

TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2013

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing: Budget Adoption
6:45 p.m. Public Hearing: Federal Impact Aid Budget
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent John M. Cerna, Assistant Superintendent Jeanette Ozuna, Director of Human Resources Larry Davison, Susan Rice, Cassandra Martinez, Leslie Huebner, Linda Hall, Melissa Brackney, David Andrews, Terri Winckler, Debbie Whitney, Frank Harris, Patty Diaz, Eric Franzen, Frank A. Chandler, Robert Roybal, Dawn Weddle, Sandy Alexander, Anastasia Sanchez, Krista Goudy-Sutterlict, Teri Martin, Recording Secretary Danelia Arellano and others

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013-14 BUDGET ADOPTION

President Schutz opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Dave Andrews, Business Manager, presented an overview of the 2013-14 Budget. Items he covered were enrollment trends, enrollment history and budget, revenues by source and program and expenditures by program and object. In addition, he presented a program detail summary of each fund as shown below and highlighted the major changes in revenue and expenditures for this coming year. The major changes in revenue include: apportionment increased by \$2,240,000, Title I decreased by \$143,000, a new program was added called Special Education Infant and Children which brought in \$165,000 to the district, the LAP program increased \$630,000 but the LAP H. Harmless program went down \$482,000. The major changes in expenditures include: salaries and benefits went up \$1,800,000 and materials/supplies and other costs went up \$400,000. President Schutz closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$40,609,172	\$41,633,263	\$1,150,000
Transportation Vehicle Fund	\$386,000	\$98,558	
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,800,000	\$1,520,000	
Debt Service Fund	\$1,601,635	\$1,594,666	
ASB Fund	\$213,481	\$220,130	

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TITLE VIII FEDERAL IMPACT AID

President Schutz opened the public hearing for Title VIII Public Law 103-382 (Impact Aid) at 6:45 p.m. Superintendent Cerna gave a presentation on Impact Aid, its effects on local school districts, funding and how the district uses the funds. This year, the district received \$458,732.23 in impact aid funding. He stated these funds are used for instructional support, learning resources, maintenance and repairs, teaching, and extracurricular activities. It is also used for the no-cost Operation and Maintenance Levy, which provides \$4 million in state matching funds to the district.

This year our district reported 60 children with disabilities, and 424 children residing on federal property. President Schutz closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMUNITY INPUT

Susan Rice, Valley View Elementary Principal, thanked the School Board and administration for bringing and supporting the Renaissance Program. She said the Renaissance Program has changed the culture at Valley View. She presented a PowerPoint show of some of the things they are doing as they focus on involving everyone, including cooks, janitors, and bus drivers in the school.

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 Orozco seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 23, 2013 and July 30, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

B. APPROVAL OF NEW STAFF RECOMMENDED

- Katherine Bedford, 3rd Grade Teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Cristal Cortes, Paraprofessional, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Sara Gutierrez, Kindergarten Teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Austin Kintner, First Grade Teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Savannah Lamas, Paraprofessional, Preschool
- Sally Mayo, Psychologist, Districtwide
- David Meldrum, Spanish Teacher, Toppenish High School
- Angelina Mesa, 4th Grade Teacher, Valley View Elementary School
- Janet Moran, Paraprofessional, Valley View Elementary School
- Erica Moreno, Paraprofessional, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Angie Noble, First Grade, Garfield Elementary School

- Priscilla Noriega, General Clerk, Lincoln Elementary School (for 2013-14 school year only)
- Andrea Osorio, Kindergarten Teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Neeland Pendlebury, Special Education Teacher, Toppenish Middle School
- Pablo Perez, Paraprofessional, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Ricky Ramos Jr., Special Education Paraprofessional, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Steven Slusher, Choir Teacher, Toppenish High School
- Cheryl A. Stohr, First Grade Teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School
- Sahara Valdez, Graduation Specialist, Districtwide
- Cheree Williams, English Teacher, Toppenish High School

C. APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT LETTERS

- Robert Elder, retirement effective 8/1/2013
- Elida Rodriguez, retirement effective 8/30/13
- T. Jeane Williamson, retirement effective end of 2012-13 school year

D. APPROVAL OF LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

- Rachel L. Becker, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Lana D. Huffman, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Cynthia Ibarra, resignation effective 9/2/13
- Kimberly K. Thomas, resignation effective end of 2012-13 school year
- Gloria Torres, resignation effective 8/16/13
- Hayley Travis Lamb, resignation effective 8/1/13
- Sherri M. York, resignation effective 9/6/13
- Jose M. Zamora, resignation effective 8/6/13

E. APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

- Sarah Garza, leave of absence during the 2013-14 school year to pursue her Master's in Education degree.
- Veronica Romero, maternity leave of absence from 8/22/13 to 9/31/13

F. APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Approval for the Board and Superintendent to present the district's STEM Program at the National Indian Impacted School Association Conference, December 9-11, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

G. APPROVAL TO ISSUE 2013-2014 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS-REVISED

H. APPROVAL OF GEAR UP PROGRAM SALARY SCHEDULE 2013-2014

I. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TSD AND TOPPENISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2013-2016

J. APPROVAL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR - RATIO OF CERTIFICATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMS (CATS): One (1) certificated instructional staff member to fifty (50) full-time equivalent students

K. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2013

L. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR AUGUST

▪ General Fund			
Warrants No. 180606-180735	8/30/13		\$672,656.12
Warrants No. 180736-180736			\$2,020.90
▪ Capital Projects Fund			
Warrants No. 1478-1480	8/30/13		\$38,102.73
▪ ASB Fund			
Warrants No. 12846-12854	8/30/13		\$10,056.11
Warrants No. 12855-12855			\$14.25
▪ Payroll	8/30/13		\$2,378,067.16
Warrants No. 180548-180559,			\$18,091.16
Warrants No. 189188-189233,			\$775,748.47

REPORTS

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH VISITATION

Cassandra Martinez and a group of students from Toppenish High School and EAGLE (Fani Rios, Sadie James, Sandra Chavez, and Elizabeth Franco) spoke about their experience at the BioQuest Academy held at the Biomedical Research Institute in Seattle. During this two-week summer academy, the girls were exposed to an authentic laboratory environment and had interaction with scientists while learning about global health issues including malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/Aids. The students also received college readiness experiences including scholarship and application essay support, and information on post-secondary institutions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Enrollment

Superintendent Cerna shared the "head count" enrollment reported and said there are about 3,400-3,500 students currently attending school. Our numbers are expected to increase as we have home visitors making home visits to get students back in school. He also said we are denying entrance to out-of-district students into our district at this time because we are running out of room. With the budget coming out late, we also had to hire more teachers because the K-1 class allocation went down to 21 students; at this time it looks like we are going to be over in all our buildings.

School Board Meeting, September 17, 7:00 PM

Superintendent Cerna announced the next Board Meeting will be held a week earlier on September 17th due to the NAFIS conference.

TPEP Training/Preservice/Opening Day of School

Superintendent Cerna reported the TPEP trainings went really well. He said Jeanette Ozuna, Larry Davison and Terri Winckler provided an awesome training on the new evaluation tool and thanked them for their hard work and collaborative efforts. Mr. Cerna had an opportunity to look at the evaluations and said they were all positive.

Mr. Cerna also reported he felt we had a great opening day with the involvement of the Renaissance Committee. He said building relationships and making sure everyone is recognized is one of the main objectives of the Renaissance Program this year. He thanked and commended the Renaissance Committee for their outstanding efforts and work at the district and building level. Mr. Cerna said he is pleased with the positive climate in all the buildings.

Meeting with Bill Murphy (City Business Manager)

Superintendent Cerna said he met with Bill Murphy, City Manager, and informed him about the Board's decision of not supporting building a road off of Jackson Road into Ward Road. Mr. Murphy asked what the rationale was in the Board's decision and Mr. Cerna said it was dangerous. Mr. Cerna told Mr. Murphy the District would reconsider the decision if the State would close off Hwy 97 into Ward Road. Mr. Cerna will continue to meet with Mr. Murphy on a quarterly basis.

Pepsi Contract

Superintendent Cerna informed the Board the District may be going into litigation with Pepsi. It has been about a year since the District signed a contract with Pepsi which included installation of five scoreboards. As of now, Pepsi has installed only one scoreboard at the Toppenish High School (which is not working) and the District feels Pepsi has not fulfilled their part of the contract. In further research, the District found that Pepsi has not even ordered the signs.

