

MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
North Beach Junior/Senior High School
September 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Doreen Cato called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members in attendance were Doreen Cato, Rachel Carl, and Linda Poplin.

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Deborah Holcomb, Superintendent; Lynette Reime, Principal; Rhonda Ham, Principal; Lynn Buedefeldt, Principal; Wendy McCoy, Assistant Principal/Learning & Assessment Coordinator; Shelese McConnell, Business Manager; and Patrice Timpson, Administrative Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

On a motion by Rachel Carl and seconded by Linda Poplin, the Board moved the Audience Comments section to the beginning of the Agenda; all were in favor.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Prior to audience members speaking, Dr. Cato addressed why Rhonda Ham's resignation letter is not on the Agenda. She commented that since two of the board members were not present, she didn't feel comfortable with an action being taken on the resignation at this time. Her resignation will be on the next Agenda.

Rose Stidham – Spoke on the Enrichment Program she facilitates at Ocean Shores Elementary and gave support for Rhonda Ham.

Russ Skolrood – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Louise McCutcheon – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Steve Rocky – Spoke on class sizes.

Christy Moore – Read a letter of support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary, from the North Beach Education Association (NBEA).

Francelle Jordan – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Joann Sutter – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Jennifer Warren – Fundraisers for sports and money not being allocated correctly.

Mike Weidman – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary and concern over the amount of people leaving the district.

Shannon Rubin – Spoke on the changes of staff in the district and how it effects the students.

Jessica Holt – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Richard Villar – Spoke on the direction that the district is going.

Ken Ham – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Sarah White – Support for Rhonda Ham, Principal at Ocean Shoes Elementary and how changes of staff effect students.

After the audience members spoke, Dr. Cato said that the Board will review the comments and letters of support that were received. There will be a decision made at the next meeting.

PRINCIPAL/STAFF REPORT

Principal Rhonda Ham reported:

Resignation – She thanked everyone for their support and stated that her decision was not an easy one. Ms. Ham asked that we continue to support the district and do what is needed to make this work for our students.

Start of the Year – There was an amazing turnout for Open House. Ms. Ham thanked PIE (Parents in Education) for providing the shirts that were tie-dyed. PIE also sold Emergency Kits for families, which they sold out of.

Ocean Shores IGA – This year, as in past years, the IGA put out bags of back-to-school supplies for purchase. All the bags sold out and were sent over to the school for students.

Music Program – We are excited to have Emma Eliason as the new Music Teacher. It is fun to watch her enthusiasm, she is a go-getter.

Class Sizes – Classrooms are full. We are working on ways to manage the classes that have overages. Ms. Ham has been helping the staff through this adjustment period.

Testing – Today we started iReady testing. This is a growth measure and diagnostic assessment.

Principal Lynette Reime reported:

Open House – Open House was a success. The Parent Group bought a Falcon t-shirt for each student.

STEM Camp – Timberland Library hosted a week long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Camp. During the camp students had hands-on, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership skills through fun and engaging activities. One of the activities involved students being able to talk to and ask questions of scientists on the Nautilus.

Fruit and Vegetable Program – The district received a grant that provides participating elementary schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. The program's main goal is to combat childhood obesity by helping students learn more about healthful eating habits. The students are taking advantage of this program and nothing is left over.

Preschool – We are looking at October 12th as the first day for the preschool program. Principal Reime thanked Stan Sturgeon for all he has done getting the facilities ready.

Principal Lynn Buedefeldt and Vice-Principal Wendy McCoy reported:

First Day of School – On the opening day of school we held a school-wide assembly that presented expectations of students, introduction of staff, football players and cheerleaders. Later that day teachers presented and went through common area lessons plans with students.

Professional Development – We have agreed across the district that the focus for professional development will be Vocabulary. Alison Cline and Wendy McCoy attended training on this subject recently.

Open House – New this year will be an Open House on the night of Homecoming. We will invite the community and staff to hear about programs and curriculum. That night will also include a progressive dinner.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Rachel Carl and seconded by Linda Poplin, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items; all were in favor:

The Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were pulled for approval at the next meeting.

