

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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- Board Members Present: John Hoctor, 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 and Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant.
- Worksession Discussion:
- Mr. Westerman shared information on the discipline procedures for student infractions. There is an Extra Curricular Code of Conduct contract that all students and parents sign in order to participate in activities. Also, there are rules from the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) that students and schools must follow. When a student commits an infraction, there is a level of ineligibility assessed where a student is not allowed to participate in their activities. There are varied levels of penalties for the first and further infractions. Mr. Barta noted that the middle school experiences more discipline issues at the 5th and 6th grade level vs. the 7th/8th grades. Ms. Hedges noted that the high school students have learned that less disciplinary actions mean less academy time so they do respond to consistent discipline. Mr. Ferrell noted that there is a real need for mental health resources in our community beginning at the primary school age student.
- Mr. Westerman shared information regarding possible addition of a CTE Engineering class next year that will also transcript as an Algebra I credit.
- Personnel changes for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year was reviewed. There is a possibility of adding college courses at the high school next year. Two teachers at the high school have a Plan of Professional Learning to obtain endorsements in courses they are teaching; this will require approval from the school board. Interviews for the business manager position will be held on March 8, 2017; Mr. Hoctor and Ms. Heart will participate in those interviews.
- Mr. Gorrod indicated he has finished his review of policy series 0000; Ms. Heart is still working on this project. Mr. Heid noted that the candidate filing week at the Klickitat County Elections Office is May 15-19, 2017 for those wishing to file for an open school board position.
- Mr. Heid shared information about the possibility of a new vineyard to be developed within the boundaries of our school district over the next few years. If this does happen, it could have a major impact on our student enrollment, possibly up to 400 more students. Mr. Heid also shared that an August 21, 2017 community event is being organized by the Chamber of Commerce to observe the solar eclipse; the Chamber may utilize our school facilities to aid in the influx of visitors to Goldendale.
- Mr. Heid shared legislative information on a proposed budget from the Governor's office. There has been no levy cliff movement but if the levy percentage is reduced from 28% to 24%, that would require a budget reduction of \$500,000 to our district.
- A CTE Women in Welding event will be held on March 8th at 3:00 p.m. and an Agri-science Fair will be held on March 9th at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Heart will attend the Small Schools Conference and those that will attend the WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting on May 1st are Mr. Hoctor, Ms. Heart, Mr. Gorrod and Mr. Heid; Mrs. Schroder will check her schedule to see if she is available.
- The Board members completed their book study of "How Not to be a Horrible Board Member".
- Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary