

WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 3, 2009. Chair Lori Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at White Pine County School District, Ely, Nevada.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Lori Hunt	Matt Hibbs (7:40 p.m.)	Bunny Hill	Irene Chachas
Denys Koyle	Pete Mangum	Cyndi Sanborn	

ADMINISTRATORS

Bob Dolezal	Mark Bechtel	Adam Young
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STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBERS

None

LEGAL COUNCIL

Kevin Briggs (6:41)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STAFF COMMENTS

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was presented on Pages 5-6 of the Expanded Agenda. Chair, Lori Hunt noted a letter from the Governor regarding Career and Technical Education. That letter is attached to the official minutes.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

None

8. PRESENTATIONS

White Pine High School – Principal, Adam Young distributed a packet of information to the Board that included the mission and vision statement of White Pine High School as well as the school improvement plan. Adam also noted that WPHS will be completing their accreditation again this year. Adam reiterated his invitation to the Board to attend professional development at WPHS.

Mr. Young then addressed the increased attendance rates noting that the attendance policy has made a difference in attendance at WPHS. Adam noted the hard work that Julie Gonzales and his administrative staff have done with calls and letters to parents.

Chelise Crookshanks then addressed how WPHS uses data to increase student learning. Chelise noted the value of the MAP testing in the area of science as well as other academic areas. Other data collected is assessment data from classrooms in any form such as essays, tests, etc. Teachers are then able to work with students to evaluate their learning by asking students when they got a question wrong, "Did they guess or was it a simple mistake?" trying to get students to think about their learning which is one of the school goals which is learning to learn.

Irene inquired about MAP reporting and how the students look at their own test scores to evaluate and look toward bringing their scores up. Chelise reiterated that students are interested in their learning and achieving learning goals.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9-A MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2009

Denys moved to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting with a correction in 10-B from \$55,000 to \$80,000. Bunny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9-B CONSENT AGENDA

Bunny motioned to approve the following consent agenda items: 9C-1 Budget Report, 9C-2 Payment of Bills, 9-C3 Payroll Report, and 9-C4 Petty Cash Report. Irene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-5 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE THE WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLAN OF CORRECTIVE ACTION – FY2008.

Pete moved to approve the White Pine County School District Resolution Adopting Plan of Corrective Action – FY2008. Bunny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-6 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO THE TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT.

This grant is in cooperation with Clark County and the Reading First Program. This is an extension of that program with \$75,000 going toward professional development for K-3rd Grade Teachers.

Bunny moved to approve the Targeted Assistance Grant. Irene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-7 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE RESIGNATION OF SHANNON HUNT, PARENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT MCGILL PRESCHOOL.

Irene moved to approve resignation of Shannon Hunt, Parent Outreach Coordinator at McGill Preschool. Denys seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-8 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL LEAVE FOR BRITTANY SMITH TO ATTEND THE RON CLARK ACADEMY EDUCATORS CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA, GA, FEBRUARY 6-8, 2009. COST OF THIS TRIP AND CONFERENCE IS FROM A DONATION BRITTANY RECEIVED FROM THE RON CLARK ACADEMY.

Denys moved to approve a request for out of state travel and professional leave for Brittany Smith to attend The Ron Clark Academy Educators Conference in Atlanta, GA, February 6-8, 2009. Cost of this trip and conference is from a donation Brittany received from the Ron Clark Academy. Cyndi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob noted that Brittany will share with the Board and others schools when she returns.

9C-9 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE CORE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2009 IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA, FEBRUARY 26TH AND 27TH. THE TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT WILL COVER THE EXPENSES.

Bunny moved to approve a request for out of state travel for the Core Leadership Summit 2009 in San Francisco, CA, February 26th and 27th. The Targeted Assistance Grant will cover the expenses. Irene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-10 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE CORE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2009 IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA, FEBRUARY 26TH AND 27TH FOR JENNY WILSON. THE PRE-SCHOOL GRANT WILL COVER THE EXPENSES.

Bunny moved to approve a request for out of state travel for the Core Leadership Summit 2009 in San Francisco, CA, February 26th and 27th for Jenny Wilson. The Pre-school Grant will cover the expenses. Pete seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-11 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF WPCSSO AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PARAPROFESSIONAL/TEACHERS ASSISTANTS AND SKILL TRADE ASSISTANTS.

The White Pine County Support Staff Organization (WPCSSO) submitted a list of 28 names which is over 50% of the affected employees. Mr. Dolezal recommended approval.

Irene moved to approve the Application for Recognition of WPCSSO as Representative of Paraprofessional/ Teachers Assistants and Skill Trade Assistants. Bunny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-12 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE A 4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK FOR THE ELY, RUTH AND MCGILL ATTENDANCE AREAS.

Meetings would need to be held in February and March with a hard look at the overall budget in April.

Denys moved to approve to create a committee to examine a 4-day school week for the Ely, Ruth and McGill attendance areas made up of the Board, teachers, parents, support staff, and administrators. Bunny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori, Bunny and Cyndi volunteered to serve on that committee.

9C-13 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE A TUITION AGREEMENT WITH NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Pete moved to approve a tuition agreement with Nye County School District. Denys seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9C-13 DISCUSSION/ACTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE.

Bunny moved to approve Bunny, Cyndi, and Pete with Denys as an alternate to the Contract Negotiation Committee. Cyndi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10 DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

10-A TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Connecting Point will be back up in the near future to upgrade some servers along with a few other tasks. There will be a RUSS Grant audit in the near future.

10-B FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Paul was not in attendance; thus, no report.

10-C STUDENT SAFETY

Bob had nothing to report on student safety. Kevin noted that we have had no tort claims for 2008. Kevin submitted a report that was given to the finance office.

10-D BOARD REPORT

10D-1 NASB Director's

Lori noted the information she previously distributed.

10D-2 Legislative Report

Irene sat in on the first legislative sub-committee budget meeting with ways and means, legislators and people of the finance and it was a gloomy meeting. Legislators started with their meetings yesterday. Irene will stay in touch and update the Board as needed.

10D-3 Board Involvement

Irene – attended a good Career and Technical Education meeting. Tedd Heggie and Lynne Adams represented WPHS and they were asked to develop a wish list. There was a good discussion on Career and Technical Education and how to keep those programs going. Irene also attended the budget public hearings at WPMS, WPHS, and McGill. She also attended the policy review meeting as well as the WPMS defender assembly.

Pete – attended ball games, Professional Learning Committees training in Battle Mountain, public budget presentations at WPMS and Baker and also attended the defender assembly at WPMS.

Cyndi – is a volunteer aide at WPMS with math students. Cyndi also attended all public budget meetings except Baker as well as professional development at David E. Norman with the focus on improving learning of students who are at poverty level.

Denys – attended the budget meetings at WPMS, Baker and Rotary Club. Those at the Rotary meeting were especially interested in the Career and Technical Education Programs and keeping them running.

Bunny – attended the WPMS and WPHS budget presentations. Bunny noted that the Coalition is working on bringing in a motivational speaker to the secondary schools in the district.

Lori – attended the CTE meeting; budget meetings at McGill, WPMS, and WPHS; policy review meeting; student achievement meeting (Bookclub); great basketball games noting that Tammy Moore has done a great job with the WPHS cheerleaders; defenders assembly; and the play at WPHS.

10D-4 Student Achievement Committee

The next Book Club will be Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at WPMS.

10D-5 Policy Review Committee

The committee is working on a Bullying Policy to include cyber bullying. The committee is soliciting input from all school administrators. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the WPCSD Board Room.

10E SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

10E-1 Transportation Update

Lost one district vehicle to a traffic accident. Chris Cobb is out on workman’s compensation and hoping to go back to work tomorrow.

10E-2 Monthly Activity Report

Last week was busy with budget presentations. As a whole, peoples’ reception was positive.

Superintendent Dolezal noted his travel plans for the month of February as follows: Tomorrow he will leave for Reno with training Wednesday evening, Superintendents’ meeting on Thursday with a teleconference with Senator Reid to discuss the stimulus package with the Superintendents. The Superintendents will meet with legislators on Thursday afternoon and Bob will return Friday. Bob will be attending the AASA Conference February 18 – 22.

10E-3 Work Session Meeting Dates

Wednesday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m. for a 4-day week committee meeting.

10F STAFF COMMENTS

Roman noted that the WPMS 8th grade girls won the Eureka basketball tournament. The WPMS boys also participated at that tournament. Both teams will play in a tournament Feb 13th & 14th in Tonopah.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Walker encouraged the Board to look at the four-day school week very seriously.

Kevin Briggs distributed legal clips to the Board which are attached to the official minutes. Kevin also noted a website that allows tracking of bills.

12. AGENDA ITEMS – NEXT MEETING

Presentations:
McGill/Baker

Discussion/Action:

Discussion:

NEXT MEETING

February 17, 2009–Regular Meeting– Baker Elementary School, 120 Main Street, Baker, NV 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bunny and seconded by Denys to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by _____
Secretary

Approved by _____
Clerk