

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

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2011
TIME: 6:00 p.m. - Study Session: WSSDA Policy Manual Revision
7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
PLACE: District Office - Board Conference Room
306 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, WA 98948
PRESENT: Maryrose Gonzalez, Richard Lommers, Gonzalo Macias, William Rogers and Rick Schutz

OTHERS PRESENT:

Superintendent John Cerna, Executive Director of Personnel and HR Jeanette Ozuna, Marlene Panell, Teri Martin, Charles Murphy, Meliza Ozuna, Alex Santillanes, Diane Sampson, Brandon Sampson, Jose Sanchez, Emmett Clayton, Dawn Weddle, Larry Davison, Darla Carnevali, Frank Harris, Donald Peters, Jackie Arellano, Omar Alfaro, Patrisia Diaz, Debbie Whitney, Kelli Carter, Rondi Marsh, Terri Winckler, Robert Roybal, Karen Wells, Amelia Sanchez, Irene Trujillo, and others

STUDY SESSION:

WSSDA Policy Consultant Kathleen McDonald provided an informational session on the policy manual revision project she will be doing for the District which is an inspection of our district policy manual against the Washington State School Directors Association Reference Manual. This process will take about ten to twelve months. She presented policy adoption requirements, the difference between policies and procedures, policy classification and the role of the School Board. Ms. McDonald will provide an analysis summary of each policy and recommendations for Board action. Six teams made up of board members and administrators have each been assigned a series or a group of policies to review and present to the Board for approval. The schedule to review the policies is as follows:

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| 1000 Series | Board of Directors | November 2011-January 2012 |
| 2000 Series | Instruction | December 2011-February 2012 |
| 3000 Series | Students | January 2012-March 2012 |
| 4000 Series | Community Relations | February 2012-April 2012 |
| 5000 Series | Personnel | March 2012-May 2012 |
| 6000 Series | Management Support | April 2012-June 2012 |

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, member of the Community Safety Network, gave an update on the Graffiti Paint-Out which took place on Saturday, October 29th. She reported 72 students from the Toppenish High School and Valley View Elementary participated, along with 35 community members and 22 parents from Valley View Elementary. The Yakama Nation donated hamburgers and hotdogs for the lunch served to all the volunteers. She also reported a spring community cleanup is being planned and will share the details as they

unfold.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

President Schutz called for a motion to adopt the school board agenda. Director Rogers moved to adopt the agenda, and Director Lommers 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 October 25, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF NEW STAFF RECOMMENDED

- Raquel Ferrell-Crowley, Dean of Students for Kirkwood Elementary School
- Anthony Pina, Classified Paraprofessional for Valley View Elementary School

APPROVAL OF HOWARD'S TIRE FACTORY \$6,000 DONATION CONSISTING OF \$3,000 CASH AND \$3,000 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Approval for the Board President, Superintendent and Business Manager to attend the Spring National Association of Federally Impacted School Conference, February 25-29, 2012 in Washington, DC.

APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL TEACHER PLANS FOR OUT OF ENDORSEMENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Mark Delp - Special Education
- Arnulfo Gonzalez - Math
- Sarah Russell - Special Education

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2011

APPROVAL OF USUAL AND CUSTOMARY BILLS AND PAYROLL NOVEMBER

APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL FUND X-CYCLE

- General Fund X-Cycle 11/04/11 \$7,062.85
WARRANTS No. 175032-175032; 174991-175031

REPORTS

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Alexus Mendoza from the Toppenish Middle School, Alison Marin from Lincoln Elementary School and Omar Alfaro from the EAGLE High School were recognized for outstanding academics and citizenship. Joe Sanchez, a custodian at Garfield Elementary School, was recognized as the Classified Employee of the Month and

Darla Carnevali, a teacher at Toppenish High School as the Certified Employee of the Month.

LATINO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Alex Santillanes from the Yakima County Latino Professional Association attended the meeting to announce that Superintendent John Cerna has been selected as the Educator of the Year for his many contributions to our youth and community. Mr. Cerna will be honored for his life time contributions at the December 31, 2011 New Year's Eve party at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment – November

The actual head count for the month of November is 3,668 students, which is an increase (↑) of 23 students from last month. The FTE count is 3,654.90 students reflecting an increase (↑) of 23.09 FTE students. The bilingual count increased (↑) by 14 students and is at 1,117, which represents 30.45% of the student population. The special education count, including birth to two years, is at 459 students, which is an increase (↑) of 27 students from last month, and represents 12.51 % of the student population. The student count for the Washington Web Academy is 154 students, and 94 students for the Computer Academy of Toppenish Schools.

