

**KITTITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KITTITAS, WA 98934**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Kittitas School District Board Room

Mark Hansen, Chair
Patricia Clerf, Member
Steve Alder, Member
Dave Arnold, Member
Paul Johnson, Member

Monty Sabin, Superintendent
Jessica Gleason, Recording Secretary

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairman Mark Hansen. All board members were present.

Call to Order

The board recessed into executive session for 30 minutes at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Executive Session

The board came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:32 p.m. to a flag salute.

Monty Sabin recommended hiring Lisa Clerf for Special Education Aide. Paul Johnson moved to approve the hiring, Dave Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Personnel

Monty Sabin recommended hiring Jesse James for American Sign Language Aide. Patty Clerf moved to approve the hiring, Dave Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Monty Sabin recommended offering the High School Football second assistant contract to Frank Reno. Dave Arnold moved to approve the hiring, Patty Clerf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda (minutes from August 19, 2008 Regular Meeting; Regular General Fund Vouchers #56956-57073 for \$388,764.88, Capital Project Voucher #336 for \$2,150.21, ASB Vouchers #4856-4874 for \$26,325.25, and Payroll Vouchers #57098-57097 and Direct Deposit payments for \$389,843.02). Steve Alder seconded the motion. The motion carried

Consent Agenda

Steve Alder moved to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Patty Clerf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

There were no public questions, concerns, or guests.

Public Questions

Monty Sabin passed out general mailings and magazines to the school board.

Public Correspondence

Monty Sabin gave the budget status report and district enrollment report for September 2008.

Superintendent's Report

Derek Larsen gave the school board an update of elementary happenings in September. Mr. Larsen thanked the school board for hiring a school psychologist at the elementary level and gave recent examples of situations in which Ms. Oblas has been most helpful. Mr. Larsen reported that Welcome Back Night was well attended and placement on the evening prior to the first day of school is extremely popular with parents and students. He also informed the school board that the annual Parent Group catalog fundraiser was due to begin September 24, 2008 and gave the board a status update on the reader board. Mr. Larsen thanked the school board for authorizing the purchase of the 4th Grade Washington History textbooks as they have been very well received by the teachers and students. Mr. Larsen reported he had recently utilized a portion of the 2008-2009 I728 dollars to purchase 16 surplus Pentium 4 computers from CWU as units to upgrade classroom technology.

Elementary Principal's Report

Kent Sherwood updated the school board that Secondary Grade Book Family Accesses are being created and the process is being managed by Jeff Houck. Mr. Sherwood reminded the school board that while teacher grade posting habits may be a small hurdle in the beginning of the process, shortly hurdles will clear. Mr. Sherwood informed the school board that updating Staff Website pages has been the priority at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Sherwood notified the school board that over this school year, he and Mr. Reno would be updating Kittitas' athletic code and process. In addition, Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Heistand are working on enhancements and decisions to improve the Yearbook. Mr. Sherwood reminded the school board that curriculum updates will be a priority for himself and Secondary staff over this school year. Mr. Sherwood relayed Mrs. Musser's ideas for enhancement of the Secondary FBLA club. Mr. Sherwood notified the school board that the I728 Before and After School Tutor program was being advertised in the Secondary school. Mr. Sherwood reported Secondary Welcome Back Night was well attended and was pleased with the tone of the night.

Secondary Principal's Report

Frank Reno reported to the school board that Football and Volleyball are off to a strong start. Mr. Reno wanted to remind the board that competition schedules change frequently. Mr. Reno reminded the school board of the Tailgating activities during the first home football game and that the game would be played against Bridgeport. Mr. Reno informed the school board of the dates for the first grade checks and the dates for the annual WIAA Conference.

Athletic Director Report

Monty Sabin reported that Achieve Online began the school year and detailed the board on technical difficulties in the first several days. Mr. Sabin discussed principal hiring and interviews with the school board. Jessica Gleason gave an overview of the Achieve Online payment spreadsheet.

Achieve Online

There was no ASB report.

ASB

Jessica Gleason reported on that Parent Group first meeting attendance was high. Mrs. Gleason reported that there were conversations regarding merging the Booster Club with the Kittitas Parent Group to better serve the needs of the Secondary School.

Parent Group/Booster

There was no Old Business.

Old Business

Monty Sabin presented the equipment surplus list to the school board for authorization to dispense with equipment listed. After discussion, it was decided to remove item 182- Genie Lift because the company will offer trade-in dollars if replaced. Steve Alder moved to approve the surplus list with removal of item 182. Patty Clerf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Sabin offered a School Bus inventory summary spreadsheet for the school board to utilize in bus purchase decisions. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sabin presented District Policy 2320 Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Recreation for first reading. Steve Alder asked to further define Field Trip & Excursion to include "Competition" or revision of the terms to read "Student trips". Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sabin presented District Policy 6215 Voucher Certification and Approval for first reading and possible adoption to pre-pay City of Kittitas invoices to avoid Late Fees. Discussion ensued. No action was taken due to the school board requiring additional information to make a decision.

The board adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Adjournment

Mark Hansen, Chairman

Monty Sabin, Superintendent

Jessica Gleason, Secretary