



The Mount Baker School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12 at Acme Elementary School. The following is a summary of the meeting:

- The Board Approved
 - Personnel Actions – Attachment “A”
 - Purchases over \$7,500.00
 - Franklin Pierce Schools – On-line Grades Interlocal Agreement - \$8,125.00
 - Coach USA – Charter for Band Trip - \$13,020.00
 - Donations of \$500 or more
 - Microsoft Giving Campaign
 - High School Curricular Changes
 - Resolution #08/09:15 – Recognition of School Retiree’s
 - Resolution #08/09:16 – Recognition of Classified Employees
 - Resolution #08/09:17 – Application for *High School Credit Definition Waiver* to the State Board of Education
 - Overnight Trips:
 - FBLA State Conference @ Spokane – April 8 – 11
 - Math Team State Competition @ Yakima – April 17 & 18
 - Construction Challenge Team @ Knoxville, TN – May 19 – 23
 - Golf @ Yakima – May 26 & 27
 - Track @ Tacoma – May 28 & 29
 - Fastpitch @ Selah – May 28 & 29
 - Baseball Regionals, site TBD – May 22; Final Four, site TBD May 28 & 29
 - Soccer, site TBD – May 21 & 22; @ Sumner – May 28 & 29
- The Board Heard Information About
 - Good of the Order – Attachment “B”
 - Communication about Budget Considerations
 - School Board Activities
 - Scholarship Committee Website Under Construction
 - HS Musical “Sound of Music”
 - WSSDA Trustlands Task Force
 - Acme School Visit
 - MBSD Community School Finance Meeting
 - WSSDA Regional Meeting
- Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted
 - Work sessions & Special Meetings
 - Thursday, March 26
 - Regular Meetings
 - Thursday, April 2 (please note early date due to Spring Break the following week)



**MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 507
EMPLOYMENT ITEMS, MARCH 12, 2009 BOARD MEETING**

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

Martin, Angela, Teacher HS, Temp/Leave Replacement 3/2/09-6/19/09 for Jennifer Stephens

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

Banach, Joe, Transportation Director, Continuing, Add 12 Days @ 8 Hours

DeGrace, Mitch, Para-Educator JH, Temporary 3 Hours/B Days through 6/18/09

Heuss, Christine, Para-Educator/Bus Supervision HS, Temp., 2 Hours Friday

Mallahan, John, Para-Educator/Bus Supervision HS, Temp., 2 Hours Day Monday-Thursday

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Buckley, Shannon, Teacher Kendall, Maternity Leave 5/22/09-6/19/09

Makela, Lisa, Para-Educator Acme, 3 Days Unpaid Leave 5/6, 5/7 & 5/8/09

McAbee, Dinah, Bus Driver, 2 Days Unpaid Leave 5/14 & 5/15/09

Monteith, Keith, Painter/Maintenance, 4 Days Unpaid Leave 3/16, 3/18, 3/19, & 3/20

Rodriguez, Jessica, Teacher Acme, Maternity Leave 5/5/09-6/19/09

Scott, Ronda, LPN Kendall, 4 Days Unpaid Leave 5/15, 5/18, 5/19, & 5/20/09

Strom, Jeanette, Para-Educator Harmony, 2.5 Days Unpaid Leave 6/17, 6/18/ & 6/19

Woodin, Suzanne, Bus Driver/Food Service, 3 Days Unpaid Leave 5/13, 5/14, & 5/15/09

RESIGNATIONS

Pattison, Michelle, Secretary II Special Programs, Resignation 3/5/09

Zender, Kelly, Assistant Fastpitch Coach, Resignation 3/09

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT

Crouch, David, Asst Boys Soccer Coach-JV, HS, Continuing, .5 FTE

Tsoulouhas, Ioannis, Asst Boys Soccer Coach-JV, HS, Continuing, .5 FTE

Attachment "A"



Good of the Order

March 12, 2009

MT BAKER FFA WINS AGAIN

Congratulations to the Mt. Baker FFA Forestry Team for their 1st and 2nd place finish at the Wake Robin FFA Forestry Career Development Event in Longview on Saturday. Matt Cronk placed high overall individual, Kurtis Zender placed 2nd, Bryce Postelwait placed 3rd, Booker Schmidt and Aaron Leavitt tied for 5th, and all others placed in the top 15 out of approximately 60 students. 11 teams from 8 schools competed at the contest.

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEAM

The math team performed in stellar fashion and we have 12 state qualifiers.

The following teams placed at Regionals:

2nd Place Team Project Competition:

Addison Stumpf, Brian Marshall, Osa Hale, Brian Davis, Danielle Scott, Wesley Harlan

2nd Place Team Problem:

Wesley Harlan, Steven Money, and Schyler Evans.

Third Place Team Topical Test:

Brian Marshall, Addison Stumpf, and the heir to the family misfortune.....Mark Brauer.

Other State Qualifiers: Steven Elsner, Nick Jacoby, David Chapman.

Congratulations to these fine scholars on their performance and hard work. The teams will travel to Yakima in April for state competition. Good Luck at State!

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK

March 9 – 13 is *Classified Employee Week*, recognizing the good work of all classified employees and Public School Employees Union members. Classified staff at Mt Baker were thanked and recognized in each building with all kinds of treats, including certificates, candy, breakfast cookies and lunch. School Board members approved a resolution thanking and recognizing those who perform vital services for our students and teachers – bookkeeping, teaching, cooking, cleaning, driving bus, keeping our technology humming, our grounds beautiful and providing welcoming greetings to all who enter our front doors. *Thank you, classified staff, for all your good work!*

SCHOOL RETIREES APPRECIATION WEEK

March 16 – 22 is *School Retirees Appreciation Week*, recognizing past and current work of retired school employees. School Board members approved a resolution which, in part, read – “School employees have retired from positions that serve the needs of students, staff members, parents and the community; retired school employees advance and strengthen the causes of public schools by supporting high standards for students; and retired employees continue to serve students and schools in a variety of ways that include volunteering, participation in school activities and support of school improvement efforts. Jim Freeman, a current board member, is a retiree from Mt Baker Schools and from Lummi Nation Schools.

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School Retirees - continued

In December 2008 *Whatcom County School Retirees Association* distributed a total of \$2,769.00 to Whatcom County schools for classroom materials. Those receiving grants in Mount Baker are as follows:

Harmony School, \$150 Gordon & Workman, 1st Grade, Milk Makers Field Trip
Harmony School, \$94 Jackie Ebert, Grade 4, manipulatives
Harmony School, \$75 Charles Collier, Grades K – 6 PE, step counters
Kendall Elementary, \$150 Steve Blum-Anderson, Grade 6, Cascades Eco System
Kendall Elementary, \$150 Judy Davis, Grades 5 – 6, North Cascades Field Work
Kendall Elementary, \$150 Welch, Nistad & Scott, Grade 2, Team Reading Track

Thank you, Retirees, for your support & donations of time & dollars!

OTHER GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Deming Library received an anonymous donation of \$50,000 – funds will be used for finishing interior work; pave driveways, complete landscaping, etc.
- Harmony PTA is sponsoring an assembly Friday, March 13 featuring the Northwest's top tropical latin music ensemble, *Bochinche*.