

**College Place Public Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
7:00 PM, Meadow Brook School Library
Tuesday, November 14, 2006**



MINUTES for Tuesday, November 14, 2006

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

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Superintendent Tim Payne, Business Manager Shanda Zessin, Alison Swanson as Recorder, Principal Chris Drabek, Special Programs Coordinator Carol Garbe, and several audience members

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hartwig called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- **CONSENT AGENDA** –Mr. Hartwig requested that the Consent Agenda be approved; Mr. Giger motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Hill; and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Included:

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- APPROVAL OF 10/19/06 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE BILLS & PAYROLL AS FOLLOWS – General Fund, Voucher No. 181 through No. 288 in the amount of \$345,178.28; Associated Student Body Fund, Voucher No. 8 through No. 8 in the amount of \$155.00; and preliminary payroll in the amount of \$504,936.05

• **Personnel:**

Extra Curricular Hires:

Corey Davis, Meadow Brook – 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Curtis Sloan, Meadow Brook – 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Mike Collins, Sager – Boys Basketball Coach – A Team
Mark Ferraro, Sager – Boys Basketball Coach – B Team

INTRODUCTIONS &/or INFORMATION

- **Next Regular Meeting** –Mr. Hartwig announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be Thursday, December 21, 2006 @ 7:00 PM in the Meadow Brook School Library.
- **Transportation 2006-2007 Current Bus Schedules** – 2006-07 bus schedules were reviewed by the board. Mr. Payne explained that these schedules are reported annually by Jeff Klundt, Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor.

REPORTS

- **PTA Report**– President Karen Miles reported that our local PTA is in the process of switching from a 501 C-4 tax to a 501 C-3 tax, therefore businesses and PTA memberships can deduct donations for tax purposes. Mrs. Miles also reported a new Cookie Dough delivery date as Tuesday, November 21st and reported a \$12,000 net on the sale. Sager School’s fund raiser will take place in February or March and the PTA is searching for a different company for fund raising.
- **Principal Report** – None
- **Review Affirmative Action Plan** – Chairman Hartwig stated his dislike of Affirmative Action and that the District should and will hire the most qualified individual. No further comments were made.

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COMMENTS &/or SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Mr. Knuaft, a Sager School Teacher, asked for a report on the Joint School Board Meeting with Walla Walla on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

Mr. Hartwig replied, stating that common school issues were discussed, including bonds, high school, and impact fee issues. The Walla Walla and College Place Schools Board of Directors felt positively about the meeting and are planning on meeting twice annually with joint facility tours to show support for both districts.

- Mr. Knuaft asked about results and opinions of the last School Board Meeting – Chairman Hartwig stated that he would address those issues under the “Action Items” of the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Location of Regular Board Meetings** – Mr. Hartwig stated that under Board Policy # 1400...All regular meetings of the Board shall be held within the district boundaries...recommending all future meetings of the School Board take place at the Meadow Brook School Library. Mr. Hartwig also noted within the same policy, it is written that meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of every month; this will be amended in a future meeting to state meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Mr. Hartwig requested that the location of regular Board meetings at Meadow Brook Library be approved; Mrs. Ketting-Weller made a motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Hill ; and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Bond**– Board Members were asked to share the opinions received from staff and community members about the approved Facility Improvement Concept. Mr. Hartwig Paul had not received comments - his only discussion has been with Mr. Payne. Mrs. Hill had inquires about what College Place Public Schools is doing and stated the community members felt positive about consolidation. Mr. Davin reserved his comment. Dr. Ketting-Weller stated her opinion to run a single bond facility relocation – one campus hosting all College Place School students - and not include purchasing additional land, therefore the bond is more likely to be successful.

Teacher/Staff Comments – Superintendent Tim Payne provided feedback from his meetings with teachers/staff from all three schools, where he collected input of the site plans and building designs.

The Board of Directors decided **not to include purchasing land** for future growth; running the bond as a single issue to relocate/rebuild the campus onto one site.

Special Meeting(s) – Mr. Hartwig suggested hosting a special Board Meeting in one week to see when Walla Walla Public Schools is running their bond for Edison Elementary School. Mr. Hartwig asked the audience for comments. Mr. Ted Knuaft expressed reservations about the teacher/staff overall lack of moral - a lack of a driving force among staff. Chairman Hartwig announced the mini ED Spec Meeting to be held at Davis Elementary on 11/20/06 @ 3:30 PM and gave an open invitation for all to attend.

Project Cost - Mr. Hartwig stated that our expected bond tax increases are below what voters have paid for in the past. Mr. Davin expressed his opinion that a \$2.35 vs. \$2.62 shouldn't impact the voters; rather it's the idea/concept and what is presented to the community. Mr. Giger stated that it's the Board's responsibility to represent all community members (family / retired).

The Board of Directors agreed with **front-funding the bond project** without a commitment on state match - which means the district will obtain the entire project cost up-front in the form of a bond, thus allowing the district to more effectively control outcomes and deliver the stated project.

Project Date - The Board of Directors discussed a bond date for 2007 of either February or March. It was noted that running the bond with Walla Walla School District could save approx. \$10,000 in election costs.

Concept Drawing Process - The district wide staff will participate in a mini Ed Spec meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006 beginning at 3:30 PM at the Davis School Library to discuss the new educational spaces. The concepts formulated from the mini Ed Spec meeting will be presented to the School Board for their review. Then the Concept Drawing will be presented to the public.

Bond Co-Chair & Campaign Volunteers – College Place Public Schools is looking for Bond Co-Chair, working with Mrs. Marcie Knauft. Mr. Payne is going to e-mail/ask for volunteers to assist and PTA President Karen Miles will ask her network as well.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Mr. Knauft suggested that the Board meetings rotate monthly from school to school in hopes of a higher teacher/staff attendance and participation.

ADJOURNMENT

MRS. HILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; MR. GIGER SECONDED THE MOTION; PASSING UNANIMOUSLY, MR. HARTWIG ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:22 PM.

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board