

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

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- Board Members Present: John Hoctor, Carl Conroy, John Miller, Deborah Heart, Virginia Amidon and Mark Heid, Superintendent.
- Others Present: Jarrod Swearingen.
- Worksession Discussion: Mr. Swearingen spoke with the Board regarding the lack of handicap accessibility to our buildings and grounds. Mr. Heid will review these concerns with the maintenance supervisor and research costs for improvements.
- Mr. Heid presented information on the Maintenance and Operations Levy flier for the Board to review. He shared the community meeting schedule and invited Board members to attend when he speaks with each group. The next Levy Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Klickitat County Parks & Recreation Pool meeting room. Mr. Heid will obtain a list of email addresses for our legislative representatives.
- Mr. Heid announced that next school year the district must increase classroom time for grades 7-12 from 1000 hours to 1080 hours. Grade levels in K-6 are unaffected by this new law however, it would be best to also increase these grades by the same additional 80 hours of classroom time with the costs to be funded by the local district.
- Discussion was held about the possibility of hiring a professional evaluator to conduct teacher evaluations. The time constraints are unmanageable for our administrators to handle the new evaluation system requirements. Mr. Heid noted that the union association would need to also approve this idea if implemented.
- Discussion was held regarding the traffic flow problems on Schuster Street during the beginning and end of the primary school day. Mr. Heid will talk with the City of Goldendale to see what ideas they may be able to assist with. At the next Goldendale Way Community Meeting, this topic can be discussed as well.
- Mr. Miller noted that local police officers were guest speakers at a recent Kiwanis meeting. Mr. Miller noted that the possibility of adding an enclosed breezeway between the main high school building and the vocational building would make the buildings more secure. The police officers noted that heroin is now the main drug problem in our community rather than meth.
- Discussion was held regarding improvements to early childhood learning. Mr. Heid will visit with management at the pre-school facilities, the Learning Ladder and Head Start to see what programs are now in place and how we might improve programs.
- Discussion was held about graduation rates and poverty test data posted on the OSPI website. Mr. Heid will have the high school staff review to make certain the data is correct.
- The Board requested new sample forms to conduct the evaluation of the Superintendent. Mr. Heid will gather these samples and deliver to the Board along with a copy of his current contract.
- Adjournment: There being no further discussion, Mr. Hoctor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary