



## MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Regular Meeting 7 pm – President, Ellen Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 absent and excused.

Certificated Administrators – Rick Gantman

Dr. Gantman noted changes to the agenda, which were provided to the board before the meeting, so no amendment was necessary.

- a. Annual Procedures
    - i. Call for nominations for President of the Board – *Mr. Freeman moved to re-elect the current President and Vice President. Ms Hart seconded. Motion passed.* Ellen Dodson will remain President and Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt will continue as Vice President.
    - ii. Election of the President – Ellen Dodson
    - iii. Call for nominations for Vice President – See above
    - iv. Election of Vice President – Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt
  - b. Good of the Order –
    - i. Dr. Gantman acknowledged outstanding work ELT is doing towards the leadership goal of effective instruction.
2. Approval of Minutes – November 13. *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. Motion passed*
  3. Consent Agenda – *Ms. Hart moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.*
    - a. Personnel Actions
    - b. Surplus Personal Property – Resolution #08/09:8
    - c. Cancellation of Warrants –
    - d. Purchases over \$7,500.00:
      - i. Alaska Airlines – Band Trip to California - \$31,573.34
    - e. Overnight Trips –
      - i. Wrestling @ Cashmere – Dec 19/20
      - ii. Girls Wrestling @ Spokane – Jan 23/24
      - iii. All-State and All-Northwest Band & Choir @ Spokane – February 12 – 16, 2009
      - iv. Mountaineer and Jazz Bands @ Southern California – April 4 – 10
    - f. Approval of Accounts Payable for December 08 Payroll for November 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, December 11, 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 #107 – 120 in the total amount of \$7,995.91; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #1256 – 1260 in the total amount of \$14,423.47 and General Fund vouchers #22209 – 22305 in the total amount of \$71,665.76.

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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:
  - i. Mr. Freeman & Mr. Smith reported on sessions they attended at the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) Conference in Spokane. Some of the sessions included: apprenticeship programs, Washington State’s new math standards, and Native American education.
5. Information from the Audience – Rolland Holterman spoke about schools in Montana.
6. Presentations –
  - a. Fiscal Year 07/08 – Dr. Gantman provided an overview of the report; Denise Ellis presented the written report and answered questions from Board members.
7. Action Items –
  - a. HIV/AIDS Curriculum Proposal – *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to accept and approve the proposal. Motion passed.*
  - b. Board Appointments –
    - i. Designation of WIAA Representative – *Ms Hart moved to approve Items # i through vii, Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.*
    - ii. Designation of a representative to the Scholarship Foundation – David Smith
    - iii. Legislative Representative – Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt
    - iv. Appointment of Legal Counsel – Tim Slater
    - v. Appointment of Representative for Federal Programs – Richard Gantman
    - vi. Appointment of MBSD Agent to Receive Insurance Claims – Richard Gantman
    - vii. Appointment of Real Estate Appraiser – William Follis & James Berg
  - c. New 403(b) IRS Regulations – 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Administrator – Resolution #08/09:10; Dr. Gantman explained the change in regulations. *Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Freeman seconded to approve Resolution #08/09:10. Motion passed.*
  - d. Resolution #08/09:9 – Modify the M & O Tax Levy for General Fund. Dr Gantman explained that the board had already authorized an amount to collect; however recalculations by the state have changed, twice, reducing local assistance to M & O levies. This final amount needs to be approved by the Board; we are still within the limit voters authorized. Revised wording (5<sup>th</sup> paragraph removed) *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Hart seconded the motion to approve Resolution #08/09:9. Motion passed.*
  - e. Changes to the District’s Local Bank Accounts – Convenience is the reason in changing the account to a more accessible location.
    - i. Resolution #08/09:11 – Moving Local Bank Accounts and Signatories for new Checking Accounts – *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve resolution. Motion passed.*
    - ii. Resolution #08/09:12 – Authorizing Account Limits and Petty Cash – *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed.*
8. Policy –
  - a. Policy #5314 – Tax Deferred Annuity/Compensation – WSSDA model policy and recommended by ESD staff. *Mr. Freeman moved and Ms Hart seconded for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption. Motion passed.*

9. Reports –

- a. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Gantman presented the Superintendent’s Report. Highlights of the report were:
  - i. State Budget Forecast – 2009-2011 Biennium being considered. Dr. Gantman explained some language being used in budget outlook.
  - ii. Mt Baker School District Budget – Dr. Gantman has been visiting school staff meetings and discussing the process of budget concepts and dialogue. Beginning in January, Dr Gantman will offer a seminar to staff members:” Finance I, Finance II”. The seminars will be held in the Auditorium. “Finance III and IV” will take place in the schools.
  - iii. Talked with both unions about seniority lists and procedures.
  - iv. Staff meetings – Bringing school district performance goals to staff.
  - v. Indian Ed Survey
  - vi. ELT work
  - vii. Joe Banach – Transportation Director on board, working.
  - viii. Forest Revenue – Dr Gantman interviewed and hired a lobbyist, as well as a Seattle attorney, to support Kelli Linville, now Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee to pursue funding for rural school districts.
  - ix. State Auditor scheduled in the District on January 26.
  - x. Jim Frey attended National Staff Development Council (NSDC) in Washington D.C.
- b. Business Manager’s Report

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

- a. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
  - i. Thursday, January 22 –
- b. Regular Meetings
  - i. Thursday, January 8 –

11. Executive Session – None

12. Adjourn - At 9:15 pm Ms Dodson adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Ellen Dodson, President

ATTEST:  
Richard Gantman, Superintendent