

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404

BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES

May 8, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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- Board Members Present: John Hoctor, Deborah Heart, Alex Gorrod, Virginia Amidon, Beth Schroder and Mark Heid, Superintendent.
- Others Present: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant, Dave Barta-MS Principal, Chip Ferrell-PS Principal, Rachael Hurst-MS Teacher and Kristin Lummio-PS Teacher.
- Worksession Discussion: Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Lummio provided a presentation on the recommendation for Social Studies Curriculum adoption for grades 1-12. The curriculum committee met many times throughout this current school year to analyze a variety of options to provide the best curriculum recommendation. The curriculum selected by the team is provided by McGraw-Hill and it will align with state standards, support reading, support vocabulary, provide social studies terminology at the primary level, provide workbooks as well as the textbooks, and provide extra materials through the seven-year cycle. This curriculum will also provide online readers to aid with special needs. The Board will consider an adoption at the May regular business meeting.
- The Board members reviewed a listing of the bills passed by our Legislators this session.
- Mr. Heid explained that the general fund is at 1.1M and the district typically retains an 8% reserve fund which would be \$875,000. The cost to update the track will be approximately \$350,000 and another \$90,000 is needed to complete other summer projects.
- Mr. Heid shared that he and the high school principal and counselor met today with staff at Zillah High School to discuss their College in the High School (CIH) program; they provide 14 classes through Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University with 323 students participating. Mr. Heid would like to explore an expansion of CIH offerings at our high school. Patricia Randall, our new HS English Teacher already has a program set up through EWU to begin next year. There is a grant through OSPI to help provide partial funding for this program.
- Discussion was held on personnel changes for the next school year and student related matters. Any need to contact legal counsel will be shared with the board chair and the services of WSSDA and Clear Risk Solutions might be utilized first for legal advice. Each board member shared their delight about the success of the high school drama club play. Mr. Gorrod shared information on the amendments passed by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).
- Mr. Heid provided an update on the new greenhouse project that will be built on the middle school grounds. This is a grant and privately funded project. Mr. Heid also provided an update on athletic teams successes, he noted that the high school prom went well, the FFA Teams are headed to WSU for state competition and a local USA volleyball club made it to a national competition.
- Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary