

Lake Pend Oreille School District #84
Minutes of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting #411
Kootenai School, Sandpoint, ID
October 27, 2009

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was established with Trustees Vickie Pfeifer, Mindy Cameron, Ashley Aumick, Joan Fish and Steve Youngdahl present. Also present were Supt. Cvitanich, Clerk Julie Menghini, Assistant Administrator Doug Olin, Principals Betsy Walker, Phil Kemink, several staff members and government class students.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Pfeifer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Pfeifer welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented they were pleased to be at Kootenai School for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was nobody signed up for Public Comments.

EDUCATION

Kootenai Tour - Principal Betsy Walker said she would lead the tour of the construction site along with Gary Hyenga, the on-site manager for Panco. Chairman Pfeifer recessed the meeting while the group went on a tour of the new classrooms, library and gymnasium. Ms Walker took the group through the new office area and five classrooms that are expected to be completed by the end of November, at which time, they will move into that wing allowing for construction to begin in the kitchen. Chairman Pfeifer reconvened the meeting at the end of the tour. She noted that the construction project is on time and under budget.

Trustee Cameron made a motion *to amend the agenda to include the bid proposal for cabling at Kootenai*. Trustee Fish seconded. Chairman Pfeifer asked for questions. There being none, the vote was taken with Trustees Pfeifer, Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

School Improvement Plan – Kootenai School – Ms Walker shared a PowerPoint of the Continuous Improvement Plan for Kootenai. She had charts showing longitudinal ISAT data for the past five years in reading, math and language usage. She explained the current averages and the goals they have for each subject area. Julie Reister-Keaton talked about how they will achieve their reading goals. Teacher Kim Clad commented that she had a student that had been in other schools, but his testing data was available for her to use. She also spoke of the positive aspects of the Success Tracker testing program.

Naticia Litven presented the math information and goals. She said all the teachers are dedicated to teaching the new EnVision math curriculum with fidelity. Teachers use Success Tracker assessment and intervention program for reading and math to allow instant access to data from tests.

Ms Walker talked about the language usage and writing goals and plans. She said another goal they have is to implement Response to Intervention (RtI). She noted it has

been a positive experience so far. The staff is delivering the intervention programs with fidelity. She pointed out that they have realized the key to success is adherence to the delivery of research based intervention programs because they see the results.

SHS student Ethan Koepki commented that he was not a strong math student and had trouble reading when he was young but after going through some of the programs similar to those that have been talked about he is now in AP English. He said it is definitely worth the time the teachers are taking to work with those students that struggle.

Ms Walker concluded by explaining the pillars of character and “grabbers” that are used to build up positive behavior. She also thanked everyone for their support of the passage of the construction levy.

Trustee Youngdahl said Ms Walker is the perfect instructional leadership model and he believed she was inspiring. Supt. Cvitanich added that tonight was a good example of a couple things: this will be a beautiful new building and also the heart of what happens in the classroom is because of the teachers, principal and staff who are delivering a program. Chairman Pfeifer commented that in the past the final scores of the ISATs were not shared immediately with the students, but now it is clear that students benefit from seeing them. Supt. Cvitanich also noted that the comment by the student was priceless in that he appreciated the time the teachers invested in him.

ACTION ITEMS:
CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Approval of Minutes*
 1. *October 13, 2009 – Regular Meeting #410*
- B. *Approval of HR Report*
 1. *New Hire – Certificated*
 - a. *Derek Danko*
 2. *Change to Assignment – Certificated*
 - a. *Dave McNeely*
 3. *Additional Assignment – Certificated*
 - a. *Karin Beno*
 - b. *Kathy Berget*
 - c. *Frank Cafferty*
 - d. *Purley Decker*
 - e. *Dan Krabacher*
 - f. *Ann Dickinson*
 - g. *Kim Lambright*
 - h. *K.C. MacDonald*
 - i. *Julie Reister-Keaton*
 - j. *Jennifer Smith*
 - k. *Marcia Wanous*
 4. *New Hire – Classified*
 - a. *Kimberley Barfuss*
 - b. *Benjamin Edstrom*
 - c. *Michelle Flint*
 - d. *Loyle Peterson*
 - e. *Leesa Phipps*

