

School Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2013
302 N. Church St. Montesano
Minutes

Regular Board Meeting: Call to Order 5:30 pm. Jack Dwyer called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with the following board members in attendance: Jack Dwyer, Dick Stone and Caleb Backholm.
Board Members Absent: Mike Lawr and Steve Poler

Flag Salute: Jack Dwyer led the flag salute.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: A motion was passed to accept the board agenda as presented; motion carried.

Public Comment: Community members voiced their appreciation for the new ‘family access’ program in the schools main information system; Skyward. They stated the ability to view student information, assignments, progress and grades is extremely beneficial.

Teaching and Learning:

Dawn Parkin, National Board Certified Teacher and Math Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School presented her introduction video on the nationally recognized teaching model ‘flipping the classroom’. Ms. Parkin’s video showed a brief math assignment of her talking through a math example and working out the problem visually on a white board. She has already begun teaching the ‘flipped classroom’ style to one of her classes and is seeing an improvement in student progress. She attributes this to the students having more time in class to work on their assignment and ask questions, rather than having to do the work at home.

The ‘flipped classroom’ idea is not new to the United States or around the world and is becoming more and more effective in teaching our technologically advanced generation of students today. The philosophy of this model is to provide more one on one instructional time with students in the classroom. The process involves teachers creating online lectures/assignments for students to view at home so they can be prepared to come to class the following day with questions and to work on the assignments with their teacher’s assistance if needed.

A board discussion took place both in favor of the ‘flipped classroom’ idea and one board member questioning the advantages and challenging the idea with regard to technology, student learning styles and what motivates them. Board Chair Jack Dwyer, proceeded to move the meeting along as the discussion became intensified. The presentation was intended to introduce an up and coming advancement in education and was not presented for a debate setting or for a board decision.

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MSD provides equal opportunity for employment and all educational programs and activities.

Business Operations Report:

Sheila Baker, Business Manager provided the monthly budget status report to the board. She reviewed the enrollment numbers and discussed the District's budget 'close out' process and timeline. She indicated that she will present the closeout report at the November board meeting.

Consent Agenda:

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Payroll & Benefits	No. 609147-609202	\$846,710.91
General Fund	No. 609145-609146, 609204-609313	\$196,855.44
ASB	No. 609203, 609317-609353	\$ 22,527.10
Capital Projects	No. 609314-609316	\$114,130.56

A motion was passed to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Name	Position	Action
Michelle Forster	Para	Recommendation to Hire
Michael Stoddard	Asst. Basketball Coach	Recommendation to Hire

A motion was passed to approve the personnel report as presented; motion carried.

Business Action/Discussion Items:

Revision of policy 1400 - first reading was presented to the board for discussion. The revision will include changing the board meeting dates from the third Thursday of each month to the fourth Thursday of each month. The board requested to add language to keep the third Thursday schedule for the November and December meetings due to the holidays.

Public Comment: Community members commented on the 'flipped classroom' debate sharing their positive thoughts and appreciation for Ms. Parkin and her willingness to try this teaching method on one of her classes.

Superintendent's Report:

- Stadium Update:
Concrete risers have been removed. The architects are in Poulsbo observing the pouring of the new risers.
- Homecoming weekend:
Assembly this Friday, Kiwanas spaghetti feed, football game and homecoming dance.



Board Comments: Topics included the ‘flipped classroom’ concept and the advantages, technology and progress reports. Board Chair, Jack Dwyer requested a review of the capital projects budget to possibly replace the district office building’s exterior doors as they are in poor shape and some not in acceptable working order.

Adjournment 6:40 pm: There being no further business, a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Board Chair

Board Secretary