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing office, as required by RCW 42.24.808, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.909, were approved for payment.

General Fund Voucher No.'s 573960-574053 dated September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$185,352.26 and No. 574063 dated September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$216.16.

Associated Student Body Fund Voucher No.'s 574054-574061 dated September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$3,232.56.

Compensation Tax Fund Voucher No. 574062 dated September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$612.42.

Payroll Warrant No.'s 573927-573957 dated August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$532,256.61.

The retirement of Patti Leslie as Finance Assistant/Student Records Coordinator.

The approval of the hire of Laken Church as Secretary at North Beach Junior/Senior High School; Chris Ferguson as Head Senior High Wrestling Coach; Alex McAra as Assistant Junior High Football Coach; and Tim Poplin as Assistant Senior High Football Coach.

BUDGET STATUS

Business Manager Shelese McConnell reported the following as of the end of August.

General Fund Balance	\$1,402,669
Total Revenue Received	\$634,256
Total Expenditures	\$628,959
Apportionment Dollars Received	\$619,738
Local Property Taxes Received	\$7,283
General Fund Investment Earnings	\$602

BOARD REPORT

Board Operating Principals – *On a motion by Linda Poplin and seconded by Rachel Carl, the Board approved the Board Operating Principals; all were in favor.*

Policy 1400 – Meetings – *On a motion by Rachel Carl and seconded by Doreen Cato, the Board approved Policy 1400 – Meetings; all were in favor.*

Legislative Update – Doreen Cato will be attending the Legislative Assembly, which will focus on education funding.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deborah Holcomb reported:

Pacific Beach Preschool – Due to asbestos abatement, plumbing issues and licensing we have had to delay the opening of the preschool. We finally have landed on a start date of October 12th. We are planning on having an Open House on Wednesday, October 11th.

Enrollment – Currently our enrollment is up 37.15 FTE. We are aware that there are some overages in classrooms. Four (4) hours of additional paraeducator support has been allocated for each building to help with this. In October decisions will be made regarding staffing. Discussion on split classes was conducted.

Linda Poplin and Doreen Cato discussed the possibility of an orientation/meeting with parents to help them understand what it means if their student is in a split class.

McCleary Update – This is not the fix that everyone hoped for. Now districts can only run enrichment levies. Dr. Cato expressed her concern about inequities between rural and urban communities, which she will bring up at the Legislative Assembly.

ASB – Wrestling Donations Update – Superintendent Holcomb presented a list of all the donations received for wrestling. All the deposits have been verified, the money did go into the wrestling account. The Associated Student Body (ASB) Fund is strictly a building and student account. Discussion was conducted on the co-mingling of accounts. ASB funds cannot be deposited into the General Fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2017-2018 School Year Calendar – Revision – Superintendent Holcomb worked with NBEA to adjust the calendar so we can still have the BNB Camps in the spring. *On a motion by Rachel Carl and seconded by Linda Poplin, the Board approved the Revised 2017-2018 School Year Calendar; all were in favor.*

NEW BUSINESS

Highly Capable Program Approval – Debra Hughes, Assistant Special Services Director, discussed the Districtwide Highly Capable Program.

Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance – Superintendent Holcomb reported to the Board that the Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance Report has been filed and that we are in compliance with instructional hour offerings.

First Reading – Policy 2337 – Disability History Month (New) – Disability History Month is a required observance month. This policy suggests types of activities that will be most beneficial to students.

First Read – Policy 3122 & 3122P – Excused and Unexcused Absences (Revision) – This revision complies with new laws modifying the steps that schools and school districts must take when enrolled public school students between the ages of 8 and 17 years have unexcused absences. These modifications include revisions to school truancy process, Community Truancy Boards, and court processes.

Resolution 18-01 – Request for Apportionment Redirection – Superintendent Holcomb requested this resolution be pulled until the next meeting, so that she can get some more questions answered.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Board Work Session on October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., Vice-President Cato called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. The session should last approximately thirty (30) minutes, with no actions to follow.

At 8:05 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session.

At 8:55 p.m., the Board reconvened into Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Chairperson of the Board

Attested to:

Secretary to the Board

(Minutes prepared by Patrice Timpson)