Election of Officers in December

Elections of Officers are normally held in December but since Director Macias will be out of town, the Board elected to have the elections in January.

Ranch Party Awards

Superintendent Cerna reported that Nancy Brulotte was honored as the Rotary Teacher of the Year and Saul Moran and Maria Navarro were honored as Boy and Girl of the Year at the Ranch Party on November 3.

Legislative Meeting in Sunnyside

Director Maryrose Gonzalez presented a summary on the 15th Legislative District Meeting held November 7 in Sunnyside. She said they met with Senator Jim Honeyford, Representative David Taylor and Representative Bruce Chandler. The priorities for 2011-12 are to protect the current level of basic education funding, establish a comprehensive, stable and sustainable funding system for education, and fund local effort assistance/levy equalization. She stated some of the main topics of discussion addressed by Representative Chandler were the impact of constituents, better communication amongst legislators and schools, and the reduction of the number of school days and student assessments. Senator Honeyford spoke about the pressure that has been received by the Westside regarding the importance of levy equalization. He advised school districts to go to Olympia and give their input on the impact of the proposed budget cuts. There were several school districts who pointed out how much their schools would be impacted if levy equalization is eliminated. The Sunnyside School District shared that they would have to eliminate a large percentage of their teachers if levy equalization was cut. Representative David Taylor spoke about how schools would be impacted because of the actions currently being taken by the Yakama Nation regarding retrocession from Public Law 280 which is a civil jurisdiction. This would have a huge impact on school districts in regards to notification and increased costs. This retrocession issue by the Yakama Nation is still pending.

Superintendent Cerna reported he addressed the legislators regarding the impact of levy equalization. If the Governor's budget comes to fruition, our district would lose one million dollars.

WSSDA Annual Conference, November 17-20

Superintendent Cerna will be attending the WSSDA Conference along with Directors Rick Schutz, Rich Lommers and Maryrose Gonzalez in Bellevue, November 17-20.

Olympia Legislative Visitations

Superintendent Cerna reported that he and Dave Andrews are going to Olympia November 29 and December 14.

**Missoula Children's Theater Performance: Cinderella, December 3,
3:00 pm and 5:30 pm, THS Performing Arts Center**

School Board Meeting, December 13, 7:00 pm

WSSDA/WASA Legislative Conference, January 29-30, Olympia

NAFIS 2012 Spring Conference, February 25-29, Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Director Richard Lommers reported he attended a couple of the Renaissance presentations and personally supports the program. However, he cautioned that in light of everything that is going on, he wants to make sure that the funding is ironed out first. Superintendent Cerna said the only big ticket item would be the initial training which would be held in the summer. He said he would like to send a couple representatives from each building and a couple Board members.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE REPORT

Donald Peters, PSE President, reported he has been having some positive meetings with Jeanette Ozuna and have been actively solving issues as they arise. He said some PSE members visited Senator Honeyford last week regarding insurance and levy equalization and they plan to take a trip to Olympia in January. There were sixteen PSE individuals involved in the Kirkwood Halloween carnival and Kirkwood raised \$300 for field trips with the haunted house alone. He also reported PSE members will be having a meeting to talk about donating \$300 to the food bank for Thanksgiving and \$300 for Christmas.

TOPPENISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

Terri Winckler, TEA President, reported she attended the Principals Conference to listen to Charlotte Danielson who gave a very informative and positive presentation on evaluations. A team of five people representing the elementary schools, middle school, high school and special education will be meeting at ESD 105. She said the dental insurance issue has turned into a nightmare and they are still working on it. They continue to have positive meetings with John Cerna and Jeanette Ozuna. She has also been very impressed with the Principals in how they have dealt with issues that have come up concerning staff members.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items were presented this month.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schutz adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. with no further business.

John Cerna, Secretary to the Board

Rick Schutz, President