

CAPE FLATTERY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 401
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

May 27, 2008

Neah Bay School- Library (The Commons)

6:30 PM

The Board met, as advertised, in Executive Session from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel. All Board members were present except for Mr. Greg Colfax. They returned for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was moved to the Neah Bay Commons due to the number of audience members (62 community members inclusive of staff and Board Members).

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chairperson, Dudley Eubank.

II. Roll Call of Members:

Mr. Dudley Eubank	Present
Mr. Greg Colfax	Absent
Ms. Shirley Johnson	Present
Ms. Iris Wilson	Present
Ms. Tracey Rascon	Present

III. Introduction of Visitors and Public Questions and Comments

A Neah Bay community member wanted to take the opportunity to clear the air regarding the Neah Bay and Clallam Bay issues. She wanted to publicly acknowledge and express appreciation to the Clallam Bay School and the Clallam Bay Community, because they helped her son graduate. She mentioned that it is not her goal to shut down Clallam Bay School and that she is not interested in the financial affairs of Clallam Bay community. Closure of a school is the Board's issue. She is concerned over equitable distribution of funds and class size. She intends to take her concerns to the Makah Tribal Council.

A community member from Neah Bay wanted an explanation for cancellation of the Budget work-study earlier in the month.

Mr. Eubank explained that the meeting was cancelled because at the time there was no new information on the budget to share. The budget has been sent off for an independent review by OSPI.

She mentioned her extreme disappointment in the cancellation of the meeting. The meeting was cancelled one day prior to when it was suppose to be held. In order to update the Board Member who was absent at a previous Board Meeting, she expressed her concerns again. Her concerns and questions surrounded why the expenditures are less than the revenues for the Neah Bay site. She expressed her wishes for the money generated by Neah Bay students to be spent at Neah Bay School. She again mentioned her disappointment in the cancellation of the budget work-study. She also requested that an IPP meeting be held as early as next week.

Mr. Eubank mentioned that the budget was not on the table for discussion until Mr. Hurtado from OSPI has had the opportunity to review the budget materials sent to him.

A Neah Bay community member wanted to know why Mr. Hurtado was coming out- and why his services were needed.

Chairperson Eubank explained that Mr. Hurtado was selected by the Board to serve as an independent reviewer of the budget information. Mr. Hurtado is scheduled to come out June 26th.

Board Member Johnson explained the need to have an independent person review the budget.

Mr. Eubank- cancelled the meeting –because no new budget information was available at the time to present to the public. He explained that the bottom line figures were not available for next years budget by the time the meeting came around.

A Neah Bay community member expressed concern over the three different budget pages that were presented to different organizations, committee or community members and the fact that none of them were the same. She mentioned the frustration because the community does not know which budget information is correct.

Chairperson Eubank again mentioned that the results of the independent budget review will be presented at the June 26th work study session.

Another community member from Neah Bay- wants to look at the expenditures for the kids. He wants to look at how the expenditures are spent in order to take a futuristic look for budget purposes. It is his opinion that the money generated by the students should follow the students.

A Neah Bay community member feels the School Board should know the bottom line figure that each student generates. The community member doesn't understand why the money generated by the student doesn't follow the student.

Another community member from Neah Bay asked the Board back in March- how much each student generated in apportionment funds. He voiced concerns that the Board could not tell him a figure.

Superintendent Laes explained that the state distributes apportionment based on a lengthy, complicated funding formula. He explained that the funds are not separated out by site when they come in. Superintendent Laes mentioned that as of the budget adoption date the district was set to receive 3.5 million and some change for apportionment. That figure was based on the *anticipated* number of full time equivalent students. That money is not guaranteed if there are fewer students that are enrolled. There is not a figure in the adopted budget that specifies the dollar amount per student. The State then determines the amount of certificated, administrators and classified personnel that they will fund based on the student FTE. Any additional teachers, or staff members are above and beyond what is funded. Based on current student FTE the district should have 35 teachers, the district currently has 54 certificated staff members.

