

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
APRIL 7, 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: Kay Hill, Business Manager.

Worksession Discussion: Discussion was held regarding the budget for 2014-2015. Since enrollment has been declining each year, Mr. Heid suggested that next year's budget be prepared using an estimated enrollment total between 870-875 total students.

The Board received a request from the NEWS organization asking for additional funding support to continue its efforts for full implementation of the McCleary Case decision from the Washington State Supreme Court. After discussion, a letter of support will be prepared rather than any financial contribution.

Discussion was held about the procedure that allows low-income high school students to participate in community service or school work in lieu of paying the fee for an ASB card. Mr. Heid will research how the hours worked are tracked and if a student would be required to have a state-issued work permit for this purpose.

Since the former school attorney has retired, Mr. Heid suggested the school district contract with Jeanie Tolcacher for any legal services needed.

There was discussion about pre-kindergarten readiness programs. Mr. Heid recommended that the district begin parent/child education workshops next fall for Pre-K families at the primary school.

Discussion was held regarding the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 drafted school calendars. The Board preferred changing some of the vacation and snow make-up days and will consider adoption at the next regular board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding coaching personnel. Mr. Heid will email the Board when decisions are finalized regarding changes to coach personnel.

Board members requested that the parent bulletins from the schools be sent to them.

Discussion was held regarding areas of the track that need attention by the maintenance department. The stadium bleacher space should also be reviewed for proper building code requirements.

The evaluation of the Superintendent was finalized.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, Mr. Conroy adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary