

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:

- Mount Baker School Finance Seminar
- Mount Baker Scholarship Fund
- FFA Demonstration – practice for State contests, very well done.
- HS Music Program
- Students from the HS Careers in Education class introduced themselves: *Lauren Frey, Stephen Raney, Deanna Bozzo, Megan Butenschoen, Veronica Charles, Christina Kutrovski.*

5. Information from the Audience –

- a. Art Clark, School Psychologist, talked about the importance of continuing counseling services to the school population, including staff, and retaining mental health workers in schools. Mr. Clark said there is stress system-wide due to the budget crunch.

6. Presentations –

- a. Whatcom County Library System – Joan Airoidi gave an overview of the Whatcom County Library system and their services. Also, Ms Arioldi spoke about the *Classroom Based Assessment Grant* that provides opportunity for collaboration among public library staff and our school libraries. The focus of the grant is expanding library collections in the areas that support the *Classroom Based Assessments* in Social Studies that are required by the state as a part of students' learning experiences in grades 5-12.

7. Action Items –

- a. Reduced Educational Program – Resolution #08/09:21 There was discussion about the ramifications of the budget deficit. Some key points:
 - Even with the reductions, there are still challenges ahead
 - Reduced program is not a solution, but a challenge
 - Actions were taken to save as many jobs as possible
 - Focus is on quality teaching staff
 - Minimize impact to students
 - When dollars come back, don't forget programs that were impacted
 - Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion to approve Resolution #08/09:21. Motion passed.
- b. Tuition Based Kindergarten – The intent of the proposal is to expand kindergarten services to students by providing additional school time through adjustments to the kindergarten schedule at Acme, and the addition of a tuition-based kindergarten at Harmony. Kendall Elementary currently has all-day kindergarten due to state funding for schools based on high percentage of socio-economic need. *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the recommended program. Motion passed.*
- c. Pay to Participate – A recommendation regarding participation fees for secondary athletics and extra curricular drama. There are ongoing discussions about how to ensure that the fees do not prohibit students from participating due to the cost of the activity. *Mr. Freeman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the recommended program change. Motion passed.*
- d. Surplus Personal Property – Resolution #08/09:23 – This action is to surplus the buildings at 4862 Deming Rd (TenKley Property) *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Mr. Freeman seconded to approve Resolution #08/09:23. Motion passed.*
- e. Donations Over \$500:
 - Anonymous Donation of \$1,353 to Reduced Meal Recipients – Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Ms Hart seconded the motion to gratefully accept the donation. Motion passed.

8. Policy –

- a. Policy #4210 – Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises – Work will continue, no action taken.
- b. Policy #5201 – Drug-Free Schools, Community & Workplace – Work will continue, no action taken.

9. Reports –

- a. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Gantman presented the Superintendent’s Report. Highlights of the report were:
 - Remembrance for Ferndale Schools Superintendent, Roger Lehnert, who passed away suddenly last week.
 - Good work of Legislators with regard to Timber Revenue legislation
 - Acknowledged Governor’s work for school programs
 - Alternative Education Program at High School to replace Timber Ridge
 - Deming Diking District continues work with district and Tribe
 - Audit of Special Education Program
 - Good work of Educational Leadership Team (ELT)
 - Leadership Academy in Spokane
- 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 –
 - Thursday, May 28th – Budget, Instructional Core, The Problem of Practice
 - June 25th - Junior High SIP & Related Curriculum Topics; Graduation Requirements
- b. Regular Meetings
 - Thursday, June 11th
 - a. 4:30 – 5:30 pm – Board Executive Session
 - b. 5:30 – 6:30 pm – Junior High School Progress Report
 - c. 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Regular School Board Meeting

11. Executive Session – None

12. Adjourn - At 9:00 pm Ms Dodson adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ellen Dodson, President

ATTEST:
Richard Gantman, Superintendent