



Minutes

1. Call to Order, Regular Meeting 7 pm – President, Ellen Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the District Office.

Attendance: Board Members – Ellen Dodson; Trish Hart; Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt; David Smith
Jim Freeman was absent and excused.

Certificated Administrators – Rick Gantman; Jim Frey, Trina Hall

- a. Good of the Order
 - i. FFA @ Northwest Washington Fair
 - ii. *Rick's List* of Grand Champions at NW Washington Fair
 - iii. Karla Atwood – Meals Programs
 - iv. Charlene Sutton – Committee Chairperson for Inland Empire chapter of American Orff-Schulwerk Association (Music and Movement Education)
 - v. Tamara Whitcomb – Attended National Association of Agricultural Teachers Region I Conference @ Lake Tahoe
 - vi. Annual State Patrol Inspection of School Vehicles – Outstanding results several years in a row.
 - vii. High School staff working together to welcome new student

2. Approval of Minutes – August 13 & 27 meetings. *No quorum was available for these meeting minutes. No action was taken.*

3. Consent Agenda – *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Ms Hart seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.*

- a. Personnel Actions
- b. Resolution #09/10:3 – Surplus Items
- c. Purchases over \$7,500.00
 - i. Bellingham School District - \$45,000.00
 - ii. Valerie Henderson - \$12,941.12
 - iii. Eileen Squires - \$33,970.44
- d. Overnight Trips –
 - i. Varsity Volleyball @ Centralia, September 11
 - ii. National FFA Convention – October 18 – 24, Indianapolis, IN
 - iii. State Tournaments

- e. Approval of Accounts Payable for September 09 & Payroll for August 09
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 10, 2009 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 # 1 – 10 in the total amount of \$9,492.59; ASB Fund vouchers #417 – 423 in the total amount of \$4,341.93; Capital Projects Fund vouchers #1312 – 1314 in the total amount of \$21,761.07; General Fund vouchers #25575 – 25650 in the total amount of \$61,265.80 and General Fund vouchers #25651 – 25694 in the total amount of \$43,449.98

4. Information from Board Members

Report on School Board Goals —

School Board members attended and/or took parting:

- a. Board Visits – Board members discussed schedules for visiting buildings during the school year
- b. Bruce Brown – Inspirational speaker at junior/senior high school on Wednesday, September 16, 2009
- c. CLASS Conference in Seattle
- d. Legislative Assembly Topics – September 25 @ Vancouver WA
- e. Deming Library Grand Opening – Saturday, September 12th @ 1 pm

5. Information from the Audience – Rick Maricle provided his annual *Rick's List* of Grand Champions at the Northwest Washington Fair
6. Presentations –
 - a. Enrollment Update – Dr Gantman provided updated enrollment numbers from the official count date of September 8. Enrollment is up approximately 30 FTE district-wide and 35 in the Mount Baker Academy from budgeted numbers.
7. Action Items – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Whatcom County Health Department. Dr Gantman brought the MOU before the board, to consider for approval. Under the MOU, the district would agree to provide facilities for emergency clinics, inoculations, etc. The MOU states that Dr Gantman will have the authority to approve or disapprove use of Mount Baker facilities. Other school districts and community entities have already signed some form of MOU with the Health Department. *Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt moved and Ms Hart seconded the motion to approve the MOU. Motion passed.*
8. Policy – None
9. Reports –
 - a. Superintendent's Report – Items included:
 - i. Work with District Nurse, Brenda Goebel to send letter home to parents regarding H1N1 preparedness.
 - ii. President Obama's speech on Tuesday, September 8 and its connection to Mount Baker curriculum
 - iii. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Kendall and Mt Baker Junior High are on Step II for improvement. Parents have been notified they may request transfer of their students to another school.
 - iv. Fire suppression request from North Fork Library. Whatcom County Fire Marshall and Risk Management Pool have been contacted for advice on the request.
 - b. Business Managers Report – Written reports were provided.
10. Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted
 - a. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
 - i. Thursday, September 24
 - ii. Thursday, October 22
 - b. Regular Meetings
 - i. Thursday, October 8
 - ii. Thursday, November 12
11. Executive Session – *At 8:45 pm Ms Dodson recessed the meeting and Board members went into an Executive Session to discuss two real estate items. The session estimated to last 45 minutes.*
12. Adjourn – At 10:00 pm Ms Dodson reconvened and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ellen Dodson, President

ATTEST:
Richard Gantman, Superintendent