

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2010  
7:30 p.m.  
Kittitas School District Board Room

Mark Hansen, Chair  
Patricia Clerf, Vice Chair  
Max Tilton, Member  
Paul Johnson, Member  
Jeff Wallace, Member

Monty Sabin, Superintendent  
Jessica Gleason, Recording Secretary

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. to a flag salute led by Mark Hansen. All board members were present.

**Call to Order**

Monty Sabin presented the following hiring decisions for board approval:

**Personnel**

- Kirsten DeKoning                      Split grade Elementary teacher
- Sue Schnase                            Elementary Resource room aide
- Teresa Borton                         Secondary Resource room aide

Patty Clerf moved to approve the hiring decisions as presented. Max Tilton seconded. All members voted affirmative, the motion carried.

Mark Hansen opened the floor for tabled 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant High School Football Coach hiring decision. Patty Clerf moved to approve Mr. Brent Dixon for the position. Max Tilton seconded the motion. All members voted affirmative, the motion carried.

Frank Reno recommended the following athletic hiring decisions for board approval:

- Dustin Johnson                      Head High School Wrestling
- Mark Eylar                              Assistant High School Wrestling
- Chelsea Evans                        Assistant Girls Basketball
- Merle Watkins                        Assistant Boys Basketball
- Rocky Gibson                         Head Middle School Boys Basketball
- Brent Nierman                        Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball

Paul Johnson moved to approve the coaching decisions as presented. Patty Clerf seconded the motion. All members voted affirmative, the motion carried.

Patty Clerf moved to approve the consent agenda (minutes from September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting; General Fund Voucher #60329 for \$2,604.55, , General Fund Vouchers #60330-60438 for \$90667.87, District Credit Card statement, ASB Vouchers #5245-5257 for \$9,522.71, Payroll Vouchers #60294-60328 and Direct Deposit for \$416,300.71). Paul Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Paul Johnson moved to approve the regular agenda; Max Tilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Regular Agenda**

Jodi Bell, Shileah Heistand, Judith Ramos, and Ryan Dixon introduced themselves as guests.

## **Guests**

Mr. Hansen opened the floor for public question or comment. No public comment forthcoming.

## **Public Comments**

Mr. Sabin shared ESD 105 regional transportation coordinator- Jan Clarence's congratulations letter and certificate of achievement to the district regarding Kittitas' 2010 Washington State Patrol school bus inspections.

## **Public Correspondence**

Mr. Sabin shared Ryan Dixon's letter in support of Brent Dixon as third assistant football coach.

Monty Sabin gave the budget status report September 2010. Mr. Sabin reported that we are 8.33% into our fiscal year, having collected 11.41% of anticipated revenues, and having spent 11.42% of budgeted expenditures. Mr. Hansen inquired to the status of proposed state budget cuts and impact to the district budget. Mr. Sabin responded that status still unknown.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Sabin gave the district enrollment report for October 2010. Mr. Sabin detailed the school board on enrollment changes from budgeted FTE.

Mr. Sabin reported that the Washington State Leadership Academy group has been very busy. Mr. Sabin informed the board that the core team will travel to West Valley School District next to witness innovative teaching techniques utilized within the district. Mr. Sabin reported that all members are reading "PLC (Professional Learning Community) At Work" and Math committees have been formed to deal with curriculum alignment

Derek Larsen updated the school board to October happenings within the Elementary building. Mr. Larsen shared that the new 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> classroom has been the priority and students are beginning to attend class in their new room. Mr. Larsen shared that the third graders entered class first and spent a few days with Mrs. DeKoning, followed by the second grade students. Mr. Larsen shared that the staged entry process helped to ease the transition. Mr. Larsen informed the board that Fall MAPS testing is nearly completed. Mr. Larsen reminded the board that this will be the first cycle for growth tracking and discussed the gains & dips experienced after summer break.

