retirement Presentation to the May 17, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting and to switch the order of Report #1 – Public Hearing of I-728 and Report #3 – Meadow Brook Principal Report. Mr. Giger motioned to approve the Amended Consent Agenda; seconded by Dr. Ketting-Weller; and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Included:

- APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA
- APPROVAL OF 3/15/07 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
- AMENDMENT OF 11/04/04 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
- AMENDMENT OF 06/15/06 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS – General Fund, Voucher No. 659 through No. 796 in the amount of \$463,507.98; Associated Student Body Fund, Voucher No. 22 through No. 24 in the amount of \$712.37; and preliminary payroll in the amount of \$530,642.40

• **Personnel:**

Supplemental Contracts:

Curtis Sloan, Assistant Track Coach

Resignations:

Jeff Klundt, Transportation Maintenance Supervisor

• **APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS:**

Special Education - State	Title I	Title V
Bilingual	Title II	IDEA Handicapped - Fed
Highly Capable	Title III	Impact Aid
I 728	Title IV	Gear Up
Learning Assistance - LAP	WIAA	Migrant – regular & summer

INTRODUCTIONS &/or INFORMATION

- **Next Regular Meeting** – Mrs. Hill announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be Thursday, May 17, 2007 @ 7:00 PM in the Meadow Brook School Library.

- **Board Workshop** – Scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Meadow Brook School Library to review Superintendent Payne’s recommendation to the Board of program plans for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

REPORTS

- **Meadow Brook Principal Report** – Principal Jeff Peterson introduced Extended Day teacher/coordinator, January Pietila. Extended Day was offered as a special opportunity to help students who needed more practice and targeted instruction to achieve success in reading and math. Mrs. Pietila, Mr. Peterson, and Meadow Brook Students Brandon and Taylor shared the success of the Extended Day Program. Mrs. Hill inquired about the possibility of funding this program with grants and Mrs. Pietila is going to research this option.
- **Gear-Up** has been extended for one more year for 7-8th graders, reported by Coordinator Dan See.
- **PTA** – No Report Provided.
- **Public Hearing – Initiative 728**
 - **Mrs. Hill opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM**
 - Superintendent Payne provided a review of how the funds were used for the 2006-2007 school year.
 - Ted Knauft, College Place Resident – Asked if the I-728 program funding will increase. Superintendent Payne replied, “It is expected yes, however we are waiting for legislature to have funding numbers – based upon FTE - determined by the early part of May, 2007.”
 - Dan See, College Place Resident – Asked if the 2006–2007 I-728 “class size reduction amount of \$218,432.00 included benefits. Superintendent Payne stated, “Yes, it’s all inclusive.”
 - Karen Griggs, College Place Resident – Expressed the need for smaller classroom sizes.
 - Philip Starr, College Place Resident – Stated that he supports smaller classroom sizes and is very interested in keeping the Davis Pre-School Program.
 - Julie Fitzgerald, College Place Resident – Supports the Davis Pre-School Program focusing on the early development of children; her son in the Spec. Ed. Pre-School Program and he benefits from his daily interaction with the pre-school students.
 - Mike Agidias, College Place Resident – Praised the CPPS teachers; Expressed concerns about the 5th grade classrooms having 35 students and would like to see class sizes reduced.
 - Lisa Strober, College Place Resident – Supports the Davis Pre-School Program.
 - Carla Houchin, College Place Resident – Supports the Davis Preschool Program and as a Kindergarten Teacher of over 30 years, she can professionally see the growth in those transitioning from the pre-school into Kindergarten.
 - Ted Knauft, College Place Resident – Asked the questions/statement: “Are we having to make a decision between pre-school vs. lower class sizes? Can we serve both things? We need to do justice to both.”
 - Patti Smith, College Place Resident – Supports lower class sizes; her 5th grade daughter has 32 students and she feels lost in the shuffle.
 - Renae Davis, College Place Resident – As a concerned teacher and parent, she urged the Board to read her submitted letter and reduce classroom sizes.
 - Cherri Christianson, College Place Resident – Supports Davis Pre-School Program, recommending offering the program with a payment/fee.
 - Virginia Agidias, College Place Resident –As a Milton Freewater Teacher, she recommends a stipend for payment of Pre-school and stated that lower class sizes produces a higher product; more children, more behavior problems.
 - **Mrs. Hill closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM.**

- **Land Update Report** – Superintendent Payne addressed the newspaper notices/advertisements and the one response received by three land owners working collectively. Mr. Payne will be meeting with these land owners on Friday, April, 20, 2007 and will provide a report at the May 17, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting.

COMMENTS &/or SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Mr. Ted Knauff asked if there would be dialogue and action at the April 25, 2007 Board Workshop. Superintendent Payne expressed his supportive feeling to open dialogue between the Board and the public and his strong desire for a Board decision/action in order to meet legal obligations.
- Mrs. Gail See asked if action should wait until the legislature makes an I-728 funding decision. Superintendent Payne explained the May 1st and 15th, 2007 deadline for teacher contract and his support to allow 7-8 business days for employees to look at their contracts.

ACTION ITEMS

- **District Technology Report** – Special Program Coordinator Carol Garbe and her Technology Team, consisting of Ryan Lackey, Jeremy Lasater, Travis Stapleton, and Marne Thorson provided a review of the 2007 – 2010 Technology Report. The School District recently purchased web-based Accelerated Reader and reported that all school data is digitally based.
- Comment ensued.
- Superintendent Payne asked for the Boards support and approval on this plan.
- Dr. Ketting-Weller stated the plan needs to be a more systematically funded in the future.
- Mr. Giger motioned to approve the Technology Report; seconded by Dr. Ketting-Weller; and the motion passed unanimously.
- **School Calendar Approval** – Superintendent Tim Payne reviewed the calendar changes with the addition of May 9th, as well as the Meadow Brook and Sager mid term and quarter, and concluded by stating the Walla Walla Valley Education Association has reviewed the calendar.
- Mr. Giger motioned to approve the 2007 – 2008 School Calendar; seconded by Dr. Ketting-Weller; and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Policies** – Recorder Alison Swanson reported on public viewing and questions, to which Superintendent Payne clarified that all Board Policies are on the CPPS web site and our Administration Team will be responsible for talking with staff about the policies.
 1. **Board Policy # 4040: Public Access to District Records** - Mr. Giger motioned to approve the revisions; seconded by Dr. Ketting-Weller; and the motion passed unanimously.
 2. **Board Policy and Procedure # 4130: Parental Involvement** – Dr. Ketting-Weller motioned to approve the new policy; seconded by Mr. Giger; and the motion passed unanimously.
 3. **Board Policy # 6700: Wellness** - Mr. Giger motioned to approve the revisions; seconded by Dr. Ketting-Weller; and the motion passed unanimously.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- No suggestions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. GIGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; DR. KETTING-WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION; PASSING UNANIMOUSLY, MRS. HILL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:03PM.

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board