The workstudy session was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Greg Colfax.


Capital Projects
The Board toured the elementary to look at the current building. They are considering expansion of the building to accommodate the growing number of students coming into the elementary. Mrs. Ritter explained the options for funding the potential remodel. An OSPI representative, along with an architect came out to tour the facility and make some recommendations. The recommendation is to add 4 classrooms, common room, and updates to the remainder of the facility. Projections of the number of kindergartners in the Fall is between 30-35. Also discussed was the use of the existing portables and the desire to remove them. Mrs. Ritter mentioned the need for improved parking and parent / student drop off areas. There is also a need for a dedicated science lab. Mrs. Murner shared her current student numbers. The elementary houses grades K-5. The Board has set the goal of having small class sizes- which has helped with the academic success of the students. Space for these classes does become challenging. Mrs. Ritter mentioned the approximate timeline for the project. Application for Federal Impact funds for construction opens in April and is awarded in the Fall. Mrs. Ritter would like to complete a study and survey of the buildings in the district. This is required prior to any major construction projects, and every 6 years for buildings built with State match funds. Discussion followed and questions were answered. They toured the elementary school. Mrs. Ritter would like the Board to think about which construction plan they want her to pursue. Board Member Colfax mentioned the lack of cohesion in the existing building. Board Member Baker- mentioned the lack of a commons area in the current building. Mrs. Ritter mentioned the educational learning opportunities that take place in a commons area and how important those are to student achievement. A long- range plan needs to be compiled and implemented in order to address the future needs of the schools and district. Mrs. Ritter suggested moving forward with the survey and application of Federal Impact construction funds. Depending on the amount of money received- may help determine which option the Board ultimately chooses. Board Member Rascon suggests moving forward with survey and finance package. Board Member Colfax shared his thoughts on the project. There is a need for a common resource center for parents and a place for specialists to work with students. The Neah Bay clinic has resources, and the school has resources so it would be nice to have a place to collaborate theses resources for parents- which would be incorporated into the plans for renovation.

2015-16 Staffing
Mrs. Ritter mentioned the need to add another elementary teacher at Neah Bay, another teacher for the middle school grades in Neah Bay, and an additional counselor for the high school at Neah Bay. Classified staff will remain about the same for next year. The Board discussed the staffing needs for next year.

The session was adjourned at 5: 40 p.m. The Regular Board Meeting followed at the advertised location at 6:00 pm.