



Sherry Cunningham, Jeff Gay, Mark Pattison, Jennifer Pattison, Judith Ramos, Chelsea Evens, Jessica Lawrence, and Alyssum Reno introduced themselves as guests.

## **Guests**

Mrs. Clerf opened the floor for public question, comment, or correspondence. Alyssum Reno requested an opportunity to address the school board in support of Coach Mike Garoutte. Ms. Reno conveyed that she respected Coach Garoutte and would gladly work hard for him again; he inspired hard work and dedication. Ms. Reno shared that the numerous outside parent motivated distractions made it very difficult for the team to come together and succeed. Jessica Lawrence also requested an opportunity to address the school board in support of Coach Mike Garoutte. Ms. Lawrence shared her feeling that Coach Garoutte was a great coach and most of the players never doubted his dedication to the team. Ms. Lawrence shared her opinion that it was unfortunate that so many distractions were forced upon the players and they were not able to silence the distractions as a team. Chelsea thanked the school board for the opportunity to “clear the air” on occurrences in the season. Ms. Evans gave a recap of the season and shared that she felt the bulk of the season was spent as a liaison to parents; drama was the focal point of the season- not Basketball. Ms. Evans shared that on many occasions she overheard player negativity and frequently needed to remind players not to allow outside negativity dictate their season. Ms. Evans detailed the school board on numerous rancorous crowd episodes and told the school board that on many occasions she was embarrassed by parent conduct. Ms. Evans shared her frustration at administration and school board for accepting Coach Garoutte’s resignation because change needs to happen for the Kittitas athletics program- effort, attitude, & character need to be the focus. Coach Garoutte lives to coach- he does not coach to live. Mark Hansen clarified that Coach Garoutte was not directed to submit his letter of resignation, he offered it willingly.

## **Public Comments/Public Correspondence**

Monty Sabin gave the budget status report February 2011. Mr. Sabin reported that we are 50% into our fiscal year, having collected 51.04% of anticipated revenues, and having spent 55.23% of budgeted expenditures. Mr. Sabin detailed the board members on current district enrollment.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

Mr. Sabin updated the school board on Leadership Academy happenings sharing that the group met this week to discuss classrooms as learning communities & the role of the principal in a PLC. Discussion was thought provoking and application of thoughts is the main goal. Mr. Sabin detailed on details of the meeting. Mr. Sabin shared that the next goal is growing PLC’s and building the instructional framework.

Judy Ramos reported that ASB spent \$8,809.00 in February- the bulk of which was spent by Baseball, Softball, and FFA. Ms. Ramos shared that the freshman class had a recent class meeting, and will be having a cake fundraiser. The sophomore class had a recent parent group meeting. The junior class is working on Prom preparation. The senior class is finalizing BBQ details and the parent group will be running a “Pig Raffle” to fundraise for their senior trip. Ms. Ramos shared that art club recently hiked Manastash Ridge to photograph the valley and will be manning the face painting booth at Fun Fair. Cheers recently tried out 19 girls, result postcards will be mailed out Friday. Band club is organizing nursing home performances and is fundraising for an All-State Band event hosted in Hawaii. FFA is gearing up for spring/summer and fair. Members will be attending a PQA clinic in April. FCCLA and FBLA members are readying themselves for State competitions. Honor Society recently donated to the Saul Haas fund at the High School and is still working on the mountain naming project in the Commons. LASC is gearing up for their final meeting in May. Yearbook will be submitting the yearbook for production at the end of the month.

## **ASB Report**

There were no Booster or Parent Group reports.

## **Booster/Parent Group**

Frank Reno shared that WIAA is reviewing regional format. Surveys are out to coaches, parents, and administration. At the league meeting most district's shared their fears were realized- expenses, issues, and headaches doubled state-wide with the reorganization of Tournament play. Mr. Reno reminded the board that spring sports have begun- Baseball's first game is in Selah tonight – 19 boys. HS track- 50+ kids, Softball 25 girls, Middle School preliminary numbers are high.

## **Athletic Director Report**

Mr. Larsen reported that testing for Hi-C is in full swing and 34 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been qualified. Mr. Larsen reminded the school board that last year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class had a large number of Hi-C students so there will more room than normal for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Mr. Larsen shared that during the last half day Elementary teachers had their 3<sup>rd</sup> PLC meeting also their second round of cross-grade meetings. Mr. Larsen told the board that it has been valuable getting cross grade meetings started in building and he is seeing success in the PLCs. Mr. Larsen reminded the board that this will be the first year for online MSP testing. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are getting time in during tech lab and will be testing online. Spring MAPS testing has finalized and the building is waiting for results. Mr. Larsen is excited to see longitudinal graphing. Kinder registration begins during parent teacher conference week and from preliminary discussions they are expecting another large group. Box Tops Fundraiser rose over \$1000 and funds will be deposited by Parent Group for use in field trip support. Mr. Hansen inquired about reduction in force possibilities for the upcoming school year- Mr. Sabin felt it was too soon to have the discussion but by next meeting there should be enough information to begin planning.

