

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404

BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES

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June 5, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: John Hactor, Deborah Heart, Alex Gorrod, Virginia Amidon, Beth Schroder and Mark Heid, Superintendent. Others Present: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant.

Worksession Discussion: Mr. Heid review the enrollment for the school year; we ended the year with 921.5 fte and 68 students above the budget. The Legislature is still in special session to discuss funding for next school year so that will impact how our district adopts the budget in July. Many ideas are still being suggested by the House, Senate and Governor but there is no final decision at this time.

Mr. Heid plans to attend a July conference on Time To Teach discipline prevention program.

Mr. Heid shared information on ideas for an alternative school (ALT). He and Mr. Westerman visited two other school districts to review their ALT and gather information. One program that has been effect for nineteen years and the students “earn” the privilege to gain access to the alternative school. A location to house the ALT was discussed for possibly adding this program in the 2018-2019 school year. Our current In-School Academy program has been successful but there is a need for a better space to house this program; possibilities were discussed. Also, a possibility of adding a pre-school to the district was discussed but more research would be needed; the community has two pre-schools currently.

Discussion was held on the four inservice days in August; several professional development programs were reviewed but the schedule is still tentative as this time. Planning will be done next week. Mr. Gorrod shared information from WIAA regarding an Oregon school joining the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

Mr. Heid noted that negotiations are currently underway for the Goldendale Activities Association that should be wrapped up soon. Athletic events in the league sometimes conflict with Wednesday evenings which the district likes to avoid but on some occasions, it cannot be helped due to other school’s schedules.

Mr. Heid reported on a meeting he had with all the current and past track coaches to gain their insights, ideas and advice on the best way to improve the track and field conditions. Rather than band aid the problem areas, they suggested improve the track in various phases as it can be afforded over the next few years. Mr. Heid indicated that the pits should be relocated, any holes in the field will be fixed, a drainage pipe installed and a spectator bleacher added for phase one. Future improvements ideas included adding track curbing, a multi-layered surface and possibly move the football goal posts. Mr. Gorrod suggested posting signage to let the public know what upgrades are being made.

Mr. Heid noted that the new greenhouse agreement has yet to be finalized and the tennis court repairs held up for this school year. He updated the Board members as staff changes.

Since July 3/4th is a holiday, the Board members suggested moving the next Worksession to July 5, 2017 at 6:30 a.m. at the District Office.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary