

Amendments- Minutes of March 26, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting

Mrs. Rascon asked the Board to support her in a directive to the Superintendent to have him find the information regarding the process for closing a school. No Board support was given. She reminded the Board about their discussion shortly after she was appointed in May 2006 regarding the very real need to consider closing one high school and that it would have to be done in the next year or two because of budget issues, and public hearings that have to be allowed for yet two years have gone by and the conversation is now muted and this concerns Mrs. Rascon. Mrs. Rascon is not saying that a school should be closed right now or even next year, she simply wants the Board to direct the Superintendent to identify the process and timelines for doing such a task. Mrs. Rascon believes that this Board knows that a school will have to be closed, and while not a task anyone will enjoy, one that needs to be at least identified for the timelines and process. Furthermore, it is a task that she believes should not be left to the new Superintendent.

Mrs. Rascon also asked the Board to support her in a directive to the Superintendent that the budget for the Neah Bay Schools be created with the funding that is generated as a result of the Neah Bay Community. No Board support was given and Mr. Laes informed Mrs. Rascon that it is not possible to budget in such a manner.

Mr. Colfax said he would like to have a conversation with Mr. Laes regarding the Federal Impact Aid funding and how it is being communicated, and thought perhaps that conversation should occur in Executive Session. Mrs. Rascon asked Mr. Laes if that is an appropriate place for that conversation, and Mr. Laes informed her that conversation would have to occur in a public meeting. Mr. Colfax was informed of that and decided he'd like to have that conversation at a work study. Three work study sessions were confirmed, the first on Tuesday April 15th regarding Federal Impact Aid, the second and third on Tuesday April 22nd and 29th for discussions regarding Superintendent qualifications.