

**SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2011
SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
501 DATE STREET, SULTAN, WA 98294
7:00 PM**

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Steve Fox
Russ Sumpter
Tracy Cotterill
Patty Fountain

Superintendent Present

Dan Chaplik

Board Members Absent

Craig Roesler

Student Rep Absent

Zach Day

Staff Members Present: Layne Anderson, David Paratore, Marianne Naslund, Dave Moon, Officer Tom Dittoe

Visitors Present: Brandon Mason, Summer Hassler, Alexandra Richardson

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Patty Fountain called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Review of
Agenda

No Changes; Dan Chaplik Superintendent stated that there would be an executive session regarding bargaining and an employee investigation.

Audience

Three students from SHS spoke to the board in support of the Sultan Car Club; Summer Hassler, Alexandra Richardson and Brandon Mason. Some of the points that they discussed were, the ability for students to learn to do minor repairs on automobiles as well as forming relationships with other students in the club. The ASB representative for the club is Brandon Mason and he discussed the possibility of the club working with the Shindig car show organization. Officer Dittoe will be the advisor and stated that there has been strong community support for the club.

Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6) Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2011 regular board meeting, March 7, 2011 study session board meeting
- 7) Approval of Certificated & Classified Personnel Report
- 8) Approval of General Fund Vouchers for February/March Nos. 110811 through 110903 in the total amount of \$297,767.15; February/March ASB Fund Vouchers Nos. 410196 through 410238 in the total amount of \$28,570.56; March CP Fund Vouchers No. 210009 in the total amount of \$109.07; March TVF Fund Vouchers No. 910000 in the total amount of \$102,408.26;

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Steve Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GOLD BAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Shelly Ellis organized the Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart Fund Raiser: GBE raised \$1,127.85. GBE honored over 30 students for their “Creativity” during an assembly. Dianna Harvey led our 3rd round of Gold Bar University, with a focus on Writing Instruction. GBE Staff met with parents/guardians during Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers have been working hard on completing report cards, which go home March 23. The Science Adventure Lab Bus visited Gold Bar 4th and 5th Graders and provided an amazing Science lesson. All students participated in the “Shamrock Shuffle” (School Run) on March 17.

SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: It was wonderful to see so many families make Parent/Teacher Conferences; Sultan Elementary had 444 parents attend this year's spring conferences. There is a strong community feeling at the school; parents helping in classrooms, around campus with supervision, and our Watch Dog support has been very important this year! Teachers worked many extra hours in March preparing for conferences and Report Cards. Report Cards will go home in back packs on March 23. Fifth grade Camp fundraising has gone well, and continues until April 15. Many students met their goal of selling 20 Pizza Cards and will be going on the Movie/Bus/Pizza night with their teachers. The extra funds that were raised will go into helping to pay for the overhead camp costs. After April-spring break, teachers work very intensely at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade levels preparing students for each State Standard yet to be covered in class and mastered by students. We take the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) seriously at SES, and have been proud of our scores that in some areas have been very high compared to other schools in the state. We have great kids at SES, and we have instilled a love for learning, good study & social skills, and a pride for hard work. MSP testing will be May 2 through May 19 this year. We will start testing the week of May 9. We are looking for all Kindergarten families to register for school now, and it is our goal to have most families registered for Kindergarten by the end of June. This is very important for district planning purposes and building the strongest Kindergarten program possible. There is a Parent Information Night at SES on Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 PM in the Library. We hope to see many of our next year's Kindergarten parents attend for questions and answers.

SULTAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Conferences were well attended by parents and students. During their advisory class, all students worked to prepare for their student led conference. Feedback that was received from parents during conferences gave favorable opinions of this format. Anytime we can get students to assess their own progress and talk about it with an adult who cares about them, is a good thing. There were some students who were not able to make it to conferences. For those students, office staff members have been going through their conference with them this last week during advisory time. Teachers are continuing to volunteer for and seek out opportunities to observe in other classrooms. With guided reflection on what they see, they are able to improve their own teaching as well as reduce their overall isolation by increasing their knowledge of the school's instructional program.

Two weeks ago we held our 2nd quarter awards assemblies for each grade level. Students received awards for academics, perfect attendance, as well as citizenship. Wrestling and girls basketball ends this week. We have enjoyed increased numbers in wrestling, and hope that will translate to a more cohesive program to feed into the high school. Track begins after spring break. Our PTSO is proud to announce the success of the recent book fair. Thanks to the hard work of parent volunteers, the book fair raised nearly \$1000 in profit, all of which will go toward the purchase of new books for the SMS library.

SULTAN HIGH SCHOOL: **FABIOLA ARROYO** is one of two seniors in the state to be selected to represent Washington at the National Youth Science Camp this summer. The delegates for each state are able to exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals. The camp is held in Charleston, West Virginia in July. Fabiola has also been selected as a NASA Space Grant Scholar and will be doing a summer research project at the University of Washington. 321 parents, representing 80% of the SHS student body, attended **STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES** on March 3rd. The number of parents and percentage will increase because teachers have conducted make-up conferences during the past week. Only 25 parents attended the traditional drop-in conferences on March 4th. Turks of the Week for the last three weeks were **JAKE KENNEDY** (2/25), **LEIGHA DALE** (3/4) and **JORDAIN STEVENS** (3/11). **DANI MARKWOOD** was recently honored by being named to the Everett Herald All-Area Basketball Team. The team included the best players from the 2A, 1A, 2B and 1B classifications. Dani was also named to the Cascade Conference All-League 1st Team. The cast, crew and supervising adults are to be congratulated for the outstanding performances of South Pacific. **LEIGHA DALE** (Nellie Forbush), **TIM ABT** (Emile de Becque), **McKENZIE SUMPTER** (Bloody Mary) and **ZACHARY DAY** (Luther Billis) all gave performances worthy of theater honors. SHS nominees for the Masonic Outstanding Juniors Award were **MAKAYLA DAY**, **NICOLE WHITFORD**, **TESSA PETTYJOHN**, **TIM ABT**, **MATT HALL**, and **CODY OHLSEN**. The winners will be announced at the Junior Achievement Awards Program at SHS on May 10th at 6:30 p.m. **THEO VANDENEKART** and **BRITTANY TABOR** were honored as the Outstanding Male and Female Athletes at the Winter Sports Awards Night. Theo averaged 24.8 points per game and was named to the Cascade Conference All-League 1st Team. Brittany placed 6th in the Sub-Regional Wrestling Tournament and did well when competing with boys....an example being when she placed 2nd in the Sky Valley Invitational. 2010 graduate **CASSIE BEUCHERIE** recently had the great experience of being part of a team that played in the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament. Cassie is a freshman on the Lewis and Clark team that received an at-large bid to the tournament. Although losing in the first round to Howard Payne, the Pioneers were excited to play in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in their first ever Division III National Tournament.

SKY VALLEY OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL: Student artwork is on display at the Sultan Library/City Hall/Community Center Lobby. In the months to come, student's and area resident's artwork will be displayed in local businesses in Sultan to showcase some of the amazing work being produced right here in our own backyard.

Be sure to look for Sky Valley Options student artwork displays in the months to come and let students know that you saw their work. SVO staff attended the Washington Alternative Learning Association (WALA) Conference earlier this month and learned about the new ALE rule revisions that are coming our way. This conference was a good indicator that SVO is doing many things right. Many SVO students were recognized at the WALA Conference for their excellent art work. The art work was displayed at the conference and attendees were allowed to make comments to students about their work. SVO has completed the Writing and Reading HSPE. One of our building goals is to increase attendance in general, as well as, attendance during state standards testing. SVO met standard (in attendance) each day of testing. Day 1: 78% turnout rate, Day 2: 75% turnout rate and Day 3: 70% turnout rate.

TECHNOLOGY: Results are in from the 8th grade Tiers of Technology Literacy self assessment. This yearly self assessment is given to every 8th grader across the state and historically Sultan exceeds the state average. Our district Technology Plan sets a goal of having all students to be at either Tier 2 or Tier 3.

David Paratore, Director of Student Services, reported to the board a special thanks to Dave Moon who has been working with the staff at Sultan Middle School to set up the on-line testing environment for the sixth grade students. The test window for the MSP is not until May but Dave has problem solved the technology challenges for this transition which is allowing students much needed practice on the tutorials for this assessment. Sultan High School and Sky Valley Options completed the Reading and Writing portions of the High School Proficiency Exam last week. The science assessment will be conducted in April. We receive assessment results in late May/early June for seniors which allows us to know if they have met these graduation requirements. We have a published author on our Title I staff. Nan Whybark who is a para-educator at Gold Bar in the Title I program has published the book The Weasel and the Wizard which is a demonstration of the amount of talent that we have in the Sultan School District. Title I students continue to receive tutoring support at Sultan Elementary and Gold Bar. This support is made possible from our stimulus dollars.

Student Services Report

Superintendent Dan Chaplik presented revised Policies/Procedures No.

- 5005/5005P Employment Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval

for second reading and adoption. There was a requested change on 5005P prior to adoption, it was requested that the verbiage accepting a copy of a background check from the volunteer themselves be removed. Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the policies as presented. Russ Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading & Adoption WSSDA Policy/Procedure 5005

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Out-of-State Travel-Asso. Computer Professionals in Ed.

