

**Methow Valley School District Board of Directors
Minutes of regular meeting held September 24, 2008**

Members present: Bill Boosman, Vice Chair
Frank Kline
Dr. Mary Anne Quigley
John Sinclair

Dr. Mark Wenzel, Supt.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bill Boosman at 5:30pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Don Calvert was absent.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Changes to the agenda included: addition of Vince Friggione to personnel and the high school's Friday yellow schedule under Consent Agenda. MVSTA moved from an Action item to Communications to the Board.

1.0 HEARING OF VISITORS

Visitors included Liz Weeks-Molz, Mel Hartwig, Dalton De Lac, Bennet Upper, Linda Reese, Toby Childs, Waco Budiselich and Deborah DeKalb.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mark Wenzel shared with the board that eight people will serve on a teaching and learning committee representing grades K-12. The professional day was spent examining lesson plans for ways to add rigor to student learning. High school teachers also examined ways to do powerful and meaningful teaching in a block schedule. Methow Valley elementary teachers worked on character development ideas and math curriculum. He also reported that students are at 6th-grade campout and Liberty Bell's open house is at 7:30pm tonight. Bill Boosman thanked Superintendent Wenzel for his email communications to the Board during the week.

3.0 FINANCIAL

3.1 Budget Status Report

Financial reports were not available due to converting to the new computer system that has delayed the normal reporting process.

3.2 Cash Flow Report

Bennet Upper reported that property taxes were less than they have been in past years. The district will know in the spring how the state is changing the transportation funding for schools. Enrollment is lower than the District forecasted, but an increase is expected in the next couple of months.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes

The Board approved minutes from regular meeting held August 27 and regular/workshop meeting held September 10.

4.2 Vouchers and Payroll

The Board approved:

Payment for accounts payable check numbers 433240 through 433386 in the total amount of \$331,422.24; and General Fund payroll and benefits check numbers 433387 through 433416 and direct deposit warrants 900000203 through 900000266 and a total amount of \$421,878.91.

4.3 Enrollment

The Board approved enrollment as presented.

4.4 Personnel

The Board approved:

Classified employment for:

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| Tina Bakke | Speech and Language Parapro | 6hrs/1day per week |
| Karen A Fisher | HS Librarian | .25 hr. per day |
| Vince Friggione | Bus Driver | .25 hr. per day |

Extracurricular employment for:

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| Hannah Rhinehart | Girls' volleyball asst. coach |
| Kyle Acord | Football HS asst. coach |

4.5 Calendar

The Board approved the yellow-day schedule as part of the block schedule with advisory.

A motion was made by Frank Kline and seconded by John Sinclair to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5.0 ACTION

5.1 Overnight field trip

Deborah De Kalb asked the Board to approve an overnight trip for students attending Washington Association of Student Councils Leadership Conference in Richland, WA on October 10 and 11. In discussion the Board asked the Student Council to make a presentation to the Board about their learning experience at the conference.

A motion was made by Frank Kline and seconded by Mary Anne Quigley to approve the overnight field trip to Richland, WA; motion passed unanimously.

6.0 INFORMATION

6.1 Methow Valley Sports Trail Association

Dalton Du Lac presented to the Board a proposal for a Nordic ski trail to be built on MVSD school property. When completed, the trail will meet the standards required by the US Ski Association for racing and training. Mr. Du Lac listed the objectives that MVSTA has for building the trail that include reducing the carbon footprint created from transporting the ski team for practice and providing a facility for LBHS PE program, cross country training and nature walks. He presented a map showing the 2.0 kilometer portion that will be on school property of the 2.5-kilometer trail. Approval of the trail will be a two-step process: 1) the Board's conceptual approval now and 2) approval of a right-of-way at next month's Board meeting. The right-of-way removes liability from the school district. The trail will be open to the public with certain limitations based on the regular schedule of the school. The trail will be groomed by MVSTA.

The Board requested that a policy be created for public use of the trail. They further requested that after two weeks of using the trail the school and MVSTA review what is working and what is not working. Mary Anne Quigley commended the building of the trail as an example of community and school working together for the benefit of students.

The Board conceptually approved the idea of building the Nordic ski trail.

6.2 North State Consultants

Mel Hartwig of North State Consultants reported to the Board the progress of the emergency roof repairs. He reported the status of completed work and remaining work schedule. The emergency repair is expected to be completed by October 10, 2008. The Board asked Mr. Hartwig to order any air quality tests that he thinks are needed prior to students returning to the classrooms.

6.3 Principals' Reports

Ray Leaver was absent due to sixth grade camp. LBHS principal, Deborah DeKalb, reported a smooth start to the school year. Teachers are excited about the upcoming year with a shared vision of increasing rigor, relevance and relationships with students while instructing in a block schedule format with advisor/advisee schedules that allow for students to have a one-on-one relationship with a teacher at the school.

7.0 MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Board Action Calendar and Checklist

The Board Action Calendar will be updated for the 2008-2009 school year at the Board retreat scheduled for October 4, 2008.

8.2 Unfinished Business/New Business

Mark Wenzel and Frank Kline will attend the regional WSSDA meeting in Omak on October 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25pm the Board, having no further business, adjourned the meeting.

Bill Boosman, Vice Chair

Dr. Mark Wenzel, Interim Supt.

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