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REGULAR MEETING ~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207 December 17, 2012 ~ 6:30pm ~ Springdale, WA 99173

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	MEMBER(S) ABSENT
Beckman, Diana Stricker, Kimberley (Chair) Steinbach, April Turner, Justyn (Vice-Chair) Jacka, Kevin (Secretary)	Cobb, Matt Gines, Matt Holsten, Robert Holsten, Tina	Howard, Dave Miller, Cleo Schell, Scott + 3 youth Brunson, Michael

The Regular Meeting was called to order in the Mary Walker High School Library by J. Turner at 6:30pm, and was followed by a flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present. There was one addition to the Agenda, specifically in the Superintendent's Report section: Board Policy #3530 & 3530P – Students: Fund Raising Activities Involving Students (1st Reading).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- D. Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012, Regular Meeting, as read (with page 2 to be correctly re-formatted), A. Steinbach seconded; motion carried; and
- A. Steinbach made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, Work Session/Special Meeting, as read; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.

PRE-K – 5th PRINCIPAL REPORT

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

- Back to 'business as usual', after shooting incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT;
- RBA training with ESD Math – building tests with benchmarks;
- Sherri Vandeventer- new Math consultant in classroom (from Spokane, Dist. 81);
- Winter Concert – music's back!;
- Northeast Alliance Counseling/NEW Alliance – for those schools that need more than typical school counseling; can schedule visits for once per week;
- Mark Edwards' class is now a 1st-/2nd-grade class;
- PTO – Penny Petrina re-organizing; combined with RTL grant; and
- Transportation meetings – once per month; going well.

6th – 12th PRINCIPAL REPORT

With M. Cobb's permission, and at Kyle Dodge's request (Athletics Director), Shawn O'Malley (President, ASB) addressed the Board, informing them of the Sportsmanship Award received by the Mary Walker High School football team (Chargers) from the Inland Empire Football Officials, covering all classifications, with only one award presented to the entire Spokane area. The trophy will reside at Mary Walker High School for the remainder of this school year. Congratulations, Chargers! Also, S. O'Malley presented a short, verbal report of the wrestling and basketball programs.

M. Gines also addressed the Board regarding progress of the aquaculture project and it's tie-in to the K12 Science Lab. Also, his Leadership class is planning a Teacher survey, results of the Student survey are as follows:

- School Section at Ball Games – no majority consensus;
- Respect for Teachers by Students – students agree that this exists; would like this to change;
- Family Atmosphere – students enjoy informal setting; and
- School Buildings – students feel that facilities are too dirty; would like to help clean-up;

D. Howard addressed the Board regarding a donation received from Northwest Steel Fab, Inc. (see Superintendent's Report section), and how the funds will be used (scholarship, voc-ag, plasma cutter);

Finally, M. Cobb reported briefly on each of the following:

- Possible security concerns – lack of window blinds; classroom doors that can only be locked from the hall side. A discussion followed regarding purchase and application of window film, increase in scheduled intruder alert/lockdown drills. Also discussed was a very unimpressive response by Stevens County Law Enforcement to a recent public/non-student incident on school grounds, with the request that current policy regarding first responder security be reviewed in the near future;
- Monday late-start meetings – format and schedule reviewed;
- Charger Wing – students in hall very loud with some obscene language being used; detention given;
- IT issues – continued frustration; being addressed;
- 9th-grader’s – no one can figure them out;
- Having fun at school is not a ‘4-letter word’; school spirit needs to be raised;
- Scheduling of 2nd semester is underway (including possible use of substitutes);
- Step tests and scores ready; and
- Using late-start Mondays (once a month) to solidify communications between Elementary and Mid/High School.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