Mr. Laes was interrupted by a Neah Bay community member that wanted to know how much money each student generates. Another Neah Bay community member asked at what site the drop in enrollment was happening at.

Mr. Eubank explained that the drop in enrollment is taking place at both ends of the District- at the alternative program at Neah Bay and at the Clallam Bay School. He shared some enrollment figures from the end of March – beginning of April. At that time, Clallam Bay had a year- to-date loss of 6.78 student FTE and Neah Bay had a year-to-date loss of 8.10 student FTE.

The Board addressed the request for an IPP meeting next week- arranging for a meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Neah Bay.

A community member from Neah Bay asked if there was a state standard surrounding the student/ teacher ratio. She wanted to know if there is a standard that says that two schools in the same district have to have the same student / teacher ratio.

Superintendent Laes mentioned that there is not a state set minimum required student / teacher ratio.

A community member from Sekiu wanted clarification as to where the talk of a school closure was coming from- was it from the Board, Tribal Council or the community members? She wanted the feelings between the two communities cleared up.

Board Member Rascon- explained that at the last Board Meeting, she asked the Board to consider the options available to address the budget issues. She mentioned that when she first got on the Board two years ago that discussion was taking place as regards the budget status for the next several years and at that time there was talk of the need to consider combining high schools. The talk of this as an option has come back up due to recent budget issues.

A Neah Bay community member mentioned that it is the Board's decision not the Makah Tribal Council's. It is the Board's decision as to how the funds are spend or what schools are closed.

Another Neah Bay community member thinks that the Clallam Bay staff is not aware that the Federal Impact funds have been taken away from Neah Bay.

Superintendent Laes reminded those in attendance that Federal Impact Aid Monies are federal funds that are in lieu of taxes and that the funds go into the General Fund as do the tax revenues.

A Neah Bay community member feels that the Federal Impact Monies are being spent at Clallam Bay to subsidize the school there.

A Neah Bay community member had questions surrounding the Bond. He wanted some questions answered as to the total budget of the bond projects, how the bid process is regulated, and how conflicts of interests are addressed. He listed the garage doors of the bus barn at Neah Bay as being a conflict of interest. He would like the Board to send the requested information to him at the high school office at Neah Bay.

A community member from Neah Bay mentioned a letter he had submitted to Mr. Laes. He requested that the Board get a copy of the letter and respond directly to him.

Another community member asked what the process is to have input into the budget process?

The Board mentioned that there will be a budget presentation at the next Board Meeting. Budget concerns and questions can be addressed then.

A community member from Clallam Bay mentioned that there are several rumors going around about the closure of the Clallam Bay School. If this rumor is indeed true, she would like the community to have the time to get creative in saving the school. She would like the community to have the opportunity to brainstorm and be proactive in discussing the options.

Another Clallam Bay community member mentioned that she moved her students to Clallam Bay because of the fact the school was recipient of the School of Distinction Award. She mentioned that it broke her heart to hear talk about closure of the school. She mentioned that her child has shown great progress by attending the school. She expressed hope that the rumor was just hearsay so that the community could be at rest.

Board Member Rascon mentioned that it is not the Board's intent at this point to close the school. Amendments to the Board Minutes have been made to reflect and clarify the Board's dialogue regarding closure of the school. The minutes and amendments to the minutes have been published.

A community member asked if the principals have a say in the budget.

Superintendent Laes explained that the district calculates the anticipated revenues, and the principals have ample opportunity to have input into the budget and the process.

The community member wants to know if the principals have the authority to budget up to the revenues generated at each site.

Superintendent Laes again explained that the principals have input into the expenditures at their sites. Mr. Laes explained that certain funds are generated by categorical programs. These categorical funds are spent at the site in which the grant is written for. The apportionment revenues are not site specific.

A Neah Bay community member again mentioned the confusion that surrounds the different budget information sheets that are floating around the community. The community is unsure of which one to look at. She mentioned that assumptions are being made because the expenditures are broken out by site.

