

**GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**July 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

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**Board members present:**

Beth Schroder, Darren Hoffman, Deborah Heart, John Hocter, Betty Richards, and Ellen Perconti-Superintendent. Others present were Dean Schlenker-Business Manager and Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant.

**Worksession Discussion:**

The Board members welcomed Dr. Perconti to the school district.

Mr. Schlenker provided an overview of the 2019-2020 budget that included the levy rate projections, enrollment history and how it affects the budget. Concerns include the additional cost to the district for employee insurance changes mandated by our Legislature; the expense to the district will be approximately \$330,000 per year. Career Technology Education (CTE) enrollment has declined and if it continues, additional expense adjustments may need to be made. The budget will be \$14,172,941 and will be submitted for Board approval at the next business meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Levy for February 2020 and what programs it funds. It was recommended to share with the public exactly what the state budget for personnel and programs vs. what the needs are. The wind turbine industry in our area are making improvements to the machines which increase property valuation however, the annual depreciation for just one year 2019-2020 is at \$66M so this does not help our levy.

Summer maintenance projects were discussed that include the remodel of the superintendent's office, repair and remodel of the high school training room, high school gym roofing, middle school cafeteria flooring and refinishing of all gym floors at the three school sites.

The Board discussed a date for a retreat; it was determined that Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> may work.

The WSSDA sponsored Legislative Assembly Conference will be September 27-28, 2019; Deborah Heart said she would attend on behalf of the Board. The WSSDA Annual Conference will be held in Bellevue this year on November 21-23, 2019 and all plan to attend except Mr. Hoffman.

Dr. Perconti shared a letter from OSPI regarding the excellent school bus inspection report completed by the Washington State Patrol. For the last several years, the Transportation Department has received this recognition.

Mr. Schlenker noted that a small works roster is being developed and he recently let bids for fuel but there were no bids received. There was discussion regarding using the new greenhouse more with other groups in town.

There was discussion of the ESD 112 agreement for Special Education Services; Mr. Schlenker noted that the ESD has agreed to save the district over \$105,000 next year on the monthly billings. The District must determine by August 2019 if the District will discontinue the Special Education Cooperative Agreement with ESD 112 in school year 2020-21.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned 7:40 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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Recording Secretary