



MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Regular Meeting 7 pm – President, Ellen Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge to the Flag. The meeting was held at the District Office.

Attendance: Board Members – Ellen Dodson, Jim Freeman, Trish Hart, David Smith.  
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt was excused and expected to arrive at about 7:30 pm

Certificated Administrators – Jim Frey, Trina Hall.  
Rick Gantman was excused and expected to arrive at about 7:30 pm

- a. Good of the Order – Attachment “A:
  - Jerry Jenkins, ESD 189 Superintendent, presented *Lalani Pitts* with a plaque recognizing her as the *Northwest ESD 189 Teacher of the Year*. Ms Pitts was to travel to Olympia on Friday to interview for consideration as Washington State Teacher of the Year.
2. Approval of Minutes – August 14 & 28. *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. Ms Hart abstained from voting as she was absent from the August 14 meeting. Motion passed.*
3. Consent Agenda – *Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.*
  - a. Personnel Actions
  - b. Surplus Personal Property – Resolution #08/09:1
  - c. Cancellation of Warrants – Resolution #08/08:2
  - d. Purchases over \$7,500.00:
    - i. Williamson Construction - \$8,693.25
    - ii. Valerie Henderson - \$12,941.12
    - iii. Eileen Squires - \$33,970.44
    - iv. Washington School Risk Management Pool - \$144,588.00
    - v. Ikon Office Solutions - \$35,038.92
    - vi. Food Services of America - \$230,000.00
    - vii. Walton Beverage - \$7,700.00
    - viii. Bellingham Technical College - \$35,000.00
    - ix. Whatcom Farmer’s Co-Op - \$350,000.00
    - x. Slater Law Firm - \$9,111.60
    - xi. Bellingham Lock & Safe - \$12,000.00
    - xii. Mt Baker Mechanical Contractors Inc - \$20,832.31
    - xiii. Cascade Natural Gas – \$135,000.00
    - xiv. Dairy Valley Distributing \$60,500.00
    - xv. ESD 189 - \$84,000.00
    - xvi. Employment Security Department - \$10,000.00
    - xvii. Franz Family Bakeries - \$7,700.00
    - xviii. Pacific Support Systems - \$11,000.00
    - xix. Puget Sound Energy - \$290,000.00
    - xx. Pierre Foods Inc - \$12,000.00
    - xxi. Sanitary Service Company - \$20,000.00
    - xxii. VanderYacht Propane - \$41,050.00
    - xxiii. Toosforschools & Northwest Distribution - \$10,000.00
    - xxiv. Stewart & King Partnership - \$10,992.50 – Amended Item

3. Consent Agenda (continued)

e. Overnight Trips –

i. Varsity Volleyball to Mark Morris (Longview) – September 26

f. Approval of Accounts Payable for September 08 Payroll for August 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, September 13, 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 #4 – 20 in the total amount of \$4,843.09; Capital Projects Fund voucher #1246 in the total amount of \$53,814.25; General Fund vouchers #21339 – 21362 in the total amount of \$203,914.11 and General Fund vouchers #21363 – 21441 in the total amount of \$134,938.01.

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:

- Cross Country – Season off to nice start
- First days of school – Good start of 08/09 school year
- Scholarship Foundation Meeting – Now at @ 1.5 million
- Scholarship applications will be online next year
- Met with parent who is eager to be in an active political role for the district.
- Special Needs Pre-School – Impressed with good work
- Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan Settlement
- Lake Whatcom Reconveyance Public Relations
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5. Information from the Audience – None

6. Presentations –

- a. Mr. Frey reported on district-wide September enrollment and provided handouts; students are counted if they are in school one of the first four days of school. The Board requested an update on the Mount Baker Academy, the District's home-school outreach program, which is based at Acme Elementary School. Mr. Frey said we are adding some teacher time, as enrollment numbers at the Academy support our decision to go ahead with the program.

7. Action Items –

- a. Consider Mt Baker PSE Contract, 2008-2012 – *Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to accept and approve the Mt Baker PSE Contract. Motion passed.*
- b. Timber Ridge Contract, 2008-2009 – *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to accept and approve the Timber Ridge Contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed.*
- Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt and Dr. Gantman arrived at 7:40 pm
- c. Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan Settlement Agreement – Dr Gantman said he is hopeful all the parties involved will continue to work together, and enthusiastically carry forward with the positive action we've had so far, pushing forward in same direction. He said the \$1.2 million dollars offer is acceptable. County, City, State would each pay a part of the settlement. Each body will have to sign the Agreement; the City of Bellingham already has. If we get the money, we cannot go back for more. Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt recognized and acknowledged the work of AFRC. Ms Dodson remarked it is the right thing to do, to compensate the children for money lost; it is morally right. *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to accept and approve the Agreement. An individual vote count was taken; each of the five Board members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed*

8. Policy – None

9. Reports –

- a. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Gantman presented the Superintendent’s Report. Highlights of the report were:
  - Timber Ridge High School Meetings
  - County Wide Career and Technical Ed Visioning
  - Timber Ridge of the Future Broad concepts – School Improvement Model; ESD’s Continuous Improvement Model to Timber Ridge, Dr Gantman will continue to champion.
  - Mr. Frey said the All-Staff meeting went well; everyone together at once, important gathering. We are small enough we can still all gather in on room.
  - Mr. Frey talked about the Harmony Elementary gym floor issue. Workers identified the problem, it is being remedied – dug to find it...isolated and tapped it, pretty easy fix. There is a slight odor in school, staff notified to report if there are any problems of sensitivity to air quality. There is a possibility that the entire floor will be replaced.
- b. Business Manager’s Report – No reports were available.

10. Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted

- a. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
  - i. Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – ELT Worksession with Board : Performance Data; Benchmarks
    - a. *(Please note change of date from September 25<sup>th</sup>)*
- b. Regular Meetings –
  - i. Thursday, October 9
  - ii. Thursday, November 13

11. Executive Session – None

12. Adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Ellen Dodson, President

ATTEST:  
Richard Gantman, Superintendent