

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

DATE: Tuesday, July 23, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Maryrose Gonzalez, Richard Lommers, Gonzalo Macias, Jesse Orozco and Rick Schutz

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent John M. Cerna, Assistant Superintendent Jeanette Ozuna, Human Resources Director Larry Davison, Business Manager David Andrews, Lance Hoyt, Anastasia Sanchez, Alexander Mejia, Brenda Mallonee, Barb Moses, Scott Kallenberger, Apollo Solutions Group representatives Mike Fuentes and Joseph Hojnacki, Eligio Jimenez, and 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

Alexander Mejia addressed the Board with his concern about having walking sticks in the schools as they could be used as weapons.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

President Schutz called for a motion to adopt the school board agenda. Director Gonzalez 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 Orozco seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of June 25, 2013 and July 9, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

B. APPROVAL OF NEW STAFF RECOMMENDED

- Sandra Alexander, Special Education Director
- Albert Bass, CTE/Applied Math Teacher for EAGLE High School
- Rosa Cisneros, Administrative Secretary for Kirkwood Elementary School
- Linda Hall, Assistant Principal for Toppenish High School
- Kathey Hatfield, CTE Business Teacher for Toppenish High School
- Shawn Hayden, CTE/Graphic Art, Digital Tools Teacher for EAGLE High School
- Jon Eric Inions, Science Teacher for Toppenish High School

- Louise Justis, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department
- Eron Chay Maltos, Reading Teacher for Garfield Elementary School
- Kegan Powers, Science Teacher for Toppenish High School
- Rosa Sanchez, 6th Grade Science Teacher for Toppenish Middle School
- Casey Sorensen, History Teacher for Toppenish High School
- Stephanie Wood, Assistant Principal for Toppenish Middle School

C. APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION LETTERS

- Vicente Acosta, resignation effective end 2012-13 school year
- Catherine Frederickson, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Darla Gilman, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Tricia M. Piper, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Melissa Turner, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year

D. APPROVAL TO ISSUE 2013-2014 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

E. APPROVAL TO AWARD PETROLEUM BID TO CHANDLER DISTRIBUTING

- Approval granted to award the petroleum bid to Chandler Distributing based on the price quoted and the fact that more diesel fuel is used.

F. APPROVAL TO AWARD DAIRY BID TO TERRY'S DAIRY

- Approval granted to award the dairy bid to Terry's Dairy based on the bid submitted and estimated usage.

G. APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

- Permission granted for the Board and the Superintendent to attend the NAFIS Fall Conference, September 21-25, 2013 in Washington, DC.
- Permission granted for the Superintendent to participate in the Superintendent Leadership Institute hosted by the National Council for Community and Education. The two convening components are:
 - ✓ Partnerships Sharpening Skills Retreat, February 2-3, 2014 in Orlando, FL (travel days Feb 1st and 4th)
 - ✓ Closing Retreat and Celebration, May 2, 2014 in Chicago, IL (travel days May 1st and 3rd)

H. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR JUNE 2013

I. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR JUNE

- General Fund
 - Warrants No. 180330-180477 7/31/13 \$524,323.37
 - Warrants No. 180478-180478 \$2,556.96
 - Warrants No. 180547-180547 \$3,524.00

▪ Capital Projects Fund		
Warrants No. 1476-1477	7/31/13	\$53,796.24
▪ ASB Fund		
Warrants No. 12828-12844	7/31/13	\$18,510.88
Warrants No. 12845-12845		\$76.37
▪ Payroll	7/31/13	\$2,332,063.45
		\$287,716.69
Warrants No. 180500-180543, \$777,421.77		
Warrants No. 180544-180546, \$38,020.35		

REPORTS

JACKSON ROAD AND WARD ROAD (LANCE HOYT)

Lance Hoyt, Public Works Director, presented the City's proposal on the Jackson Street Extension Improvements. The main purpose of the proposal was to ask the district to participate in the extension improvements which would create a road next to the high school stadium that would connect with Ward Road. In order to accomplish this project the City would need the Toppenish School District to provide fifteen additional feet of property. According to Mr. Hoyt, the Board donated an easement of 30 feet in 1979 to the City of Toppenish. The Board will meet during a special board meeting to discuss the proposal and take action.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS (APOLLO SOLUTIONS)

Mike Fuentes and Joseph Hojnacki, representative of Apollo Solutions Group (ASG) presented a proposal for a grant opportunity for energy efficient upgrades in our schools. Apollo Solutions Group is an energy services contractor who assesses, designs and implements infrastructure projects which are guaranteed to pay for themselves through energy and operational savings. ASG guarantees the construction cost, energy and equipment/system performance. If these are not realized, Apollo will compensate TSD for the difference and perform any adjustments required to ensure that these systems are functioning at high-efficiency levels. The Board will meet during a special board meeting to discuss the proposal and take action.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Annual Bus Inspection Results

Superintendent Cerna reported the Transportation Department received, once again, an outstanding bus inspection. Director Lommers suggested that the bus mechanics receive recognition as they are the ones responsible for the outstanding bus inspections.

