

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
Buckley, Washington

**MINUTES OF THE WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD APRIL 15, 2015**

The meeting of the White River Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was conducted. Under Roll Call, all members were present (Ms. Lacy was excused to arrive late). Under Approve Agenda, Director Jansen moved to approve the agenda; second by Director Pearson. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Director Pearson moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015, regular meeting. Director Sanabria seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes
Approved**

Director Jansen moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015, special meeting. Director Sanabria seconded; motion carried.

Under Announcement and Recognition, 1) Next Special Meeting, April 22, 5:30 at Mama Stortini's Restaurant – Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent's evaluation and board self-evaluation; 2) Next Regular Meeting, May 13, 2015, 5:30 in the DDC Board Conference Room; 3) Loomis Clothing Bank: Sheila Smith announced the clothing bank's 20th year, and invited attendance at the fundraiser event on May 9th; 4) Transportation Efficiency Award: Keith Banks introduced Randy Gregg to describe the formula of our efficiency rating. The district earned 100% efficiency rating. 5) Child Nutrition Program Audit: Mr. Banks stated that in our recent food service audit, there were no findings, which is a rare occurrence. Congratulations were extended to Child Nutrition manager, Hydie Kidd and she explained the audit process for this area; 6) There was no WRHS ASB Activities Report.

**Announce-
ments**

Under Highlight, members of the Facilities Committee provided detailed information for the board. Mr. Banks introduced Mr. Doug Nichols from ESD 112, who has helped facilitate the analysis of our facilities. He reviewed information that the planning committee had used in their meetings. It included interviews with key personnel, analysis of enrollment projections, and permanent capacity of buildings (compared to enrollment projections) to produce a utilization factor. Additionally, they examined safety/ security, the condition of the buildings, and also looked at functional and program adequacy of the schools. Finally, they attempted to price each component of the various recommendations. Mr. Banks shared a priority list of projects for each school or facility, with a total approximate price tag of \$84,785,268. Questions regarding specific items on the list were addressed. Finally, Jon Gores, managing director from DA Davidson has provided support to the superintendent and business manager in the area of bond planning. He shared voting patterns in recent elections, with most success found in a February election. Planning for the bond includes an exemption of tax and interest rates, assessed valuation, and the bond structure. He explained bond interest rates, and the district's bond rating. He stated that assessed values in our area are increasing, and that the tax base may increase due to new construction (vs. an increased value of existing property). Bond money must be spent within three years, by law. He provided a tax rate summary based on a bond amount of \$93 million, and a term of about 20 years. Mr. Gores discussed public preferences in various aspects of the bond structure. In response to a question, there is some technology money included in this bond.

**Facilities
Committee
Report**

Superintendent Keating thanked Director Jansen for his involvement in this process of examining our facilities needs. She also thanked Keith Banks, Mona Moan and Donna Morey. Additionally, Mike Hagadone, Scott Harrison, Mark Slominski, Marty Brewer, Milt Tremblay, Chris Gibson, Terry Veltkamp, and Pam Jeter added their areas of expertise, knowledge and passion.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Consent Agenda, Director Jansen moved to approve. Director Pearson seconded. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the following items:

**Consent
Agenda
Approved**

- Approval of actual vouchers issued March, 2015 (noted below)
- Approval of payroll issued March 31, 2015
- Approval of Out of State travel for LeeAnn Alfano and Team to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Diego, CA, June 16-19, 2015
- Approval of Out of State Travel for Girls High School Basketball Team to San Diego Classic Tournament, July 14-20, 2015
- Approval of Out of State Travel for High School Wind Ensemble to New Orleans, LA, March 17-21, 2016
- Approval of Overnight Travel for AVID students for College Campus Visits, April 29-30, 2015
- Approval of Out of State Travel for Teacher Team to Attend ELA Workshop, San Diego, CA, April 20-22, 2015
- Approve Out of State Travel for TSA to Dallas, TX for Nationals, June 27- July 2, 2015
- Approve Revised Personnel Report

Actual warrants issued March 16, 2015 were:

General Fund (32932-33001)	\$ 296,632.49
ASB (6620-6652)	\$ 32,551.38
Capital Fund (599-601)	\$ 207,695.68

Actual warrants issued March 31, 2015 were:

General Fund (33002-33090)	\$ 178,072.58
ASB (6653-6683)	\$ 26,398.36
Capital (602-603)	\$ 29,160.39
General ACH	\$ 4,487.51
ASB ACH	\$ 569.97

Payroll issued December 31, 2014: \$2,575,456.38

Under Business Services, Donna Morey provided the February Budget Status Report. She stated that we compare approximately the same as we were this time last year, with the ending general fund balance at \$6.4 million. She reviewed programs, noting that the special education budget is close to matching their budgeted amount for the year. It was explained that there has been a balance carried over in the high school ASB to save for a new sound system. She also highlighted increased revenues in the Community Activities Program, increased revenue from facility rentals and donations, and a payment of \$100,000 in Timber Excise Tax. We will soon be going out to bid for the milk and dairy contract. The top ten expenditures were reviewed.

**February
Budget Status**

The Enrollment report for two months was brought to the board's attention. It is expected that there will be a slight drop through the end of the year.

**Community
Activities
Report**

Under Action and Reports, Erin Thim, Community Activities Coordinator, shared information about various aspects of the program including participant numbers. She stated that Kids Klub averages 89 students per day, with revenue of about \$16,000 per month. Changes this year include converting staff to contracted status with benefits. In addition, Kids Klub employees are able to help plan their program, and they do not collect payments at all. The community best knows the program through youth sports, with about 1200 participants per year, and 140 volunteer coaches, with a revenue of about \$55,000. The biggest area of growth was found in specialty programs such as Dance It Up, Bricks 4 Kidz, and drama programs. Summer camps and programs were described. Mrs. Thim also reviewed revenues and expenses in various program areas for the year as compared to previous years. For the future, the staff will continue to keep the program sustainable, and expand offerings beyond sports, hoping to especially target middle school aged students.

Director Vogel made a note of acknowledging Keith Banks for his years of service.

Board Policy 3210 – Non-Discrimination - was then presented for first reading. The policy will return to the board in May for second reading and approval.

**Board
Policies First
Reading
3210, 3211,
6220**

Board Policy 3211 – Transgender Students – was also presented for first reading. Mr. Scott Harrison explained that the annual risk assessment survey score generates a discount on insurance. Having this policy in place, along with several others, are part of this risk assessment survey. Putting policies in place help our staff deal appropriately support transgender students.

Board Policy 6220 – Bid Requirements – was presented for first reading. Donna Morey explained that these changes reflect changes in federal policy, and puts our policy in line with current practice.

Motions were made and seconded to approve Resolutions 15-04 and 15-05, for Substitute Staff and Teacher Appreciation Weeks. Motions carried unanimously.

**Resolutions
15-04 and
15-05**

Under Board and Superintendent Comments, Superintendent Keating acknowledged Meagan Rhoades in the changes she has lead the district in changes to the assessment process. Meagan stated that attendance for 11th grade testing was excellent. Third graders have also started testing and went well. She noted that our upgrades of the wireless network has aided the success. The new test can also replace the college Compass test.

Comments

Scott Harrison and Mike Hagadone shared their experiences at recent job fairs. Superintendent Keating has been involved in meetings with deans from various local colleges.

Director Jansen mentioned that Elk Ridge has won their second School of Distinction award.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Adjourn

Janel Keating
Secretary to the Board

Denise Vogel
Board President