

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

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- Board Members Present: John Hctor, Deborah Heart, Virginia Amidon, Alex Gorrod, Beth Schroder and Mark Heid, Superintendent.
- Others Present: John Westerman-HS Principal, Angie Hedges-HS Vice-Principal, Dave Barta-MS Principal, Chip Ferrell-PS Principal, Lori Hackbarth, Executive Assistant and Steven Randall-Maintenance Supervisor.
- Facility Tour: Board members and Mark Heid were provided a tour of the facilities by Steven Randall, Maintenance Supervisor. They viewed the summer maintenance projects and repairs.
- Worksession Discussion: The school administrators review the state assessment results with the Board members. Mr. Barta noted that 1.4% of the score equates to 1 student, new students to our school system have a significant impact on assessment results, staff will focus on differentiation (different methods to reach the student need), interim assessments will take place and students with learning disabilities will be reviewed for accommodations.
- Ms. Hedges shared information on all grades 3 through 11. She noted that the SBA scores do not become baseline until the 2016-2017 school year. 11% of students passed on their second or third time taking the assessment in the 11th grade which changes the state Report Card results. State tests do not currently count as a requirement to graduate so the percentage of non-participation continues to be problematic.
- Mr. Westerman noted that Ms. Hedges continues to be a valuable resource as the district Assessment Coordinator. He reported that the 10th and 11th grade tests are still new assessments and there is still a 2% gap between state and district scores. Having new math teachers this year is an opportunity to improve math scores. The higher level English teacher has returned and this should help to improve reading scores. The biology teachers have focused on vocabulary in past years but there is a focus to align the vo-agriculture plant biology to help improve assessment results. In the comparative data, our school district is in the middle of other league schools.
- Ms. Hedges noted that our graduation is up to 84.8% and our absences percentage went down for 2015-2016. Mr. Barta noted that the middle school is up by 35 new students; the high school is up by 40 new students.
- Mr. Ferrell reported on assessment results for the primary school. He noted that there is a new Wonder Reading Curriculum that was researched by staff and this should improve reading assessment results. The ELA Team will attend the Reading Summit and set goals, teachers will use planning time to address assessment improvement plans, and Carren Tallman is the Math Chair and Kylee Barnes is the Reading Chair for the primary school.
- Board members discussed a correspondence letter; they determined that an apology via the radio was in order.
- Mr. Heid reported that a training will be presented by Clear Risk Solutions for the administrative team where they will learn about investigating complaints. Discussion was held regarding a partnership with local police to be present in our schools to engage with students; Mr. Heid with check again the city police and the county sheriff's office. Mr. Heid noted that our suspension rate is lower now due to the addition of the in-school academy. Mrs. Schroder shared a few athletic related issues she had encountered that Mr. Heid will follow up on.

Mr. Heid reported that a .5fte History teacher has been added at the high school and Chris Hill will now serve as the District Activities Director and middle school Dean of Students this year. Mr. Gorrod is the WIAA Athletic League Representative for the Board of Directors; Mr. Heid will research why he has not been receiving the email documents. There was discussion about the format of the WIAA State Basketball Tournament; it changed from a sixteen team format down to an eight team format for fiscal reasons.

The Board discussed the social media pages; it was determined that all sites will be a public forum for activities. Mr. Heid noted that a training was held in August for all coaching staff members and volunteers.

Mr. Heid will check into the high school drama club to make sure a play will be provided this year.

The Board determined that one additional worksession was needed this month. It will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the open work session ended at 8:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary