

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
August 7, 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 and Dean Schlenker-Business Manager.

Worksession Discussion: Mr. Heid shared information regarding the Goldendale Activities Association agreement that was recently negotiated. It will be presented for approval at the August school board meeting.

Mr. Heid and Mr. Schlenker reported on recent legislative actions that will affect funding for our school district. For the next levy request to our community, there will be a cap placed on local levies at \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation; our district may lose approximately \$600,000 in funding; then OSPI may return a portion of this funding for programs at their directive. Mr. Schlenker noted the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) funds will be increased for 1718 but must be used for new, specific programs as determined by OSPI. Also, the state salary schedule will go away and each district will be required to negotiate with the labor associations.

Mr. Heid noted that the Legislature approved a 2.3% salary increase for school employees for this year only, including his own contract; there is two years remaining on his contract with the Goldendale School District.

Discussion regarding administrator attendance at school board meetings was discussed. With so many evening activities they must attend, the administrative team would like to consider a different format to present school information to the Board of Directors. Ideas included coming to a worksession, submitting a written update to the board or one principal per month to attend board meetings.

The board members and superintendent completed the WSSDA School Board Self-Assessment recently. Mr. Heid suggested that each member select two or three topics that were considered “never” for discussion at the next worksession. There will be an opportunity to share ideas on how to improve these areas for the superintendent and the school board members.

Mr. Heid reported on the recent school board member election results with Mr. Hoctor garnering 54% of the vote and Mr. Wilder at 29%; both will appear on the November ballot. Mr. Hoctor noted that the Goldendale Sentinel held a candidate forum but only he attended in person and Mr. Kenny attended via telephone.

Mr. Heid shared information from Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the State’s Federal Education Plan and the 30-day comment period that will end on September 5. This comment period addresses program areas including Basic Programs, Education of Migratory Children, Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk, Supporting Effective Instruction, English Language Acquisition, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Rural and Low-Income School Programs, and Education for Homeless Children.

Mr. Heid provided an update on the track upgrades; there will be two drains installed this year; more upgrades will be completed as budget funds allow. The recently adopted 2017-2018 budget was discussed; ideas for better community involvement were shared. Enrollment is projected at 900fte students and even if the Roosevelt School District decides to send their 7-12 grade students to the Bickleton School District, our estimated enrollment will be accurate.

Mr. Heid noted that the buildings and staff are ready for the school year to begin. There will be four professional development days on August 21, 22, 28 and 29th that the board members are welcome to attend; a schedule will be mailed out soon. There will be a time for Mr. Heid and Mr. Schlenker to share the recent legislative action with all staff. Ms. Heart would like to invite our legislators to our school district.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary