



MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Regular Meeting 7 pm – President, Ellen Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and led the Pledge to the Flag. The meeting was held at Kendall Elementary School.

Attendance: Board Members – Ellen Dodson; Jim Freeman; Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt; Trish Hart
David Smith was absent and excused.

Certificated Administrators – Rick Gantman; Charles Burleigh; Jim Frey

- a. Good of the Order –
 - i. Mt Baker Scholarship Committee March Newsletter highlighting Mt Baker Grads & Mr. Freeman
 - ii. Acme Elementary Principal Search Process & Acme Staff
2. Approval of Minutes – March 13 regular meeting. *Mr. Pfeiffer -Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. Motion passed*
3. Consent Agenda – *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.* Dr. Gantman said that discussions are continuing about the track material project, the board may see this item on the agenda again in a future meeting.
 - a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Surplus Property – Resolution #07/08:16
 - c. Items over \$7,500.00
 - i. KCDA – Track Material \$116,096.00 (replaces P.O. approved in 3/13/08 meeting)
 - ii. Schetky Northwest – Thomas Built Bus \$109,721.87
 - d. Overnight Trips –
 - i. State Tournaments
 1. May 15 & 16 – Soccer (site TBD)
 2. May 22 & 23
 - a. Track @ Tacoma
 - b. Softball @ Selah
 - c. Baseball @ Wenatchee (site could change; changed to Yakima 3/31/08)
 - d. Soccer @ Sumner
 - ii. Girl’s Basketball – Napavine Summer Classic Tournament, May 30 – June 1
 - e. 2008/2009 ESD 189 Whatcom Discovery Inter-local Agreement
 - f. 2008/2009 ESD 189 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Cooperative Program
 - g. Approval of Accounts Payable for April 08 and Payroll for March 08

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this day, April 3, 2008 the Board by a unanimous vote does approve the payment of those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: ASB Fund vouchers #237 – 263 in the total amount of \$38,714.23; ASB Fund vouchers #256 – 263 in the total amount of \$2,384.14; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #1217 – 1218 in the total amount of \$6,230.34; Capital Projects fund voucher #1219 in the total amount of \$5,449.27; General Fund vouchers #19294 – 19424 in the total amount of \$105,176.37 and General Fund vouchers #19580 – 19682 in the total amount of \$159,222.13.

4. Information from Board Members

Report on School Board Goals – School Board Portfolio – The portfolio provides accountability for progress the board is making in achieving its goals. School Board members attended and/or took part in:

- Water Operations Workshop
- Leadership WSSDA (Washington State School Director’s Association)
- WSSDA Trust Lands Task Force
- MB Capital Maintenance Planning/Evaluation
- Lake Whatcom Reconveyance – Stakeholder Review Panel
- School Visits –
 - Harmony Elementary Visit with Principal
 - MB High School Student Led Conferences
 - Kendall Elementary Visits – Science, Challenges & Choices, Classroom-Based Assessment, Embedded Leadership

5. Information from the Audience – None

6. Presentations –

- a. Use of Student Achievement Funds – Dr. Gantman provided a handout and explained how funds might be used during the next school year. There may be discussions in future meetings about transferring funds from the Capital Projects fund to the General fund in order to best use the monies for student achievement, particularly on the ERC project. Also, the internal tracking methodology may be re-considered in a later meeting.

Public Hearing – At 7:52 pm Ms Dodson opened the *Public Hearing* to take comments from audience members about the use of I-728 Student Achievement fund. There were no comments. At 7:54 pm Ms Dodson closed the Hearing.

- b. Enrollment Projections – Dr. Gantman explained a handout which outlined enrollment projections for the 2008/2009 school year. Some reduction in enrollment is expected, following the latest trends.

7. Action Items –

- a. Flood Control Easement – Dr Gantman said he and Mr. Frey have been working with the County to come to agreement on language for the Easement. Board members asked that the duration of the storage of materials be made clear before finalizing the easement and that advice about the quit claim clause be sought from the school district attorney. Dr. Gantman and Mr. Frey will follow-through with those requests. *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded to authorize Dr Gantman to sign an easement with the above stipulations. Motion passed.*
- b. Appointment of Acme Elementary Principal – Dr. Gantman recommended the board appoint Ken Rogers as Principal of Acme Elementary commencing with the 2008/2009 school year. Board members commented that Mr. Rogers was an excellent choice for the position, citing his longevity in the area, his leadership abilities and his commitment to students and the staff at Acme Elementary. *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt seconded to approve the recommendation. Motion passed.*

8. Policy – #

Policy #2255 – Alternative Learning Experience – Review Discussion was held about suggested changes; Dr. Gantman and Mr. Frey will make and bring back to the board for 1st reading consideration.

9. Reports –
 - a. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Gantman presented the Superintendent’s Report; items include:
 - i. Work on T. Bergeson’s SAC (Superintendent’s Advisory Committee)
 - ii. Tour of Nooksack Tribal Lands and History
 - iii. Regional President of WASA 108 (Wash. Association of School Administrators)
 - iv. Lake Whatcom Watershed Discussions
 - v. Auditor’s Exit Interview
 - b. Business Managers Report –
 - i. Written reports were provided.
 - ii. Auditor’s Exit Interview
10. Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted
 - a. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
 - i. Thursday, April 24: 6 pm – Budget Development; 7 pm – Elementary School Progress Reports
 - b. Regular Meetings
 - i. Thursday, May 8 @ Harmony Elementary School
11. Executive Session – At 9:03 p.m. Ms Dodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ellen Dodson, President

ATTEST:
Richard Gantman, Superintendent