

**SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311  
MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION BOARD MEETING  
March 7, 2011  
SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
501 DATE STREET, SULTAN WA  
7:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

**Board Members Present**

Craig Roesler  
Patty Fountain  
Russ Sumpter  
Steve Fox  
Tracy Cotterill

**Superintendent Present**

Dan Chaplik

**Board Members Absent**

**StudentRep Absent**

Zach Day

**Visitors Present** : Toni Reading

**Staff Present:** Layne Anderson, Dave Moon

**Call To Order**

Chairman Roesler called the public input meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Input**

Toni Reading presented information to the Board of Directors regarding her desire to begin a tennis program in the Sultan community. She asked if lines could be painted on the tennis courts so that they can be used. She stated that tennis is her passion and she will proceed with the process of developing her dream of a tennis program in the community.

**2011/12  
Budgeted  
Enrollment  
Discussion**

Budgeted enrollment for 2011/12 was discussed it was decided that 1780 would be the number of the 2011/12 budgeted enrollment. The board agreed unanimously that they prefer a more conservative enrollment number.

**Legislative  
Conference  
Report**

Director, Russ Sumpter recently attended the Legislative Conference in Olympia. He informed the group that in every conversation no funding was the main topic. He also reported that he has been emailing representatives and urged other board members to do the same. He met with Dr. Arun Raha, the Chief Economic office for WA State; the information Dr. Raha relayed is that WA State is the last to feel the effects of the recession and will be the last to recover from it in a five year cycle. Russ also stated that most of the bills dealing with levy equalization have been stopped. Senate Bill 5829 is a new bill proposing that schools cut days from the school year and offer the same quality of education; and has no steam at this time.

Alternative programs were discussed; Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, stated that there is a clear desire for such programs in our community. He stated that he has committed to increasing our alternative teaching staff for the CPP program from 2.0 to 4.0 for 2011/12.

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**Budget Meeting Process**

Community budget meetings will be scheduled soon. Although without information from the legislature there is no budget information to discuss. It was determined that budget meetings are more of a communication tool to the community and it should be made clear that they have input but that the Board of Directors make the ultimate decisions regarding budgets.

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, and Layne Anderson, Director of Finance, will begin to develop a budget plan to share with district staff and the community. Layne stated that he currently has a PowerPoint presentation for the budget that he can send to the Board of Directors for their overview. Director Russ Sumpter and Chairman Craig Roesler both stated they are interested in participating in the budget process with the community.

**Early Release Friday Information**

The Board of Directors asked for information on early release Fridays. Administrators need to report if there have been educational benefits and if so, what educational benefits are evident and how they are being measured.

**Executive Session**

Tracy Cotterill moved and Russ Sumpter seconded a motion to meet in executive session for approximately 5 minutes at 9:20.

**COTTERILL/  
SUMPTER  
UNANIMOUS**

**Reconvene**

Patty Fountain moved and Tracy Cotterill seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:25.

**FOUNTAIN/  
COTTERILL  
UNANIMOUS**

**Adjournment**

Being there was no further business Chairman Roesler adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

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Jackie Whaley  
Recording Secretary

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Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

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Craig Roesler, Chairman