

**Palouse School District #301
Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2011**

Opening: Mike Dymkoski called the Palouse Board to order at 7:00 PM

OPENING

In Attendance: Ed Griner, Will Thurman, Mike Dymkoski

Also in Attendance: Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox, Reporter Neva Kuehner

Guests: Dana Anderson, Jens Hegg, Angie Griner, Mellissa Dugger, Shai Ann Collier, Matt Collier, Becky Perkins, Brenda Cook, Christopher Cook

Changes in Agenda: Delete resignation in consent agenda.

Add: Jens daycare report A New Business, Move each item on the Agenda down one. Consent agenda will be presented after New Business. Item B parent Group.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jens Hegg stated that things are progressing with Little Sprouts. The fundraiser Treasure Hunt will end on Nov. 7th. Inspectors have visited the daycare center. Licensor for DSHS and fire inspector have been down. There are some issues that need to be cleared up with the licensor. Mr. Hegg reported that the current balance on hand is: \$3,700.00. Fund raising banquet will be held on Nov. 12th. The Little Sprouts parent group will receive a percentage from Haunted Palouse, which will equal 50% of the Arts Council profits.
- Mr. Hegg stated that the software program Pro-Care that was purchased is missing some modules that makes it impossible to track the budget. The current software will track income from tuition and who has had a meal. Mr. Hegg stated that the idea of the original motion was that the program would have the capability to track the budget. The purchase was May 24th and it was supposed to be up and running in September. Jens Hegg asked the board to make sure the motion you already passed is fulfilled and that the rest of the program is purchased.
- Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated that when the Board was presented with the information on the Software the original cost to the district was quoted at \$1,200.00. Upon researching the cost of the modules it was closer to \$3,000.00. Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated that on the original purchase order all modules were included. The district does not need the payroll module because we have our own payroll system. Mike Dymkoski said we should table this discussion until next month to bat around how

much we are talking compared to what was brought to the Board for approval. Mike Dymkoski would like to talk to the other board members to see what their recollection was on the matter. Jens Hegg said that it would be another \$797.00 to get the other modules. Mike Dymkoski stated that they would table this until he had a chance to talk to the other board members.

B. Parent Group- A parent group led by Shai Ann Collier and Brenda Cook brought their concerns to the Palouse Board. The group had two main concerns. Brenda Cook stated that the two concerns were as follows:

1. We believe the class sizes are too large. The 1st graders and Kindergarteners combine in the afternoon for a total of 27 kids. The 2nd/3rd grade combo class has a total of 31 kids. The 4th/5th grade combo class has a total of 27 kids.

2. We believe there is too much shuffling/transitioning for the 1st-5th graders between different teachers and classrooms. Each class could have 4+ different teachers and be moved to several different classrooms throughout the day. Is this the most stable and consistent learning environment for our children?

Shai Ann Collier presented the following 6 ideas and suggestions from the parent group:

1. We would like to see Mrs. Anderson hired full time- This would allow her to spend more time on core subjects also to get our 2nd grade students back up to grade levels or beyond.
2. PE-We understand state mandates 100 minutes per week. We would like to see a recess turned into a structured PE class. Thus allowing more time for core subjects.
3. Increasing classroom time on core subjects-to keep state testing levels high and to help kids who are behind to catch up to grade levels.
4. We would like a cap on class size. Pullman caps their classes from 22-25 depending on the age of the kids.
5. Put Kindergarten back to ½ days. The reason being 1st and Kindergarten combine in the afternoon leaving one room to be taught by a Para-educator. Kindergarten has less core subjects in afternoon. The Kindergarten has nap, PE, Social Studies, and some reading in the afternoon. A teacher would be best used in the 1st grade room helping with less transition.
6. Checking into combining the 5th grade students with Garfield. This would make the Jr. High transition less and allow us to get another teacher with shared salary. This would allow us to

have a teacher for every grade. This also would help to get scores up and make Jr. High less stressful.

Board Chairman, Mike Dymkoski, thanked the parent group for voicing their concerns and would like to continue the conversation.

Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated that she understood the concerns of the parents and would like to set up another meeting with the parents and elementary teachers to discuss the ideas and concerns.

Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated that the Palouse Elementary is technically over staffed from what the state funds us for. You have to add in Art and Music teachers into the equation. Mike Dymkoski said that you could run a district overstaffed but you need to be able to pay for that overstaffing out of your fund balance. Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated she would talk to staff to find a night the second week of November to meet with staff, the parent group, and board to discuss this matter further.

Accounts Payable:

General Fund: Warrants 30100328-30100403 in the amount of \$53,309.68

ASB: Warrants 30100404-30100415 in the amount of \$7,384.12

Payroll: Warrants 30100279-30100326 in the amount of \$97,270.07

And the Electric transfer of payroll in the amount of \$60,513.87.

Electronic transfer of Federal Withholding and Social Security in the amount of \$29,161.39

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes dated September 21, 2011 and September 29, 2011.

Resignation: Pre-School Para-educator Sheilagh Hallagan

Ed Griner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carries.

The Palouse Board was called to recess at 7:55 PM.

RECESS

The Palouse Board reconvened at 8:25 PM

RECONVENED

Financial Report: Frankie Swinney presented the financial report to the board.

Superintendent Report-Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox presented a written report to the Board.

Bond Discussion: Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox discussed the pros and cons of running a bond at this time with the board.

Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox stated that we still need to put together a strategy to take care of our physical building issues.

Resignation/Darin Watkins-a written resignation was submitted to the board. The resignation was moved by Will Thurman and seconded by Darin Watkins. Motion carries.

Process to appoint a new Board Member- Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox said the board has 90 days to fill vacancy. The Palouse School District will put the notice in the paper and wait for applicants. The board is hoping to have applications by the November board meeting. Applications can be picked up at the District office.

Executive Session/Superintendent Evaluation- 10 minutes. The Palouse Board was called into Executive Session at 10:15 PM.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Palouse Board came out of Executive Session at 10:25 PM.

OUT

No action was taken.

The Palouse Board was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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**Garfield School District #302
Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2011**

Opening: Rusty Jamison called the Garfield Board to order at 7:15 PM.

OPENING

In Attendance: Rusty Jamison, Craig Cochran, Ken Renstrom, Paul Hendrickson, and John Orfe.

ATTENDANCE

Also in Attendance: Principal/Superintendent Zane Wells, Business Manager Frankie Swinney

Guests: Keith Rawls

Changes in Agenda: no changes in the Agenda were noted.

**CHANGES IN
AGENDA**

Accounts Payable:

General Fund: Warrants #30200245-30200293 in the amount of \$74,200.45.

General Fund 2: Warrant #30200331 in the amount of \$960.00.

ASB: 30200239-30200244 in the amount of \$1,225.49.

Payroll: 30200207-30200238 in the amount of \$60,412.11 and the Electronic Transfer of payroll in the amount of \$63,464.07. Electronic

CONSENT AGENDA

Transfer of Federal Withholding and Social Security in the amount of \$24,350.92.

Resignation: Matt Kampster-Assistant Drama Director
Approval of minutes dated September 2011

It was moved by

Financial Report-Business Manager, Frankie Swinney, presented the financial report to the Board.

Resolution #149- Urgent Repair Grant- Moved by Craig Cochran and seconded by Ken Renstrom to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carries.

Garfield Maintenance Plan- Ken Renstrom moved to approve the maintenance plan. Paul Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Superintendent Announcements- Superintendent/Principal Zane Wells reported that the Basic Ed Compliance report is now on I-Grants.

With there being no further business the Garfield Board was called to recess at 7:50 PM.

**Palouse School District #301
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Opening: The Joint Board was called to order at 8:00PM.

In Attendance: Rusty Jamison, Craig Cochran, Ken Renstrom, Paul Hendrickson, Mike Dymkoski, Ed Griner, Will Thurman

Also in Attendance: Superintendent/Principal Bev Fox,
Superintendent/Principal Zane Wells, Business Manager Frankie Swinney,
Reporter Neva Kuehner

Guests: Keith Rawls

Changes in Agenda: New Business item C: Resignation: John Cole HS Girls Basketball

Approval of Minutes dated September 29, 2011
Hire: Tiana Gregg/HS Asst. Drama
Eliminate RR Crossing at HWY 27
Emergency Bus Routes

NEW BUSINESS

RECESS

OPENING

ATTENDANCE

**CHANGES IN
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Performance Report

Ken Renstrom moved to approve consent agenda as presented. Craig Cochran seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Principals Reports-Principal Bev Fox and Principal Zane Wells presented written reports to the Board.

REPORTS TO THE BOARDS

Palouse Chair Report-Mike Dymkoski gave a brief report to the Joint Board.

Garfield Chair Report- Rusty Jamison stated that he is not going to be the chair after the first of the year.

School Improvement Plans for 2011-2012-

Garfield-Zane pointed out new items such as elementary implementing language arts, 8 period day, enrichment intervention. Maps testing to see where are kids can use more instruction. Elementary Treasures and Reading Triumph curriculum has been implemented to catch kids up in reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Palouse School Improvement Plan-working on school of character. Identifying one characteristic a week and plan activities around that trait. The PLC book is called Focus and will be talking about specifically improving instruction. Introducing Lab classes in Physical Science and Algebra to help students not meeting standard. The Palouse school will continue to focus on the quality of education.

It was moved by Ken Renstrom to approve the School Improvement Plans, seconded by Ed Griner. Motion carries.

Hire: Family Consumer Science Teacher-Abby Nicholson reduced this position to a .5 paid out of Garfield. Garfield pays for the Family and Consumer Science Teacher and Palouse pays for vocational Ag. It was moved by Paul Hendrickson to approve the recommendation. Rusty Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Resignation John Cole HS Asst. girls basketball-moved by Will Thurman second Ed Griner. Motion carries.

Executive Session/negotiations-30 minutes. The Joint Board was called into Executive Session at 8:45 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Joint board reconvened at 9:15 PM. no action was taken.

OUT

The Joint Board was called to recess at 9:20 PM

RECESS