

**GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404**  
**BOARD WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 7, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

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- Board Members Present: Carl Conroy, John Hoctor, John Miller, Deborah Heart, Virginia Amidon and Mark Heid, Superintendent.
- Others Present: None.
- Worksession Discussion: Mr. Heid reported that the list of students interested in boys soccer was reviewed; most would be ineligible due to grades and several others play in other sports.
- There was discussion on creating a districtwide classroom for students who have been suspended; a process would be developed with staff and this could possibly be implemented next year.
- Mr. Heid noted that a athletic packet is being developed by the activities director and administration for middle and high school students for next year.
- Mr. Heid, Ms. Heart, Mr. Hoctor and Mr. Conroy may attend the WSSDA Regional Meeting in Wapato on April 14, 2015.
- Graduation for Goldendale High School is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Mr. Conroy will announce scholarships and Ms. Heart will present diplomas.
- Mr. Heid noted that enrollment increased by ten students in March. He also noted that the athletic league is pursuing a return to a 16-team state basketball tournament format.
- An information flier will be created to help pre-school parents prepare their children for kindergarten. This flier will outline the level of academic expectations needed for their child as they enter kindergarten. This information will be shared at the local pre-schools and media.
- Mr. Heid reported that he, Mr. Westerman and Mr. Barta will be attending the Spokane and Tacoma career fairs April 14 and April 23.
- Mr. Heid will research the possibility of adding the high school Timberwolf Times newspaper to the circulation of the Sentinel subscribers to see if it is affordable. The school websites need staff pictures added and classroom pages updated.
- Discussion was held regarding school bond planning. Mr. Heid will move forward with developing cost information on various projects.
- Mr. Heid reported that the Naches School District have used ipads in the classroom the last few years and this has created obstacles for staff; students sometimes forget the device, they can install programs inappropriately, they can break them and it consumes a lot of staff time. The school administrator noted that using the devices have not improved test scores for the last few years. The high school principal does not know if that is because of Ipads or the schedule change to a six-period day. This is based on a conversation with the high school principal.
- Adjournment: There being no further discussion, Ms. Heart adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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