C. Miller presented the monthly budget report and answered questions from the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Staff Changes(s):
 - Resignation(s): Dave Howard, Head MS Track & Field Coach;
 - New Hire(s): Amy Buche, HS Shot Clock Operator;
Peggy Lawson, Part-time Bus Driver (4 hrs/day); and
Hugh Franks, HS Sports Games Announcer;
- Board Policy / Procedure(s) – 1st Reading
 - #3530 & #3530P: Students: Fund Raising Activities Involving Students – (additional text) “It is legal to give prizes in a raffle designed to raise funds for the student body, provided the total raffle ticket sales exceed the total value of the prize(s) being raffled. For example, if two (2) or more prizes valued at \$100 are to be raffled off, total ticket sales for this raffle must exceed \$200 before either of the items can be awarded. Per the Washington State Gambling Commission, there are specific requirements that must be followed in conducting a raffle.”;
- Grant(s):
 - Discuren Charitable Foundation – this is the 3rd or 4th time we have received \$50,000 towards Rural Alliance (covering J. Dyar’s salary) and Online (guidance-type) Counseling (including FAFSA);
- Donation(s):
 - Northwest Steel Fab, Inc.; Cash/Check; \$7,000; Vocational Agriculture Needs;
 - Camas Valley Grange; Highlighter Markers; \$12.00 value; K8 Student Needs; and
 - Ruth Vetsch; Books; \$50.00 value; Music Program and Middle School Needs;
- Other:
 - Winter Sports Contracts (HS Basketball (Girl’s) – Coach Asst.: Thompson, Toni, replaced by Metlow, Sabrina); HS Wrestling – Asst. Coach: Goad, Tim replaced by Lane, Zachary; MS Track – Coach: Howard, Dave removed, no replacement at this time); HS Shot Clock Operator: Buche, Amy added; and HS Sports Games Announcer: Franks, Hugh added;
 - Mission / Vision Committee – college career; military;
 - ASB Policy – Fundraising Student Incentives – 8th grade trip (iPod raffle); WASBO guidelines (also see Board Policy / Procedure(s) herein); and
 - Informative Comparison – Yearly Comparisons of Bulk Diesel Gas, Electrical and Propane Usage;

- Accounts Payable (December 2012):
 - General Fund #1 Warrant number(s) 152711 through 152716 \$ 4,229.90;
 - General Fund #2 Warrant number(s) 172717 through 152789 \$ 124,531.93;
 - Cap. Proj. Warrant number 152790 \$ 7,700.93; and
 - HS ASB Warrant number(s) 152791 through 152800 \$ 11,275.17; and
- Payroll (November 2012) Warrant number(s) 152667 through 152710 \$ 398,491.76.

PUBLIC FORUM

K. Jacka expressed his appreciation of Mr. Watanabe’s approach to music instruction, specifically his ability to showcase a student’s strength and not focus on any weakness. K. Stricker also was impressed with the overall performance, but dismayed by student audience’s disrespect during program.

PLANNING AND DISCUSSION

Upcoming Levy – per K. Jacka: flyers have and will be distributed at band/concert and ball games; newsletter being mailed this week; levy committee phone tree discussed; status of signs from Stick-It Signs of Chewelah.

BUSINESS

- A. Steinbach made a motion to accept the resignation of D. Howard as Head MS Track & Field Coach; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried;
- D. Beckman made a motion to approve the hiring of A. Buche, P. Lawson and H. Franks, as outlined in the Superintendent’s Report section herein; A. Steinbach seconded; motion carried;
- J. Turner made a motion to accept the Winter Sports Contracts / Extra-Curricular Supplemental Pay Schedule, as outlined in the Superintendent’s Report section herein; A. Steinbach seconded; motion carried;
- A. Steinbach made a motion to approve a 2-year rollover of the Superintendent’s Contract, as submitted; J. Turner seconded; motion carried; and
- D. Beckman made a motion to accept the donations of Northwest Steel Fab, Inc., Camas Valley Grange and Ruth Vetsch, as outlined in the Superintendent’s Report section herein; A. Steinbach seconded; motion carried.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

- J. Turner made a motion to approve the December 2012 Accounts Payable, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried; and
- A. Steinbach made a motion to approve the November 2012 Payroll, as submitted; D. Beckman seconded; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per RCW 42.30.100, the Board excused themselves (at 8:30pm) for an Executive Session, not expected to exceed 60 minutes, to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting re-convened at 9:25pm. No motions were made during this Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Tina L. Holsten, Clerk

Board Secretary

Board Chair (or Vice-Chair)