5. *Additional Assignment – Classified*
 - a. *Robert Carl*
6. *Resignations – Classified*
 - a. *Julie Brett*
 - b. *Robin Bruhjell*
- C. *Approval of Recommendation of Bid for Cabling at Kootenai*

Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the Consent Agenda*. Trustee Cameron seconded. Chairman Pfeifer asked for questions. There being none, the vote was taken with Trustees Pfeifer, Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Process for Developing Plan to Open Kootenai – Chairman Pfeifer noted that when it is time to open Kootenai after construction is completed, there needs to be a plan for adjusting or developing the attendance boundaries. Assistant Administrator Doug Olin demonstrated a new program that was purchased for routing buses. It can also be used to determine boundaries for schools because it shows numbers and locations of students within the district. He explained some of the issues that need to be considered when drawing new boundaries.

Chairman Pfeifer suggested the administrative team meet and come up with different scenarios, attach some dollars if appropriate, student population numbers and other data and present the options to the board. There was discussion about the process. They mentioned issues to consider including timeline and legal issues.

Chairman Pfeifer had to leave at 7:38 PM. Vice Chairman Cameron took over at that time.

Budget Update - Supt. Cvitanich said there was not very much to share since Business Manager Lisa Hals was absent. She continues to make budget reports to the different staff groups across the district. He reiterated that they are trying to be transparent with the budget process making sure people understand where the district stands, where the state is and what is in the future. Trustee Fish suggested perhaps they will learn more at the ISBA Convention when Supt. Luna makes his report from the state level.

H1N1 Report - Supt. Cvitanich noted that the injectable vaccine is in short supply, but that the nasal mist vaccine has been given to some of the younger children. There were not enough vaccines at any of the clinic locations except at Northside. There was brief discussion about the shortage, which is a national issue.

Strategic Plan Review Reporting Process - Supt. Cvitanich talked about reviewing the current Strategic Plan and determining what goals have been accomplished, and then they can work on updating the plan for the future. He said once it is updated, he would like to take the proposed strategic plan out to groups in the community to get feedback.

Board members commented they would like to hear an overview of what goals have been accomplished and look at the vision of where the district is going. A workshop meeting will be tentatively scheduled for November 18.

Approval of Bid Recommendation for Cabling at Kootenai – Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the recommendation to accept the bid for cabling at Kootenai School*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded. Vice Chairman Cameron asked for discussion. There being none, the vote was taken with Trustees Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD

Approval of 2nd Reading of Policies

1. 2340 Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom
2. 2341/2341P Speakers in the Classroom
3. 2385 Supplemental Educational Services
4. 2410 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Supt. Cvitanich made a comment about Policy 2340 that had a section removed after the first reading as well as a couple minor changes in wording for clarification.

Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the 2nd reading of policy and procedure 2340*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded. Vice Chairman Cameron asked for discussion. There being none, the vote was taken with Trustees Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

Supt. Cvitanich explained Policy 2341 and 2341P regarding controversial speakers in the classroom and noted some minor changes in wording. Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the second reading of policy and procedure 2341*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded. Vice Chairman Cameron took the vote with Trustees Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the second reading of Policy 2385*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded. Vice Chairman Cameron took the vote with Trustees Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the second reading of Policy 2410*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded. Vice Chairman Cameron took the vote with Trustees Cameron, Aumick, Fish and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval to Transfer Funds from Undesignated to Designated Funds – Trustee Fish made a motion *to approve the transfer of funds from undesignated to designated funds in the amount of \$200,000*. Trustee Youngdahl seconded.

Supt. Cvitanich explained that the district has been in a fairly strong position financially because of prudent financial management. The district had been contributing to the fund

for the past five years. The board had suspended the contribution pending what happened with the legislature. There were reduced costs in child nutrition, gas prices came down, and the curriculum purchase was lower than anticipated so there is a reserve that is recommended to be moved into the reserve fund. Supt. Cvitanich expects it will be helpful after the legislature meets to handle difficult issues that may come up.

Vice Chair Cameron took the vote with Trustees Cameron, Fish, Aumick and Youngdahl voting aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supt. Cvitanich announced the district will receive two score boards from the United Dairymen. They will be installed at Sandpoint Middle School and Farmin Stidwell.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Attest: Julie Menghini, Clerk

Vickie Pfeifer, Chair