## **Elementary Report**

Mr. Brauer announced that the Wrestling team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in state with 3 state champions which is a great accomplishment and the school is very proud. Mr. Brauer detailed the school board on current enrollment figures. Mr. Brauer shared that the students are in the middle of HSPE testing now and are working diligently. Mr. Brauer, Mr. Hyatt, and Mr. Faire have been configuring the 2011-2012 master schedule, attempting to make decisions with assessment, staffing, and budget unknowns. Mr. Brauer detailed the board on the building's recent effort to update email addresses in the system and email progress reports monthly. Mr. Brauer is trying to improve positive conversations between teachers and parents. Mr. Brauer detailed the board on the ALEKS Math program which is in full force and many students are utilizing along with their current Math class. Mr. Brauer shared that the recent Jog-A-thon was a success. Jessica Lawrence organized and raised money for The Leukemia Society. Mr. Brauer shared that PLCs continue to be a success in the Secondary building and staff are welcoming the opportunity to discuss different topics in their PLCs.

## **Secondary Report**

Mr. Sabin presented Policy 3207 – “Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying” to the school board for second reading. Mr. Sabin presented a recent letter from attorneys Rocky Jackson to Mark Flatau, Cle Elum Superintendent. The letter details a recent review of the model policy, and contained suggestions to improve the model policy to mitigate losses to the district. Mark Hansen moved to table decision to next meeting. Max Tilton seconded. The motion to table the policy carried.

## **Policy 3207 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Tabled**

Mr. Sabin presented Policy 5202 – “Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program” to the school board for second reading. Mr. Sabin reminded that this policy will replace district policy 5259. Mark Hansen moved to approve the policy as presented. Jeff Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

## **Policy 5202 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Sabin presented Policy 3520 - "Student Fees, Fines, Charges" for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. Sabin discussed current food service procedures and history. Mr. Sabin opened the floor to Sherry Cunningham to detail the board on background of refinement of policy. Mr. Sabin noted policy change and will update the draft policy with proposed revisions and add procedures for next school board meeting's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**Policy 3520 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Sabin presented Policy 4330 – "Use of School Facilities" for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Mr. Sabin detailed the board on background of current use of facilities policy and procedure. Frank Reno recapped the history of the facilities use and current approval procedures. Mike Helgeson reminded the board that there are many non-profit groups, many run by on-staff teachers with students that may not attend Kittitas and a change to current facility use could be detrimental to these groups. Frank Reno gave examples of groups that benefitted Kittitas students but required district resources to function, such as Grid Kids Football and their field painting and upkeep. Mr. Sabin informed the board that he would furnish a sample proposal for next month's meeting.

**Policy 4330 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Sabin presented Judy Beard's request to travel to Seattle for the "Climb to the Top" fundraiser. Mark Hansen moved to approve the use of district vehicle to transport students over 100 miles. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**100 Mile Fieldtrip Req**

Mr. Sabin presented the board with Resolution 10/11.03- District Resolution to Support the "Network for Excellence in Washington Schools" initiative to fully fund basic education in the state of Washington. Mr. Sabin discussed the background. Jeff Gay inquired about the ramifications the district could experience if signing the resolution. Mr. Sabin informed Mr. Gay the effects would be minimal. Mark Hansen moved to approve Resolution 10/11.03 in support of "Network for Excellence in Washington Schools". Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting affirmative. After the vote, Patty Clerf clarified that, for her, this is about upholding the constitution and not attempting to make legislation sway in popular favor.

**Resolution 10/11.03-  
Support of Network for  
Excellence in Washington  
Schools.**

Patty Clerf discussed the recent Legislative Meetings she, Mr. Sabin and Mr. Tilton attended. Ms. Clerf detailed board members on the issues discussed with legislators such as transportation funding changes, consolidation of schools, un-funded mandates, & district levy authority. The group also discussed local ESD duties. Mr. Sabin informed board members that Judith Warnock, Bill Hinckle, and Janae Holmquist made time to meet with members and as a collective discussed meeting earlier in the fall and having meaningful and timelier conversations with legislators.

**Legislative Conference  
Update**

At 9:49pm, the board adjourned to Closed Session for 30 minutes to discuss candidate qualifications.

**Executive Session**

The regular board meeting was resumed at 10:18pm.

**Regular Session**

Mark Hansen moved to approve Monty Sabin as Athletic Director for the 2011-2012 school year. Max Tilton seconded the motion. All present members voted affirmative. The motion carried.

**Personnel**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

**Adjournment**

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Patty Clerf, Chairperson

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Monty Sabin, Superintendent

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Jessica Gleason, Secretary