Dave Moon, Network Manager, presented out-of-state travel for Dave Hockenson, Benny Pederson and himself to travel to Welches, OR, May 4-6, 2011, to attend the Association of Computer Professionals in Education. Dave stated that this is a far better conference than most because there is more useful training and topics and not just a vendor fair.

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Dave also stated that most district systems can be accessed and issues resolved wirelessly, as well his counter part in Granite Falls agreeing to be available for the district should a technology emergency happen. Russ Sumpter made a motion to approve the overnight travel as presented. Steve Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance, Layne Anderson, presented Resolution #107-13 Capital Projects Fund Extension to the Board of Directors for adoption. Layne reported the need for the CP Budget Extension was due to costs associated with the Energy Grant. Director Russ Sumpter stated that the verbiage regarding the board's awareness of their civil liability does not need to be included as the board is aware of it's responsibility. Director Steve Fox requested that in the future the liability language not be included on the agenda item. Tracy Cotterill made a motion to adopt Resolution #10-07 Capital Project Fund Budget Extension as presented. Russ Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Tom Dittoe, the Resource Officer from Sultan High School, presented a new ASB club, the Sultan High School Car Club, for board approval. Mr. Dittoe stated that he would be the advisor and that there has been huge community support for the club. There was a question from Director Steve Fox regarding Mr. Dittoe qualifying as a staff member, Cal Johnson, SHS Principal has already confirmed that he is and can work in an ASB Advisor capacity, Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the SHS Car Club as presented. Steve Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, presented the Waiver for SHS 12th grade students from 175 days to 172 days. The logic for the waiver request is that many families have made travel arrangements for the scheduled day of graduation and most seniors will not attend after graduation is over. Approval from State Board of Education timeline is unknown. Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the waiver request as presented. Russ Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Layne Anderson, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed the financial reports for the district. Layne stated that the district is ahead of schedule on the WESPAC conversion. Layne informed the board that the auditor's on-site visit is complete and that an exit interview will be scheduled in the near future. Layne also stated that there was an implication of an audit finding and described the finding in detail. Layne stated that positive responses have been submitted to the auditor. Layne stated he feels the finding is primarily a question of timing regarding Safety Net funding. The 09/10 Safety Net grant approximately \$99,000.00 was dependent upon information provided in May of 2010. Based on the May data the district had capacity for \$99,000, when the year was complete the calculations were revised in January. During the month of February a grant letter for this year's Safety Net award was sent to our district, the letter also include information about the 09/10 Safety Net grant award. The letter stated that due to Federal Grants and Medicaid reimbursement the district was short \$27,000 in capacity for the 09/10 year. The district reimbursed OSPI the \$27,000 before the audit was complete. In prior years OSPI has deducted any change in capacity from the next years grant amount.

Adoption of
Resolution 10-07
Capital Project
Budget
Extension

Approval of
Turks Car Club

Waiver Request
for 12th grade
only

Financial Report

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The district's bus replacement purchase has been received and paid for in March 2011. The General Fund balance is showing a negative balance which should look better next month due to tax payments. Layne informed the board that if the GF is in the negative at the end of the year, funds must be moved from the 3% reserve in order to offset the negative balance in the general fund.

Conference
Report

Jackie Whaley, Superintendent's Secretary, reported back regarding the new evaluation system that will be implemented by OSPI. Sultan is ahead of the game with our 5-Dimension frame work in place and meeting with Pilchuck Uniserve to discuss the process. Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, discussed the meeting with Pilchuck and stated he was surprised how closely the evaluation process is linked to a framework. There are five different frameworks to work from, one of them being the 5-Dimensions that is currently being used in our district.

Other Items

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, discussed moving the April 4th study session meeting due to spring break, the board of directors stated that they will be available for the meeting and did not see a need to move the date. It was decided that Early Release data will be presented at the April 18, regular meeting. Superintendent Chaplik also provided the Board of Directors with the preliminary redistricting maps from the 2010 census; there was a review of the maps, everyone agreed that the maps were fine and that Superintendent Chaplik proceed with the legal aspect of the redistricting. He also discussed a letter he has drafted to legislatures from the Board of Directors supporting levy equalization. There were letters for each representative from each board member.

Executive
Session

Vice-Chairman Fountain stated that the board would meet in Executive Session for approximately twenty minutes on bargaining and a employee investigation. Russ Sumpter moved and Steve Fox seconded a motion to meet in executive session at 8:23p.m.

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Reconvene/
Adjournment

At 9:01 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session and being there was no further business Vice-Chairman Patty Fountain adjourned the meeting promptly at 10:02 p.m., no action was taken.

Jackie Whaley
Recording Secretary

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

Craig Roesler, Chairman