## **Elementary Principal's Report**

Chris Brauer gave the school board members quick parent accolades for Derek's leadership during this transition at the elementary building, sharing that his son will be a member of the split-grade class. Mr. Brauer reminded the board that Homecoming week is this week. Mr. Brauer shared that yesterday was Powder Puff football; tomorrow night will be a bonfire, Macho Volleyball Thursday, Homecoming pep assembly with senior night football game against Soap Lake Friday. Mr. Brauer shared his joy to be at Kittitas with the great attitudes of the students, staff, & community. Mr. Brauer informed the board that the annual ASB Magazine Fundraiser will begin October 22<sup>nd</sup> and run until November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brauer shared his goal of seeing a 60% increase in funds raised from last year's sale. Mr. Brauer shared that Secondary MAPS testing was finalized last week, now staff is working towards data reconciliation and teachers are very excited to see the results. Last week's early release learning groups met to decide on group norms, instructional plans, learning comfort enhancements- etc. Mr. Brauer urged the school board members to visit the water feature recently completed at the Secondary School. Ms. Clerf asked about the

## **Secondary Principal's Report**

process involved in transitioning high achieving 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to next level courses, giving Math as an example. Chris discussed procedures with the board and emphasized decisions were made on an individual basis.

Mr. Reno updated the school board on the status of the Volleyball game being played as the meeting progressed. Mr. Reno reminded the board of Football and Volleyball senior night dates. Mr. Reno gave the school board an overview of play-off allocations and shared his opinion that they will work well for District 6 members, enabling 4 per bracket. Mr. Reno gave the board a tournaments overview. Mr. Reno informed that board that MS boy's basketball practices begin Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Athletic Director's Report**

Judith Ramos presented current ASB events to the school board. Ms. Ramos reported that freshman class is planning haunted halls, sophomore class is raising money for Tolo, junior class are planning prom. Senior parents have met and are planning the senior trip. Art club voted for a logo and will have national art honor society membership. Cheer is working on their homecoming routine and their outfits will be new and exciting. Cheer is planning mini-Cheer clinic for this winter and currently producing senior night signs. Band will travel to EMP although they have not submitted a budget to ASB. FFA went to the Central Washington State Fair and Nate Sorenson did very well, placing in judging. FCCLA will have concessions and are starting on their projects. FCCLA has a weekend work day upcoming. FBLA has concessions and will fundraise with Butter Braids. They are also planning a Christmas bazaar and will sell a table for \$10. Many stores will be present at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar in the Commons. KSD will host the Inter-High/WASC conference this year. Yearbook still selling ads and has begun yearbook pre-sale, and will do Santa pictures again this year. ASB is selling cookies for the Susan B Koman Cancer Foundation.

## **ASB Report**

There was no Technology Report.

## **Technology Report**

There was no Parent Group/Booster Report.

## **Parent Group Report/Booster Club Report**

There was no Productive Learning Report.

## **Productive Learning Report**

Shileah Heistand presented her fieldtrip request to take The Art Club to see the Picasso Exhibit in Seattle November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Heistand reported that the museum will donate \$150 for transportation and will give students a 50% discount on tickets. Mrs. Heistand shared that there are 35 art club students and they are anticipating paying approx \$25 per student. Mrs. Heistand assured the board that the Art Club will fundraise for the overage. Patty Clerf moved to approve the fieldtrip. Paul Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted affirmative. The motion carried.

## **Fieldtrip > 100miles**

Jodi Bell presented a fieldtrip request to take High School students to Washington DC for an educational tour trip. Ms. Bell described previous trips taken through the Smithsonian Tours organization. Ms. Bell referenced project overview plan previously delivered to school board members. Patty Clerf asked about congressional visits and Ms. Bell discussed the many areas to visit in Washington DC. Mr. Hansen inquired about possible insurance and liability issues. Mr. Sabin responded he would follow up with insurance provider, but didn't anticipate any issues. Patty Clerf moved to approve the field trip. Max Tilton seconded the motion. All members voted affirmative. The motion carried.

## **Fieldtrip > 100miles**

Mr. Sabin presented Policy 5407, Military Leave, to the school board for first reading. Mr. Sabin detailed the board on the verbiage changes WSSDA is recommending.

**Policy 5407 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Sabin presented KSD Basic Education Compliance report for submission to OSPI.

**KSD Basic Ed Compliance**

Mr. Sabin informed the school board of paperless board meeting options. Discussion ensued. The school board requested additional information.

**Paperless Board Meetings**

Mr. Sabin presented the WASA Hotline Executive Director October update recommending school district's across the state assist in fighting for full funding for basic education and asking for donation to the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) group. Board members discussed the options.

**NEWS**

Mr. Sabin recommended school board members meet at the Secondary school first for classroom visits. It was decided that all available members would meet in the Secondary commons at 8:15am.

**Classroom Visits**

The board adjourned at 8:58pm.

**Adjourn**

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Mark Hansen, Chairperson

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Monty Sabin, Superintendent

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Jessica Gleason, Secretary