

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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Board Members Present: John Hoctor, Deborah Heart, Beth Schroder, Betty Richards, Darren Hoffman and Mark Heid, Superintendent. Others Present: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant, Dean Schlenker-Business Manager.

Worksession Discussion: Kevin Chase, Superintendent of ESD 105 was unable to attend and his training session will be rescheduled to April 2018.

The WSSDA Regional Meeting will be held in Wapato on May 16th; Ms. Heart, Mr. Hoctor, Ms. Richards, Mrs. Schroder and Mr. Heid plan to attend. Mr. Hoffman will decide at a later date.

Mr. Heid shared information on student travel requests that will occur prior to the next regular school board meeting. He noted that the Board may wish to consider changes to the Out of State/Overnight Travel policy to exclude the "out of state" travel requests; many of the normal student competitions/activities occur in other states.

Discussion was held regarding the school shooting incidents and districts that are considering allowing teachers to be armed. It was determined that more discussion would be warranted including topics to include data, a School Resource Officer, changing entry security at the buildings, refine lockdown procedures, camera systems, etc.

Mr. Heid noted that an additional room will be prepared at Goldendale Primary School for the next school year for special education services. Correspondence included a thank you note from the Goldendale Archery Sharpshooters 4-H group who used the school facilities for practices.

Mr. Schlenker noted that salary negotiations will begin on March 15th; there have been several requests for fiscal history data. Mr. Heid added that fund balance history is not relevant as now a new salary structure is to be created required by legislation action to resolve the McCleary Supreme Court decision. Mr. Schlenker added that 80-85% of our budget is for salaries.

Mr. Heid reported that administrators attended the recent Career Fair at Central Washington University; there will be two teacher positions to fill for next year in grade 4 and grade 6. He plans to attend the career fairs in Spokane and at Gonzaga as well next week.

There was discussion about the school board meeting welcome statement that is read at the beginning of each business meeting that allows two minutes for any guest to speak on an agenda topic. Educating the public on the guidelines for public comment was suggested. Discussion on sharing with the entire board who makes comments to one board member was held.

The annual state audit will begin March 6th. It was noted that the FFA students have been very busy and are impressive with the successes achieved this year. Mr. Heid noted that this year's levy renewal passed at the greatest percentage in many years.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary