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**REGULAR MEETING ~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207
September 16, 2013 ~ 6:30pm ~ Springdale, WA 99173**

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	MEMBER(S) ABSENT
Beckman, Diana (Vice-Chair) Steinbach, April Morton (Chair) Stricker, Kimberley Turner, Justyn Jacka, Kevin (Secretary)	Axtell, John Axtell, Linda Cobb, Matt Gines, Matt Holsten, Tina Matherley, Ed Miller, Cleo Schell, Scott	Brunson, Michael

The Regular Meeting was called to order in the Mary Walker High School Library by A. Steinbach at 6:34pm, and was followed by a flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Matherley and recited by all present. There were several changes to the Agenda; specifically: additional Staff Changes/New Hires; and typo corrections (Accounts Payable – September; Payroll – August).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- K. Stricker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2013, Regular Meeting, as submitted; J. Turner seconded; motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

S. Schell reported briefly on the following:

- New referral form is making it more difficult to ‘get in’ to Special Education (SPED).
- Goal established to assist students in meeting age-/grade-appropriate skills level by 3rd grade.
- Averaging 80 students in SPED program with at least four (4) 1-on-1, highly autistic students.

PRE-K – 5th PRINCIPAL REPORT

S. Schell presented a brief summary of events in the Pre-K to 5th grade areas, including:

- Adjusted ParaPro schedules allowing them to attend Monday late-start staff meetings without paying them for ‘extra’ time.
- Removed teachers from Monday recess, so ParPros do all recess duties.
- Future plans include preparing breakdown of discipline program training vs. punishment.
- Grandparent’s Day was a success.
- Planned fire drill was successful, no obvious areas cropped up as ‘in need of improvement’.
- Math program: nothing specific; eclectic, based on ESD advice. K. Stricker expressed dissatisfaction with our math program stats and wants to follow-up in November; perhaps even get Selkirk’s or Chewelah’s help in boosting our students’ grades.

6th – 12th PRINCIPAL REPORT

M. Cobb presented the following:

- ALECKS: online diagnostic tool for math program (grades 6-12). Vicki Shea being accepted more this year. 6-month collection of evidence process. Parent/guardian contact initiated at D grade; credit retrieval to meet graduation requirements (including 8 students with 3 that are seniors). Homecoming Week: Oct. 14-18; Chargers play against Reardan. District-wide Open House: Oct. 2, beginning at 5:00/5:30pm, includes dinner. November and Spring Parent-Teach Conferences discussed. M. Gines: electrician wiring for fish hatchery tanks, etc.; plumbing done; a few more parts still needed. Open invitation extended to Board Members to partake in ‘Day in the Life of a Student’ (K-12).

MARY WALKER PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (MWPPP/DEC-MWPPP) REPORT

J. Palmer was unable to attend; therefore, nothing to report.

SPRINGDALE ACADEMY REPORT

J. Axtell was present and requested renewal/approval of Springdale Academy's Operating Authorization for the 2013-2014 School Year; there are currently eight (8) students enrolled and attending.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

C. Miller presented the monthly budget report; advised that there were still a few end-of-year adjustments to be made; and answered pertinent questions from the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

K. Jacka's report included updates and/or highlights relative to the following:

- Resolution(s):
 - 13-01: ASB Imprest Fund Checking Account Signatures/Staff Changes(s):
 - Resignation(s): Nancy Howard (Kindergarten Instructor, 1.0 fte)
 - New Hire(s): Robert Geissler (HS Football Asst. Coach)
Wanda Mosher (HS Sports Ticket Agent)
Pam Willey (MS/HS Cross Country Asst. Coach)
Chantel Dixon (HS Volleyball C-Squad Coach)
Kenneth Rutter (ALECKS ParaPro)
 - Leave(s) of Absence: Jaymi Stricker (ParaPro)
- Board Policy / Procedure(s): / 2nd Reading
 - #2414 and #2414P: Community Service (new requirement) – possible avenues to explore include cemetery clean-up, volleyball tournament, Eagle Scouts, AmeriCorps.
- Other:
 - Highly Capable: used to be iGrant, now tied to Basic Ed; need to finalize this year; Cambridge (AP Capstone)/CollegeBoard I.B. (international baccalaureate) lead from Charter School Commission.
 - District-wide Wireless (WiFi): Nov. 1 roll-out planned.
 - Enrollment: 485 fte; budgeted at 515.
 - Extracurricular & Fall Coaching Pay Schedules: Rate percentages based on historical data.
 - Math/LA Coaches: Vicki Shea K-12; Sherry Vandeventer; Diane Floyd 6-8.
 - Yearly Comparisons (Propane, Electric, Gas, Diesel).
 - REL Rural Alliance Washington Project: year-long effort to get to work with small schools; research project; MWSD MS and HS and Wellpinit MS and HS.
 - Rural Alliance: next meeting Sept. 29-30.
 - A bus has been ordered for Transportation; additional details forthcoming.
- Donation(s):
 - Anonymous; Misc. School Supplies; \$5.00 value; Any student in need.
 - Camas Valley Grange; Misc. Supplies; \$250.00 value; Any student in need (PreK and up).
 - Ruth Vetch; Misc. Supplies; \$100.00 value; Any student in need.
- Accounts Payable (September 2013):