Summer School Projects

Superintendent Cerna gave a brief report on the summer school construction projects. He said the engineering lab at the middle school should be completed before school is out. Two additional classrooms are being added to the Preschool. We are taking two of our portables back from the Yakama Nation Preschool to accommodate more of our students. Plans are also on the way to add eight additional classrooms to Valley View Elementary School in the future. Dave Andrews said in order to qualify for state funding for Valley View we need to solve the square footage issue at the middle school. The state looks at K-12 square footage, and the square footage at the middle school is so disorganized that we don't qualify for funding until we remodel and restructure the middle school. Once the remodel and restructure is completed at the middle school then we would qualify to add the additional classrooms at Valley View. The middle school is currently going through a Study & Survey to see how much we qualify for state funding. Director Orozco asked if there were any plans for the tennis courts at the middle school. Superintendent Cerna said there have been some discussions but since the district doesn't receive state matching funds for athletics it has been on hold. Another project going on is the E-rate infrastructure at the middle school which has an anticipated completion date of August 6th.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant

Superintendent Cerna reported the elementary schools received the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant again this year.

GEAR UP National Conference

Superintendent Cerna reported he attended the GEAR UP National Conference in San Francisco but didn't actually attend any of the conference sessions because he was participating in leadership training for superintendents. The training was enlightening; they were trained by some of the best in the country and had the opportunity to see what other districts are doing around the country. GEAR UP is covering all expenses related to the superintendent leadership institute.

Math Pilot at THS

Superintendent Cerna reported the Toppenish High School will be participating in an internet-based math pilot program called Mathematics Vision Project from Utah, and will be purchasing 230 iPads for all freshmen students.

Active Shooter Training

Superintendent Cerna reported the Board had an informational study session on Active Shooter Training. The facilitator provided a wealth of information to the Board. Mr. Cerna is currently working on developing a weapons policy.

Upcoming Events

- WSSDA Legislative Assembly, September 19-21, Seattle Airport Marriot
- NAFIS Fall Conference, September 22-25, Washington, DC
- WSSDA Annual Conference, November 21-24, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Director Lommers said some of the signatures on the documents submitted for Board approval are not readable at all and suggested the name be printed along with the signature.

Director Orozco reported that on Saturday he was driving by the football field across the middle school and saw two individuals with metal detectors who were digging holes in the ground. He approached them and questioned if they had approval from the district to dig holes. Director Orozco recommended signs be posted to prevent this kind of activity. Superintendent Cerna said he had a conversation with the Maintenance Director this morning about placing signs at all our athletic fields.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT

No report provided this month.

TOPPENISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

No report provided this month.

ISTE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Barb Moses and Scott Kallenberger gave a brief report on the International Society for Technology Education annual conference and exposition. It was a great experience and one of the best conferences they have ever attended. There were over 20,000 attendees and about 1,400 vendors. They touched base with current vendors such as CDWG and also got several new ideas from possible new vendors. They had Ignite Sessions which were 5 minute presentations that advanced every 15 seconds with dynamic, engaging presenters sharing inspirational stories, great ideas, tool or practice. Mr. Kallenberger said he had a chance to speak with people from E-Rate and it looks like Priority 2 funding could potentially go away which could affect some of our wiring projects in the future. They are working on pumping more money into that program to help fund some of the lower income schools. Mr. Kallenberger said he should have more specifics in September. Ms. Moses said they had thirteen timeslots each day (Sunday-Wednesday) which covered educational technology programs, projects, lessons, ideas and concepts. They had featured recognized leaders and featured products and solutions. They also had several Bring Your Own Devise sessions which provided hands-on exploration of resources. Lastly, they had 42 learning stations held twice a day and it was amazing to see kids presenting their projects.

Mr. Kallenberger said he made it a point to visit most of the robotic stations to see how Toppenish compared nationally. Toppenish is just as good if not better than the ones at the conference. The conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia next year and recommended a Board member attend.

ACTION ITEMS

TPEP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

President Schutz called for a motion to approve the second reading of the TPEP Implementation Plan. Director Lommers moved to approve the second reading, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schutz adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM with no further business.

John M. Cerna, Secretary to the Board

Rick Schutz, President