

**TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: District Office - Board Conference Room
306 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, WA 98948

PRESENT: Richard Lommers, Gonzalo Macias, and Rick Schutz

MEMBER EXCUSED: Maryrose Gonzalez and William Rogers

OTHERS PRESENT:

Superintendent John M. Cerna, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching Patty Schmella, Executive Director of Personnel and HR Jeanette Ozuna, District Counsel Jo-Ellen Thomas, Dave Andrews, Krista Kamppi, Glenn Kamppi, Pat Kamppi, Nik Rowland, Susan Rice, Brandon Sampson, Colby Way, Karla Way, David Chavez, Fernando Reynoso, Catalina Aguirre, Michelle Ceja, Evelia Zuniga, Angie Zuniga, Maggie Morelan, Dawn Weddle, Teri Martin, Diane Sampson, Virginia Zavala, Silvia Zavala, Shannon Isadore, Donnie L. Smith, Miguel Santiago, Joanna Case, Stan Case, Loretta Fendell, Yaritza Contreras, Taylor Kendall, Ana Villegas, Sofia Jimenez, Lionardo Fuentes, Fernando Fuentes, Matt Piper, Robert Roybal, Frank A. Chandler, Jaime Perez, Trevor Greene, Jessica Hernandez, Jose Cueva, Maria T. Perez, Bernabe Perez, Mayra Perez, Natividad Vasquez, Crystal Vasquez, Magali Vasquez, Amanda Terrazas, Armando Fuentes, Jose Amarillas, Kenia Ramirez, Erica Macias, Victor Lopez, Juan Zavalza, Eligio Jimenez, Recording Secretary Danelia Arellano, and others

CALL TO ORDER

President Schutz called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Diane Sampson, Brandon Sampson, and Virginia Zavala addressed the Board to show their support of keeping Jeane Williamson as the migrant counselor at the Toppenish.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

President Schutz called for a motion to adopt the school board agenda. Director Lommers moved to adopt the agenda, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Schutz called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Lommers moved to approve the consent agenda, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF NEW STAFF RECOMMENDED

- Maria Gloria Crowder, Cook Assistant
- Adam Garcia, Custodian
- Eleodoro Rodriguez, Custodian

APPROVAL OF LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

- Jacob Gonzalez, resignation effective June 10, 2011
- Elizabeth S. Hockens, resignation effective end of the 2010-2011 school year
- Jo-Ellen Thomas, resignation effective September 1, 2011
- Stephanie Wood, resignation effective May 2, 2011

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF RETIREMENT

- Antonio Rodriguez, Jr.'s, retirement effective August 18, 2011

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

- Danelia Arellano's maternity leave of absence request from 6/14/11 to 8/12/2011

APPROVAL OF EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- Permission granted for T. Jeane Williamson to take 2 high school students on a campus visitation to Whitworth College, May 26-27, 2011.
- Formal approval granted for 12 students who attended the Washington State Youth Prevention Summit, May 18-19, 2011 in Grand Mound, WA. Verbal approval was obtained by President Schutz on 5/13/11.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

- Formal approval granted for the Toppenish High School Principal who accompanied two senior students and a parent to New York to appear on the Today Show and Telemundo, May 9-13, 2011. Verbal approval was obtained by President Schutz on 5/10/11.
- Permission granted for members of the Toppenish High School FCCLA and FFA clubs to travel to Athol, Idaho and go to Silverwood Theme Park on June 9, 2011 as a reward for their work in this year's leadership activities.
- Permission granted for the Project Lead the Way Department at the Toppenish High School to attend summer training in Indiana and Wisconsin as follows:
 - ✓ Enrique Romero and Arnulfo Gonzalez will be attending 'Human Body Systems' training as part of the Biomedical Sciences pathway at Indiana University-Purdue University-in-Indianapolis (IUPUI) from June 19 – July 1, 2011.

- ✓ Doug Radach and Shawn Myers will be attending Medical Interventions training as part of the Biomedical Sciences pathway at IUPUI from June 19 – July 1, 2011.
- ✓ Moises Gonzalez and Desiree Fry will be attending Digital Electronics training as part of the Engineering pathway at Milwaukee School of Engineering in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 31 – August 12, 2011.
- Permission granted for two teachers from the Toppenish High School to attend the 2011 Jostens Renaissance National Conference in Anaheim, CA, July 15-17, 2011

APPROVAL TO ISSUE 2011-2012 CERTIFIED CONTRACTS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 3-11 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO WIAA

Approval of Resolution No. 3-11 Delegating Authority to WIAA, which authorizes enrollment into the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

APPROVAL OF 2011 SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES

APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

▪ General Fund Warrant No. 173522-173681	5/31/11	\$1,067,044.53
▪ ASB Fund Warrant No. 12333-12351	5/31/11	\$10882.63
▪ Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 1443-1443	5/31/11	\$45,318.00
▪ Payroll X-Cycle Warrant No. 173513-173516 173517-173521	5/6/11	\$1,710.41
▪ Payroll Warrant No. 173682-173740 173741-173777	5/31/11	\$2,203,315.58

REPORTS

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH

The students recognized for outstanding academics and citizenship for the month of May are Phoenix Zarate from the Toppenish Preschool and Augustus Way from Valley View Elementary School. The certified employee of the month recognized for exemplary relationships with students and staff is Krista Kamppi, a teacher at Valley View Elementary School. The kindergarten team at Garfield Elementary School was recognized as the Professional Learning Community of the Month for exemplary collaboration in increasing student learning. The team consists of Kristin Ballew, Loretta Fendell, and Cindy Madden.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report-May

Superintendent Cerna gave the enrollment report for May. The actual head count for the month of April is 3,535 students, which is a decrease (↓) of 9 students from last month. The FTE count is 3,520.84 students reflecting a decrease (↓) of 8.32 FTE students. The bilingual count decreased (↓) by 5 students and is at 1,152, which represents 32.59% of the student population. The special education count, including birth to two years, is at 461 students, which is a decrease (↓) of 3 students from last month, and represents 13.04% of the student population. The student count for the Washington Web Academy is 144 students and 180 students for the Computer Academy of Toppenish Schools.

EduPortal

Superintendent Cerna reported the presentation on EduPortal, which is similar to the paperless BoardDocs, was rescheduled for May 27 at 10:00 am. Mr. Cerna said he would like to review it first and then schedule a presentation with the Board. The cost is much less; about \$1,800 a year compared to BoardDocs.

School Improvement Grant

Superintendent Cerna reported they have been busy with the Union negotiating the SIG grant for Valley View Elementary School. He said they have come to an agreement with the Union and the collaborative effort was pleasant. TEA will be presenting the Memorandum of Understanding to the staff at Valley View Elementary for voting.

National Migrant Conference, New Orleans

Superintendent Cerna reported that the National Migrant Conference in New Orleans was really good and informative. He attended with Eligio Jimenez, Patty Diaz and Armando Fuentes, a parent representative. Mr. Cerna said one of his biggest concerns is that we have been doing the same thing with Migrant Education for the past thirty-two years and nationally we have been getting the same results. He had an opportunity to talk with several of the higher level people there including the Migrant State Director Helen Malagon. He said the dropout rate for our migrant students, nationally, is over 50%, which is not acceptable and we need a change. There needs to be more flexibility in the use of funding. He said now is the time for change as it is reauthorization time. Eligio Jimenez said we hope to make some changes in the funding so that it is more accessible.

Armando Fuentes reported that this conference was a great experience for him. He said there was a tremendous amount of information that was presented at the conference, which he plans to share at the parent advisory meetings. He said attending these conferences is very important because they provide a lot of valuable information.

Comprehensive Program Review

Superintendent Cerna reported the Comprehensive Program Review went really well thanks to all the preparation work done by Patty Diaz. The people performing the review were impressed with all the paperwork presented. There were a few items that need to be addressed of which the district has forty-five days to complete but overall the review went well.

Lincoln Parking Lot Approved by the City

Superintendent Cerna reported the City has finally approved the modifications proposed for the Lincoln Elementary School parking lot. The pick-up and drop-off locations will be similar to Garfield Elementary School to increase student safety.

Summer School

Superintendent Cerna reported summer school will be held at Valley View Elementary, Toppenish Middle School (for all secondary students) and CATS. The credit retrieval program will serve incoming seniors first and then juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

School Board Redistricting

Superintendent Cerna informed that we will need to review our district boundaries and make some minor changes due to the 2010 Census.

School Board Candidate Filing Period – June 6-10

Superintendent Cerna informed the Board that the candidate filing period for the School Board is June 6-10. The directors up for reelection are Rick Schutz, Gonzalo Macias and Maryrose Gonzalez.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

No report was provided this month.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT

No report was provided this month.

TOPPENISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

Superintendent Cerna read a written report provided by Teri Winckler, TEA President. Mrs. Winckler reported they have been bargaining two different contracts with the District; the normal collective bargaining agreement and the School Improvement Grant (SIG) Memorandum of Understanding for Valley View Elementary School. The goal is to have these contracts ratified by the end of the school year. She also reported that she and Doug Radach interviewed most of the staff at Valley View to get an idea on their thoughts about the SIG grant. The staff's main concern was increasing student achievement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Senior Boards, Wednesday/Thursday, May 25-26, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Educator of the Year Banquet, Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 pm, District Office Board Room
- Toppenish High School Graduation, June 3, 6:00 pm, Wildcat Stadium
- EAGLE High School Graduation, Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 pm, A. J. Strom Gymnasium
- TMS 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm, A. J. Strom Gymnasium

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY UPDATE – SECOND READING 5410p Personnel: Substitute Employment

President Schutz called for a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5410P Substitute Employment. Director Macias moved to approve the second reading, and Director Lommers seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

POLICY UPDATE – FIRST READING Students: Discipline for Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Substances or Drug Offenses

President Schutz called for a motion to approve the first reading of the Discipline for Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Substances or Drug Offenses Policy. Director Lommers moved to approve the first reading, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4-11 Authorization to Support the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (McCleary v. State Ruling)

President Schutz called for a motion to approve Resolution 4-11 Authorization to Support the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools. Director Lommers moved to approve the resolution, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schutz adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. with no further business.

John M. Cerna, Secretary to the Board

Rick Schutz, President