TEA Negotiations (Contract Ratified)

Superintendent Cerna reported TEA has ratified their contract. Assistant Superintendent Jeanette Ozuna thanked the negotiation teams for the wonderful process. The District's team included Jeanette Ozuna, Larry Davison, Teri Martin, Brenda Mallonee, and Debbie Whitney. TEA's team included Terri Winckler, Doug Radach, Michael Ayling, Gary Fox, Abbigail Blakney, Deborah Hessenthaler and Shawna Emch. Mrs. Ozuna said it was the most collaborative process she has been through during her tenure at the District. Mr. Cerna and Mrs. Ozuna thanked TEA for all their hard work and cooperation.

YouthBuild Program

Superintendent Cerna reported the YouthBuild Program will have an Open House, on August 29th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The house being showcased is one built by our EAGLE High School students and two other students from Grandview School District. The Graduation Ceremony will be on September 5th, 6:00 PM at the Toppenish High School Performing Arts Center.

Skylar Academy (Official Partner)

Superintendent Cerna reported Skylar Academy is now an official partner of our District which offers online education services.

Upcoming Conferences

- WSSDA Legislative Assembly, September 19-21, Seattle Airport Marriot
- NAFIS Fall Conference, September 21-25, Washington, DC
- WSSDA Regional Meeting, October 9, 6-8:30 pm, Sunnyside
- WSSDA Annual Conference, November 21-24, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Director Lommers reported he attended the vocational meeting at the Toppenish High School and is pleased with the direction the vocational program is going. Director Lommers thinks we need to have vocational training after high school because not all students need a four-year college. An example given was a student earning \$53 per hour with only two years of technical training. Director Lommers also commended Bruce Mortimer who is doing a fantastic job in the short time that he's been with our District. As the acting Director, he has made more connections and more in-roads than we've had in twenty years.

Director Gonzalez said she attended the Staff Preservice and said it was interesting, fun and entertaining and she really liked the Valley View video. She also spoke to one of the counselors at the Toppenish High School and she is excited about some of the projects and events they want to plan for this year. Director Gonzalez said she had a chance to talk with an elected official at the Tribe on August 20th about the City's proposal, and they said they have never been approached by Mr. Hoyt. If the issue does come up again, and if it turns out to be a better proposal, then the Tribe would consider. At this time, the Tribe is in agreement with the district's stance.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT

No report provided this month.

TOPPENISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

Terri Winckler, TEA President, thanked the District for changing the Preservice agenda and allowing TEA half an hour to ratify the contract. She was able to go over all the changes and take a vote that same morning; the results of the voting were 178 in favor and 8 against. Mrs. Winkler said the TPEP training was great. She had a lot of positive comments from teachers who said they now have a better understanding of the evaluation tool.

As for bargaining, Mrs. Winckler said it was truly different from anything she has been through before; the bargaining teams actually stayed in the same room. Mrs. Winckler is very pleased with the contract and said the District was awesome in dealing with TEA. TEA is looking into other insurance options and she thanked Dave Andrews, Business Manager, for helping her and keeping her informed on the different options available.

JOSTENS RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE

Several staff members gave a presentation on the Jostens Renaissance Conference they attended in Scottsdale, Arizona. As representative for the group, Doris Dorr thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the conference. This is the third year the district has had staff attend the conference. She said the conference is the most amazing thing you will ever go to. She has been to a lot of conferences but the Renaissance Conference is totally different; one comes back really inspired. The whole team came back with some really good ideas and is excited about implementing them in their schools. This year Renaissance was part of the Preservice making the event different than past years. This year every school was involved and each had a different theme; there is excitement in the buildings as a result of the work being done with the Renaissance Program. Mrs. Dorr said the Toppenish High School has implemented a program called C2G (Commit to Graduate). It encourages students to strive for their high school diploma and set a goal for the next stage of life. It also focuses on helping students prepare for the future by setting a career goal beyond high school, which might include trade schools or college. Leslie Huebner, a teacher from Kirkwood, reported this was her first time attending the conference and she came back enthusiastic. She said our schools are doing a lot of Renaissance inspired activities that we could send a team to present at the conference next year. Krista Goudy-Sutterlic, a teacher from Lincoln, also reported the conference was pretty authentic and walked away feeling excited and motivated.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 9-13 BUDGET ADOPTION FOR 2013-2014

President Schutz called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-13 Budget Adoption for 2013-2014. Director Lommers moved to approve the resolution, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Superintendent Cerna recommended appointing Larry Davison as the Affirmative Action Officer. President Schutz called for a motion to appoint Larry Davison as the Affirmative Action Officer. Director Orozco moved to approve the appointment, and Director Macias seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schutz adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with no further business.

John Cerna, Secretary to the Board

Rick Schutz, President