

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – 6:30 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: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant, John Westerman-Principal of Goldendale High School and Dave Barta-Principal of Goldendale Middle School.
- Worksession Discussion: Mr. Westerman reviewed ideas for changes to the high school graduation ceremony. Adding a separate ceremony to award scholarships and to involve representatives of the scholarship providers was discussed. It was suggested to gather more community input. Mr. Westerman also noted that the policy and procedure for Graduation Requirements will be presented for adoption with necessary revisions soon.
- Mr. Barta shared information on the middle school course for Washington State History. The class is taught by a teacher that is certified to teach history through the 12th grade and the rigor is the same as a high school course. He suggested that students who pass the middle school course be allowed a high school credit, if the student and/or parent asks for the credit. The process will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.
- Mr. Heid reported that the school district’s insurer has analyzed the parking lots of our primary and middle school to see if there are any practices we could add for safety purposes. There were suggestions made that will be implemented but no major restructuring of the student drop off/pickup up procedures was recommended.
- Mr. Heid shared that the district will receive its five-year audit from OSPI called the Consolidated Program Review (CPR). This audit requires the collection of evidence in sixteen different program areas that receive state and/or federal funding. It is to ensure that all requirements set forth by state and federal agencies for these funds are being met. The CPR is in addition to the annual audit conducted by the State of Washington Auditors Office and other program audits operated throughout the school year. This particular audit will require an additional burden of staff time and expense.
- The Board members and Mr. Heid held their book study.
- Mr. Heid reminded that the WSSDA Annual Conference will be November 16-19,2016 in Spokane and all Board members will be attending. Other topics included information on student matters, personnel, school lunch issues and a presentation on student discipline processes will be scheduled for a future worksession.
- Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the open work session ended at 9:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary