

**GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404**  
**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2014**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

**Board Members Present:** John Hctor, Carl Conroy, Deborah Heart, Virginia Amidon, John Miller and Mark Heid, Superintendent.

**Others Present:** Kay Hill, Lori Hackbarth, Tamara Johnson, Barb Stout, Clay Henry, Dave Barta, Ellie Thomas and Lance Den Boer.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Conroy, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed guests and led the flag salute.

**Presentation:** Ellie Thomas, Title I Director provided information on the Title I Program budget for 2013-2014. She noted that the total budget is \$436,546 with \$30,547 as carryover from previous year. Expenditures include \$323,541 for Salaries, Benefits and Professional Development, \$43,750 for Supplies & Instruction Resources, \$29,820 for Purchased Services, and \$8,887 for Travel & Indirect Costs. Evaluation tools used for Title I are DIBELS, MAP, MSP, EOC, AND HSPE.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Conroy announced that an Executive Session would convene at 7:08 p.m. for approximately ten minutes to discuss personnel. The Executive Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. and returned to an open public meeting.

**Agenda Changes:** Mr. Conroy announced one agenda addition, Item I-5, Out of State Travel Requests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes of January 21 and February 3, 2014 as presented. Mrs. Amidon seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Hill reported on the most recent financial report as follows:

General Fund balance is \$637,309.68  
Capital Projects Fund balance is \$344,421.73  
Debt Service Fund balance is \$35,131.76  
ASB Fund balance is \$190,717.69  
Transportation Vehicle Fund balance is \$87,078.02  
Knosher Scholarship Fund balance is \$30,181.13  
Johnson Scholarship Fund balance is \$51,377.41

**Payroll:** Payroll for January 2014 was \$676,871.27. Warrant No's. were 97261-97306.

**Payment of Bills:** Mr. Miller moved to pay the January 2014 General Fund bill for \$479.32 (Warrant No. 97260) and the February 2014 General Fund bills for \$131,506.05 (Warrant No. 97307-97398), and all February 2014 ASB bills for \$13,536.32 (Warrant No. 9129-9148). Mrs. Amidon seconded. Motion carried.

**Information:** None.

**Principal Reports:** Mr. Henry, Principal at Goldendale High School reported that the high school will combine Classified School Employees Appreciation Week and Teacher Appreciation Week into one celebration in April of each year; student testing begins next month and the high school had one student that went to All State Band, Tyson Batte.

Mr. Den Boer, Activities Director/Vice-Principal at Goldendale High School announced that four wrestlers will compete at the state tournament and four alternate wrestlers will also attend. He

noted that spring sports will begin March 3<sup>rd</sup> and all schedules are nearly complete. The tennis court and the track are currently scheduled for minor repairs. A basketball game is scheduled that will pit alumni teams against the current boys and girls basketball teams on Thursday, February 21, 2014 beginning at 5:30 p.m.; the senior athletes will be recognized at this event and admission is free.

Mr. Barta, Principal at Goldendale Middle School reported that he will apply once more for a county grant for assistance in helping At-Risk students; additional assistance via an online program is being used to help 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that are currently struggling with grades. The Apple I-pads are a very effective tool in working with at-risk students too. Mr. Barta noted that the middle school PTA is very supportive and this group does so much to benefit the middle school students.

**Board Comments:**

Mr. Miller reported on the success of a graduate of Goldendale High School (GHS) who is now studying Astrophysics at Washington State University; Shelby Taylor transferred to GHS with a low grade point average but became a successful high school student who continued on to college and has now become a member of a cancer research team at WSU and plans to become a college professor. Mrs. Amidon reported that she has heard from many parents who enjoy the primary school news network. Ms. Heart noted that the low-frequency radio station has been approved for our community and it must be used for education purposes; she would like to see students become involved in this project once it is set up.

**WSSDA/Leg. Report:**

Ms. Heart reported that she recently chaperoned an educational trip to the Legislature with four students to participate in a program called Know Your Government; she felt the students strengthened their knowledge about our government through this experience.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Heid reported that enrollment is currently at 938 fte and our current budget is based on 900 fte. He noted that the levy passed in the recent election at 57% indicating a continuing support of our schools which is much appreciated. In recent Legislative action, there was a bill passed to assist students who are illegal citizens obtain financial aid to go to college. Classified School Employees Appreciation Week is March 10-14, 2014 and each school will conduct a variety of activities to show their appreciation for our staff. The high school Drama Club will provide a spring play at the grange hall with proceeds going to the Grange Hall to assist with a new flooring project. The spring music program schedule was reviewed.

Mr. Heid review aspects of a recent bid for a new school bus. Clay West, Transportation Director has recommended that the Blue Bird school bus be purchased even though its cost is a little higher than the Thomas brand. Our current bus fleet are Blue Birds so it is beneficial to purchase the same brand for maintenance purposes, parts replacement, etc. and the Blue Bird bus bid is one year newer than the Thomas brand. This new bus will be purchased with a wheelchair lift. The bus should arrive by August for use in the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Heid noted that he will be out of district four days in late March. He also noted that he will send out athletic budget information for the Board to review.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Resignations:**

Ms. Heart moved to accept the resignations of Shirley Espey-Payroll Officer, Brenda Pegram-PS Building Cook, Lance Den Boer-HS Head Boys Basketball Coach and Jennifer Smith-MS Assistant Track Coach. Mrs. Amidon seconded. Motion Carried.

**Leave of Absence:**

Ms. Heart moved to approve the two-month Leave of Absence request from Donna Abel-School Bus Driver. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

**Hiring:**

Mr. Miller moved to approve the hiring of Jacquelyn Dumolt-HS Building Cook, Channon Bighorn-HS Head Tennis Coach, James McAndie-HS Assistant Tennis Coach and Jeremy Miller-HS Assistant Softball Coach. Mr. Hoctor seconded. Motion carried.

Surplus Property: Mr. Conroy moved to approve Resolution 13-14-05, Disposal of Surplus Property if there are no objections. There being no objections, motion carried.

Out of State Travel: Mr. Miller moved to approve the out of state travel requests from Goldendale High School and Goldendale Primary School as presented. Ms. Heart seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:** Time Change: March 3, 2014-Monday, Board Worksession at 6:00 p.m.-District Office.  
Date Change: March 25, 2014-Tuesday, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.-GPS Library

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Conroy announced that there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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Recording Secretary