○ General Fund #1	Warrant number(s) 153904 through 154007	\$ 166,047.94
○ CapProj		\$ 35,232.31
○ ASB #1	Warrant number(s) 153900	\$ 624.03
○ ASB #2	Warrant number(s) 153901 through 153903	\$ 348.36
- Payroll (August 2013)

	Warrant number(s) 153872 through 153897	\$ 412,969.60
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PUBLIC FORUM

- Ed Matherley provided information regarding town's sewer/water project; this non-water/contaminated water issue will probably be repeated; discussion also included fact that 'emergency closing word' was distributed quickly and effectively disseminated to all following Sept. 13 water main break/sewer contamination possibility; students were sent home early (within 1 hours of onset of 'problem'), Honeywell alert system utilized, notices posted on FaceBook and website, announcements were made via KREM2 News and Board Members were notified via text messaging, and plans were made to arrange for a later-than-usual Monday late-start to allow for any necessary flushing of school's water system. All-in-all this was a successful emergency shut-down.
- John Axtell commented that he supports our Superintendent being involved in the WA Charter School Commission; then offered his view that it's the parents' job to police their children, not the school's job or responsibility; and that athletes aren't special and should be treated as any other 'regular' student.

PLANNING AND DISCUSSION

- Re-schedule October 2013 Board meeting to Oct. 16 (instead of Oct. 21): change required.
- Athletic Code – Student Athletes: review of possible need to update policy regarding drug testing, social networking posts of negative/unacceptable behavior, etc.
- Coaches Rate/Pay Schedule Discussion: detailed discussion tabled until future date when Athletic Director is available to provide input.
- MSP/HSPE Student Recognition/Awards: tentatively set for re-scheduled October 2013 Board meeting (possibly November's meeting).
- New staff introductions to Board members: will check staff availability to attend October and/or November Board meetings.

BUSINESS

- K. Stricker made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-01, as submitted; J. Turner seconded; motion carried.
- J. Turner made a motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Howard, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.
- D. Beckman made a motion to approve the hiring of Robert Geissler, Wanda Mosher, Pam Willey, Chantel Dixon and Kenneth Rutter, as indicated herein; J. Turner seconded; motion carried.
- J. Turner made a motion to grant the Leave of Absence request of Jaymi Stricker, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; K. Stricker abstained; motion carried.
- K. Stricker made a motion to approve, Board Policy #2414 (and Procedure #2414P, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.
- J. Turner made a motion to renew Springdale Academy's Operating Authorization for 2013-2014 School year, as submitted and presented; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.
- K. Stricker made a motion to approve the Extracurricular & Fall Coaching Pay Schedules, as submitted; J. Turner seconded; motion carried.
- J. Turner made a motion to re-schedule the regular October 2013 meeting to Wed., October 16, 2013 at 6:30pm in the HS Library; K. Stricker seconded; motion carried.
- D. Beckman made a motion to accept all donations for a total value of \$355.00, as indicated herein; K. Stricker seconded; motion carried.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

- K. Stricker made a motion to approve the September 2013 Accounts Payable, as submitted; J. Turner seconded; motion carried.
- J. Turner made a motion to approve the August 2013 Payroll, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per RCW 42.30.100, the Board excused themselves (at 8:25pm) for an Executive Session, not expected to exceed 30 minutes, to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting re-convened at 8:55pm. No motions were made during this Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT

J. Turner made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.

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Tina L. Holsten, Clerk

Board Secretary (*Acting*)

Board Chair (or Vice-Chair) (*Acting*)