A student from Clallam Bay School paraphrased from earlier conversations and from his understanding, how the school district gets revenues and then determines how the money is spent. The student mentioned that he understands how the categorical funds are generated and spent. It is his understanding that the rest of the funds, from all other sources, go into the general fund. He asked how the Board determined how the money in the general fund is expended. He asked if the administrators and the principals determine the greatest need and spend the money based on this. The Board mentioned that this was the case. The student mentioned that it should be the goal of the Board and the communities to figure out a way to keep both the schools operating and still provide the best education possible.

A Neah Bay community member wanted to know if the schools are losing any staff members due to budget cuts. They also wanted to know if the proposed budget has been given to the principals to look at.

The Board did not respond to questions surrounding the budget at this time.

IV. Adopt Agenda APPROVED Wilson / Johnson 4/0

The Agenda was adopted with the following changes: Under Personnel Considerations please add the resignation of Sasha Frisbie from Neah Bay. Also please add for personnel for consideration Danielle Denney for ASB Advisor at Neah Bay.

V. Consent Agenda APPROVED Johnson / Rascon 4/0

- A) Minutes from April 22, 2008- Regular School Board Meeting
- B) Payroll and Employee Benefits – \$ 480,827.61
- C) General Fund Accounts – \$ 140,786.92
- D) ASB Fund Accounts- \$ 16,997.69
- E) Transportation Fund Accounts-
- F) Capital Projects Accounts – \$ 33,299.81
- G) Resolution # 08-05- Annual WIAA Authority Resolution
- H) Summer Equipment and Facility Usage as required by WIAA

VI. School Program Presentations

- A) Makah Language- Student Book Reading (Maria Pascua)

Mrs. Pascua introduced two students in her Makah Language Class. The students shared a story in English and translated it into Makah. The students mentioned some of the projects that they have completed in the class.

VII. Professional Discussions

- A) Accreditation

Mrs. Ritter presented the Status of the Accreditation for each of the High School. The Northwest Accreditation process involved an internal audit of the educational process. Members of the school, staff, and community were on the accreditation committees. At the end of the internal review an accreditation committee made up of outside administrators and accreditation members came to review the internal audit. The feedback from the accreditation committees at both ends of the district was positive. Each principal presented their binders and the background work involved in the process. Dr. Renker and Mrs. Murner expressed appreciation to the community members for their input into the process.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. Action Items

None

X. New Business

None

XI. Personnel Considerations APPROVED Wilson / Johnson 3/1 (with Rascon abstaining)

- A) RESIGNATIONS / LEAVE OF ABSENCE-

- 1) Aaron Fischer CB Resignation
- 2) Rhonda Wilson NB Resignation
- 3) Sasha Frisbie NB Resignation

- B) NEW PERSONNEL FOR CONSIDERATION **APPROVED Rascon / Wilson 4/0**

- 1) Danielle Denney NB ASB Advisor

XII. Administrators / Board /

Chairperson Eubank realizes that there are a lot of rumors going around. The Board wants more information before responding to the questions – so that accurate information is given out. He agrees that the IPP committee meeting needs to happen. There have been difficulties in getting the names of

the committee members, but now that those have been finalized, the meetings should be able to happen. The budget revenues have to be determined and the budget balanced before it can be sent out to the sites for the expenditures to be allocated. He expressed appreciation for the community support shown for the schools at both ends of the district. Chairperson Eubank reiterated that the Board wants to have all of the information and the facts before presenting information in the public forum.

XIII. Executive Session

(If necessary to consider employment or dismissal of personnel or to consult with legal counsel to consider acquisition or sale of real estate).

The Board Broke for Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. – to discuss personnel. They returned at 8:15 p.m. and adjourned.

XIV. Adjournment

The district encourages the participation of all disabled citizens at meetings of the Board. Those wishing to attend the meetings should notify the district at least 48 hours in advance if special accommodations will be necessary for participation in the meeting. Announcements of Board meetings will include a statement of steps to be taken for participation by disabled persons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **APPROVED** Johnson/ Wilson 4/0.