



The Mount Baker School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 11 at the District Office. The following is a summary of the meeting:

Annual Board Elections and Appointments were made:

President – Ellen Dodson
Vice President – Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt
WIAA Representative – Jim Freeman
Scholarship Foundation – David Smith
Legislative Representative – Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

- The Board Approved
 - Personnel Actions – Attachment “A”
 - Purchases over \$7,500.00
 - Alaska Airlines – Band Trip to California - #31,573.34
 - HIV/AIDS Curriculum
 - Resolution #08/09:8 – Modify M & O Tax Levy for General Fund
 - Resolution #08/09:9 – Surplus Materials
 - Resolution #08/09:10 – 403(b) IRS Regulations
 - Resolution #08/09:11 – Move Local Bank Accounts & Signatories for Checking Accounts
 - Resolution #08/09:12 – Authorize Account Limits and Petty Cash
 - Overnight Trips:
 - Wrestling @ Cashmere – Dec 19/20
 - Girls Wrestling @ Spokane – Jan 23/24
 - All-State and All-Northwest Band & Choir @ Spokane – February 12 – 16, 2009
 - Mountaineer and Jazz Bands @ Southern California – April 4 – 10
- Policy #5314 – Tax Deferred Annuity Compensation
- The Board Heard Information About
 - Good of the Order – Attachment “B”
 - Work of Educational Leadership Team (ELT)
 - School Board Activities
 - Attended Washington State School Directors Association Conference (WSSDA)
 - Fiscal Year 07/08
- Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted
 - Work sessions & Special Meetings
 - Thursday, January 22
 - Regular Meetings
 - Thursday, January 8



**MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 507
EMPLOYMENT ITEMS, DECEMBER 11, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

Anderson, Dale, Bus Driver, Continuing, 4.25 Hours/Day, Effective 11/17/08
Bass, Angie, Secretary II JH, Continuing 8 Hours/215 Days, Effective 11/25/08
Bass, Justina, Para-Educator Acme, Add 2.5 Continuing/.50 Temporary Hours Effective 11/7/08
Harrison, Jeff, Bus Driver, Continuing, Add 2.25 Hours/Week, Effective 11/17/08
Hartle, Christina, Bus Driver, Continuing, Add .5 Hours/Day, Effective 11/17/08
Nelson, Heidi, Para-Educator Acme, Add 2.25 Continuing/.75 Temporary Hours Effective 11/7/08
Whitmyre, Dennis, Continuing, Add 2.75 Hours/Week, Effective 11/17/08
Wood, Ross, Bus Driver, Continuing, Add 1.0 Hour/Week, Effective 11/17/08

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Caffell, Pauline, Para-Educator Kendall, 3 Days Unpaid Leave 2/19, 20 & 23
Candela, Kevin, Teacher High School, 1 Day Unpaid Leave 2/11/2009
Murphy, Al, Bus Driver, 3 Days Unpaid Leave 2/23, 24 & 26
Skelton, Anne, Teacher Kendall, 3 Days Unpaid Leave 1/5, 6 & 7

Attachment "A"



Good of the Order December 11, 2008

Educators prepare students to be lifelong learners

Professionals Making a Difference

Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program

Mount Baker High School, WA

Todd Rightmire & Tamara Whitcomb

2007 OMSP Winners Region I

by Leticia Janes, NAAE Student Worker

The phrase from the FFA motto “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn” has always been the philosophy of Todd Rightmire and Tamara Whitcomb, agriculture instructors at Mount Baker High School in Washington State.

Their agricultural education department focuses on natural resources, animals and leadership. Students participate in a variety of career development events from parliamentary procedure to forestry. The instructors work very closely with teachers in the science department to discuss state testing and standards so that almost all of the courses in the agricultural department are offered for full science credit. “Our goal is to prepare students for careers that will make them productive citizens and give them the tools necessary to be lifelong learners,” said Rightmire.

The Mount Baker FFA chapter has been very successful, earning the National Chapter Award – Superior Chapter rating eleven times in 12 years and best chapter in the district for four years.

A unique experience is provided through the natural resources class, where students have the opportunity to learn from a variety of school and community resources conducting field investigations in wildlife management and watershed management. Resources available include 100 acres of school forest land, the Black Mountain Forestry Center, and 60,000 Steelhead at the Trout Unlimited Hatchery. Quality facilities are also available through the department including a large metal shop, greenhouse, and a barn on campus.

“The application of coursework to careers is fundamental to our program and providing opportunities to apply those skills is essential,” said the teachers. “Students never have to ask, Why are we doing this? or How am I ever going to use this?”

“The agriculture program at Mount Baker High School is truly outstanding and offers an opportunity for all students to succeed,” said Steve King, Principal of Mount Baker High School. “This remarkable program deserves the highest honors. Community members, parents, teachers, and students hold our program in the highest regard.”

Each of the 2007 OMSP winners received a plaque, cash award, and expense paid trip to attend the NAAE conference in Las Vegas. This award is sponsored by the National FFA Alumni Association. For more information about this and other NAAE awards programs, visit our website at www.naae.org/applications.

Attachment “B”