

**SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311**  
**MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**February 07, 2011**  
**SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
**501 Date Street, Sultan WA**  
**7:00 PM**

Roll Call

**Board Members Present**

Russ Sumpter  
Tracy Cotterill  
Steve Fox  
Patty Fountain

**Superintendent Present**

Dan Chaplik

**Board Members Absent**

Craig Roesler

**Student Rep Absent**

Zach Day

**Visitors Present** Mackenzie Sumpter, Damon White, Charlie Weaver, Fred Low

**Staff Present:** Layne Anderson, Bruce Fletcher, Dave Moon, Jen Moon, Benny Pederson, David Hockenson, Sarita Whitmire-Skeith, Sandy George, Marianne Naslund

Call To Order

Vice-Chairman Fountain called the study session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Audience  
Input

Mr. Charles Weaver, President of the Pirates Youth Football Association addressed the Board of Directors inquiring about rumors of cutting the SMS Football Program. Superintendent Dan Chaplik responded to Mr. Weaver's inquiry. Mr. Chaplik stated that he has been meeting with the Sultan School District's Coaches Association to discuss the future of the district's athletic programs but, to date, there has been no decision to discontinue football at the middle school level. The meetings are focused on moving the athletic program forward while maintaining opportunities for students. Superintendent Chaplik asked Mr. Weaver if there is a decision to discontinue middle school level football, what length of notice would be best for the Pirates association. Mr. Weaver requested a decision be made as early as March 15, 2011, and no later than April 1, 2011. His request is primarily due to the associations need to recruit volunteer coaches, and have the coaches complete required trainings prior to the start of the season.

Pirates  
Football  
Association

Superintendent Chaplik discussed his struggle regarding district budget discussions/planning; he stated that without the legislature making any decisions, it is early to begin budget discussions and he prefers to be mindful of everyone's time. He also stated that knowing there are opportunities for middle school students to participate in the Pirates football program will make decisions regarding middle school level football program somewhat easier.

Mr. Weaver stated that the Pirates association did not turn away one student last year due to their inability to pay the \$225.00 charge. The charge covers insurance, jerseys, referee fees and field costs, and their season runs August through November. Students can play up to age 14 years old, cannot turn 15 during the season.

City of Sultan  
Representative

Marianne Naslund addressed the Board of Directors informing them that she would be attending district board meetings as a representative from the City of Sultan. She stated that she, as well as others from the City, will be attending the Legislative Conference February 15, 16 and 17, 2011 in Olympia, WA. Their main objective will be to secure funding for an E-car program in Sultan along State Route 2. She also stated that the City of Sultan is trying to tag a pedestrian bridge which will contain a sewer line onto the grant funding for the E-car station (charging).

SVO  
Presentation

Sarita Whitmire-Skeith shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board of Directors. The presentation contained an overview of the alternative program offered at Sky Valley Options High School. Sarita discussed SVO goals, increase student academic performance, make personal connections with students and improve school climate. SVO has initiated a Re-engagement and Re-entry program. More students have taken the HSPE, as well as more students have passed the reading/writing portion of the HSPE. The MAPS testing program will be up and running at the end of this week. There has been an addition of Jim Risan, Math teacher, to SVO which has been a great addition to the staff. Russ Sumpter had questions regarding the MAPS program; Superintendent Chaplik stated that he would send additional MAPS testing information to the Board of Directors.

Maria Morey, SVO student, spoke to the Board stating that SVO has helped her tremendously. Maria as a married, mother of one has been able to complete her course of study for graduation and, for that she is thankful.

Sandy George, Para Educator at SVO shared with the Board of Directors the strong community support of SVO especially in the Child Learning Center.

Technology  
Presentation

Dave Moon, Network Manager addressed the Board of Directors sharing with them a technology PowerPoint. Some areas highlighted in the presentation are projectors in every classroom, smart technology in every classroom, LCD monitors throughout the district. Dave stated that there are over 900 computers throughout the district which is about the size of a medium corporation. The PowerPoint compared SSD with districts throughout the state similar in size; Sultan is leading in number of student computers and in smart technology but we are lacking in staff development. Dave stated that the technology committee meets once per month; they give direction to district technology as well as develop the district's technology plan.

Dave shared a list of items that are done by the technology department and stated that the department is drowning and in need of additional staffing. His greatest concerns are servers, phones, infrastructure and backup systems throughout the district; he feels updating these systems should be a district priority. Dave stated that a good working relationship with the maintenance department has helped make district technology projects a success. Dave stated that when his tech students finish with tech club they have A+ Certification. There was a discussion about using CP Funds for technology infrastructure and licensing. Superintendent Chaplik requested that Dave put together a plan of action for technology that includes what are the needs, when updates should be done and the cost for the updates.

The Board of Directors questioned when the woodshop conversion project would begin. Dan added that he felt combining the transportation department position with the maintenance director position has most likely delayed the project's start date. It has been a priority for Steve Becker to familiarize himself with transportation law and procedures. Dan anticipates that the project will begin in the summer of 2011 and will give the Board of Directors a firm date shortly.

Dan stated that he plans to meet with Steve Becker, Director of Operations, and Dave Moon, Network Manager, out in the field to get a better look at what is needed in these areas.

Layne Anderson shared a new state auditor's report that has been the center of discussion from the ESD today. Layne will send a copy to the Board of Directors as soon as he can access a copy of the report himself. Layne also stated that he plans to meet with the auditor tomorrow to review the analysis report.

Steve Fox moved and Patty Fountain seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Being there was no further business Vice-Chairman Fountain adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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Jackie Whaley  
Recording Secretary

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Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

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Craig Roesler, Chairman

Woodshop  
Conversion

Financial  
Analysis  
Report  
State Auditor

Adjournment