

**GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.**

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Board Members Present: John Hoctor, Deborah Heart, Betty Richards, and Darren Hoffman and Ian Grabenhorst-Interim Superintendent. Beth Schroder was absent.

Others Present: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant, Dean Schlenker-Business Manager, John Westerman-HS Principal, Angie Hedges-HS Vice Principal/Assessment Director, Dave Barta-MS Principal, Chip Ferrell-PS Principal and Kay Schmidt.

Ms. Heart, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Worksession Discussion: Ms. Hedges provided information on the assessment results for school year 2017-2018. There was a review of what curriculum changes have occurred over the last several years and what effect that typically has on assessment tools. Mr. Ferrell noted that the recently adopted math curriculum for grades K-12 will be highly aligned with the SBAC assessments. Mr. Westerman noted that we can typically see test scores drop when new assessments are created as there are many variables that include a mobility factor as students who come to us as a junior or senior but have only earned freshmen credits. Mr. Barta added that it helps to adopt a math mindset for problem solving skills and noted that assessment results are also affected by students on a 504 accommodation plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Mr. Grabenhorst noted that back in 1993, we were talking about the same issues of today regarding assessments. Kay Schmidt noted that some students may take a longer time frame to learn.

There was discussion about students learning from books vs. online resources. Ms. Heart noted that robotics is a good example as the evolution of education as that curriculum is advantageous to today's careers. Ms. Richards noted that most people read from a ipad now. Mr. Grabenhorst also noted that 90% of his reading is done with a kindle as it allows you to go into deeper content.

Ms. Heart announced that there is a WSSDA Regional Meeting in Ellensburg on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She polled for which board members plan to attend.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned. An Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)(ii), litigation that may be commenced against the school district began at 7:30 p.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:28 p.m. No further actions were taken.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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