

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
July 5, 2017 – 6:30 a.m.

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Board Members Present: John Hctor, Alex Gorrod, Virginia Amidon, Beth Schroder and Mark Heid, Superintendent. Deborah Heart was absent. Others Present: Kay Hill-Business Manager, Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant and Dean Schlenker-incoming business manager.

Worksession Discussion: Mr. Heid shared a parent concern regarding the 8th Grade Promotion ceremony and how students not in good standing are not allowed to participate. Although the parent had been informed regarding the status of the student's failing grades, the letter was how the child felt by being left out of the promotion event. A suggestion to not hold a ceremony at all was provided. The Board of Directors would like to ensure the accountability procedure, that details the accountability actions subject to failing grades, be attached with any correspondence to parents and included in the student handbook, if not done so already. This accountability procedure is currently on the middle school website.

Mr. Heid reported that the superintendent of Roosevelt School District has notified him that they may send their 7-12 grade students to Bickleton schools next year instead of to Goldendale; he said the Bickleton School District would not charge Roosevelt School District for the Non-High student costs. There is approximately \$55,000 per year collected from Roosevelt to provide education and activity services to their resident students in grades 9-12; we do not charge Roosevelt School District for providing the education and activities for their 7th and 8th grade students. Mr. Heid will have a meeting later in July with the Roosevelt superintendent and report more later.

Mr. Heid reported that negotiations with the Goldendale Activities Association is ongoing and close to a final agreement. Once finalized, the agreement will be presented for board approval.

Discussion regarding personnel for next year took place. There may be an opportunity to create a teacher coach position to mentor new incoming teachers. This would be funded by a grant.

Mr. Heid noted that the Legislature completed a budget at the final hour of this last special session. There will be a new teacher salary schedule format beginning in SY 2018-2019 to aid in bringing up the beginning teacher wage. There will be a cap placed on the amount the local levy can be and what it can be used for. Mr. Heid shared that we may wish to go back to a two-year levy format since we may not know the exact effects of this funding decision. Regional pay for teachers continues to be an issue and there was no action regarding the requirement for one state employee health insurance plan.

Teacher inservice days are planned in August to include training on poverty and equity for all staff. An alternative school for students is still under research and if decided to move forward, the high school may be able to implement at mid-year. There was discussion regarding the possibility of a district pre-school; it may conflict with two other pre-schools in town. OSPI has dropped the high school Biology End of Course requirement.

Mrs. Hill noted that due to the lateness of Legislative actions, a budget will not be prepared in time for the July regular board meeting and asked that a special meeting be called to hear and adopt the budget for next year.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 7:33 a.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary