

SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011
SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM
501 DATE ST, SULTAN, WA 98294-9490
7:00 PM

Board Members Present
Tracy Cotterill
Russ Sumpter
Craig Roesler
Steve Fox

Superintendent Present
Dan Chaplik

Roll Call

Board Members Absent
Patty Fountain

Student Rep Present
Zach Day

Staff Members Present: David Paratore, Layne Anderson, Dave Moon, Laurel Anderson, Cal Johnson, Steve Becker

Visitors Present: Charlie Weaver, Deborah Knight, Lynda Becker

Call to Order Craig Roesler called the regular board meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

I-728 Hearing Presentation David Paratore, Exe. Director of Students Services presented a PowerPoint regarding I-728 funds. David explained when the funding was made available and how the funds are to used. He also explained that the funds are no longer available. The district is following the guidelines for a public hearing so that the district will be eligible for the funds should they become available. We have used the funds primarily for class size reductions and extended day for kindergarten. The District does a report annually to OSPI on how these funds were spent throughout the district. All questions or concerns should be directed to David Paratore.

Review of Agenda The presentation by Deborah Knight, City of Sultan was moved ahead of the Administrative Team's early release presentation.

Public Input Charlie Weaver, President of the youth football league, stated that he would like the district to know that he is prepared to take on additional students for the community program. Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, stated that no decision has been made to discontinue any sports programs at this time but that clear budget information has just recently been received. He also stated that he has had contact from parents that are pro and con about eliminating middle school football. Absolute last date that SSD should inform the youth football association of their decision was not established as the association has already ordered additional gear.

Presentations: City of Sultan Impact Fees Deborah Knight, City Administrator for the City of Sultan, presented information from the City regarding impact fees. Primarily she stated that the District's growth numbers do not match the City of Sultan's. She also stated that the population growth numbers are set by Snohomish County for the City and that there is nothing they can do about changing their numbers. The problem caused by the difference in projected growth for the district and the city is that currently the city collects impact fees on behalf of the district. The district has \$0 listed as their rate for impact fees while the city is collecting at the 2006 rate of \$3,000 for a single family unit rate.

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The district's comprehensive plan is an annex of the City of Sultan's comprehensive plan. Currently, the city is not collecting impact fees. This being the case, Deborah Knight proposed that the City of Sultan's municipal code be updated by the city to amend the code to allow for differences between the comprehensive plans. The city wants to work in a collaborative effort on the amended municipal code. Deborah stated that she has added the district's comprehensive plan to the city's docket for adoption on an annual basis. The Board of Directors discussed the topic and agreed that the district will move forward with the current enrollment projections as they most accurately portray the district's enrollment trend.

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent recommended that the City of Sultan and a District representative meet to discuss what can be done to address a way for the district to help the city be in compliance while representing population numbers accurately, with the ability to start collecting impact fees quickly, should the need arise.

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, reminded the Board that Early Release time is not new time, just redirected time. Cal Johnson, SHS Principal, and Laurel Anderson, SES Principal, were both present to answer questions regarding the Early Release information that had been sent to them earlier. There was a discussion regarding challenges and what is working well. Most staff are grateful for the time set aside to meet together. SES and GBE have been engaged in team math training which has been a challenge as GBE staff need travel time. Mr. Chaplik shared that the collaborative environment has been better at the elementary level on district directed days than at the secondary levels, in his opinion. Russ Sumpter asked what would make it better? Mr. Chaplik suggested that the nature of district training not involve travel of staff; that would be better. Russ asked about the district's ability to do video training "do we have the technology?" Dave Moon stated that he has the equipment and it would be possible to do video training throughout the district. Superintendent Chaplik also suggested that early release hours will help decrease the need to have teachers out of the classroom requiring a full day substitute. Russ asked if the district could transition into technology aspect of training to make it possible for teachers to train together electronically? He stated that test scores are reflecting the collaborative direction that the district has taken. Cal Johnson, SHS Principal, stated that SHS have been doing pod casting. Cal stated that the district directed days have been beneficial, but he cannot say about the employee directed days. Dan Chaplik stated that he would provide a history of Friday absences for review; before and after Friday's were established as ER days. The board stated that they would like to see more collaborative effort during the employee directed days and asked if there are guidelines currently. It was stated that the current guidelines being used are the same that were used for waiver days. Mr. Chaplik asked that teachers report to the Board of Directors in May regarding ER hours. Student Representative, Zach Day, stated that he felt that the tutoring day was the best ER day.

Presentation
Early Release
feedback

Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 7) Approval of Minutes of Regular, Public Input and Special Meetings 03/21/11 and 04/04/11.
- 8) Approval of Certificated & Classified Personnel Report
- 9) Approval of General Fund Vouchers for March Nos. 110904 through 111043 in the total amount of \$390,811.94; March ASB Fund Vouchers Nos. 410239 through 410281 in the total amount of \$31,356.17; and March Capital Projects Vouchers Nos. 210010 in the total amount of \$100,346.24;

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Steve Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent
Agenda

GOLD BAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: GBE partnered with the PTA and Fire Department to run a coin drive to raise money for comfort kits (to be used in an emergency) for students, staff, and guests. The students and staff raised \$426.18, the fire department then donated \$400.00. Together we raised \$826.18; it was a fantastic team effort! Our PE Teacher, Shelly Ellis applied for the Seahawks Play 60 Challenge. We were 1 of 35 schools selected in both Washington and Oregon to participate next year. Under the leadership of Gail Bowers, GBE put on a wonderful Musical on Lewis and Clark. GBE completed our 4th Round of Gold Bar U for staff – targeted professional development - focused on “Technology.” The session was facilitated by Sherri Klennert and Bill Franklin. GBE honored 45 students at our Character Trait Assembly, focused on “Responsibility.” GBE had our Kindergarten Information Night at Gold Bar; 18 future Huskies were represented during the evening. GBE had 11 Staff Members attend our “Bed Time Story Night” on March 30th. Students came in their pajamas to hear stories and eat cookies with their parents! PTA put on a wonderful Bingo night for students and families on March 25th. For once in Mr. Ryan’s life, he actually was able to yell, “BINGO!”

Good News

SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: April is a busy month preparing students for mastering understanding in the core content areas in preparation for taking the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) in May. Both elementary schools will administer the MSP from Monday, May 9 through Thursday, May 19. At SES there will be about 260 students taking the MSP. Teachers have been following the State standards all year and building conceptual understanding, so by the time the MSP arrives, students feel confident. There are several celebrations at the end of the exams and at intervals during the exams, so many students are sad when the MSP is over. The SES PTO has supported snacks and drinks during the testing period, and the students and staff greatly appreciate this support! Fifth grade students are getting closer to their goal of covering most overhead costs and tuition for 5th Grade Camp at Cedar Springs. They have learned a lot about money management, working hard to earn a goal that is important to them, and convincing their principal to buy lots of Pizza Cards... SES and GBE students will go to camp together after the MSP is all over, on May 25, 26, and 27th. It is a great bonding and transitional experience as students prepare for middle school. Fifth graders will be involved with many more transitional meetings and events this year with SMS, as plans ramp up for beginning middle school.

SES held its Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday, March 30, and close to 50 parents attended the meeting and took registration packets for next year's enrollment. There were about 21 families interested in Full Day Tuition-based Kindergarten. Parents who wish the Full Day spots are hurrying in to the District Office to sign up and secure a spot for their children. Last year, there were a handful of parents who wanted the Full Day program, but were not able to get in because of late registration. SES encourages all parents to turn in registration information as soon as possible, so that the best programming for Kindergarten children can be offered and planned.

SULTAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Track & Field is underway with nearly 80 student athletes practicing their sprints, hurdles, distance running, relays, jumps and throws. The first track meet is April 27th at King's. Last week we held our second harassment, intimidation and bullying assembly for the year. Students were given valuable information regarding the differences between teasing and taunting, what bullying is, and the dangers of cyberbullying. In addition, students were talked to regarding their power to stop bullying and how being a bystander does not help bring about a solution to the problem. As a follow-up to this assembly, we are launching a poster contest to bring about attention to the negative impact that bullying can have on students and the school in general. Students will be making posters during their advisory class. There are several categories they can choose from when making their poster and winners in each category will receive a certificate for a treat at Red Robin. The MSP is coming up. 7th and 8th graders will take the more traditional paper and pencil version but 6th graders will be taking the computerized version. 6th grade teachers have been working hard to prepare our students for the online version with frequent visits to the computer lab for hands-on practice.

SULTAN HIGH SCHOOL: The three choirs that attended the Mt. Pilchuck Choir Festival last week represented SHS very positively. Two of the choirs earned superior ratings and one received an excellent rating. RYAN FOX will be representing Sultan High School at the State Solo/Ensemble Contest on April 30th. Ryan qualified in three categories.....snare drum, multiple percussion, and timpani. Senior ROCIO CARRANZA was recently honored by the Major League Baseball Players Trust by being named as an Action Team Captain. Only 28 students were chosen nationally and Rocio is among three from Washington. The award honors those students who have excelled in the area of community service. SAM HATTON was recently named the Everett Herald Baseball Player of the Week for the week of March 26-April 3. Sultan's NATHANAEL SCHMIDT, who also attends the Sno-Isle Robotics/Electronics program, recently finished second in the boy's division of the Washington State Elks Association Vocational Grant Program. Students of the Week for the past four weeks have been STEVEN LEVERETT (3/18), NICK MOREY (3/25), ATHENA LAVERY (4/1) and RACHEL LAW (4/15). Considering all the recent publicity about the difficulty of getting accepted at the University of Washington, it is with great pride that as of this time seven Sultan High School students have been accepted at UW. They are: FABIOLA ARROYO, ROCIO CARRANZA, LEIGHA DALE, MACKENZIE HAMMON, FREDERIC HENRY, SONIA WAAP, RACHELWHITBECK. JOY KOHLSAAT, who finished in the top 10% in all categories on the SAT, was accepted by prestigious John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.

Students, pep band members, coaches, fans, Band Director **JILL SUMPTER** and Athletic Director **SCOTT SIFFERMAN** should be highly praised for projecting a positive SHS image this past winter season. The Snohomish County Basketball Official's Association recognized Sultan High School as their Host School of the Year. Teachers **REBECCA CAMPA** and **SHERI KNOX**, and their classes, collected a huge number of donations to contribute to Operation Airlift Japan. The airlift was started by Seattle radio personalities Ron and Don to help an orphanage that grew from 60 to over 400 children as a result of the recent earthquake and tsunami. Thanks to all of the students, parents, and community members that came out to the DRIVE IT HOME event on Saturday. Special thanks goes out to **MYKAYLA DAY**, **ZACK DAY**, **NINA KORN**, **MCKENIZE SUMPTER**, and our own Grim Reaper, **RUSSELL WIITA** for representing ASB Council and helping at the event. Approximately 100 community members attended the safe driving event.

SKY VALLEY OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL: Completed the Science HSPE. One of our building goals is to increase attendance in general, as well as, attendance during state standards testing. SVO meet standard with an 81% attendance rate. The End of Quarter Celebration for quarter 3 was Wednesday, April 13, 2011. We celebrated the success and recognized the efforts of our students for the third nine weeks of school by awarding students with Certificates of Completion for successfully passing a class and earning a 0.5/1.0 credit. 48 of 58 students received one or more certificates this quarter. Good Job!! SVO begins the first round of MAPS testing April 18-21, 2011. SVO begins its accreditation process on April 21, 2011. Student artwork is still on display at the Sultan Library/City Hall/Community Center Lobby. Be sure to look for Sky Valley Options student artwork displays and let students know that you saw their work.

TECHNOLOGY: Over spring break Technology and Maintenance installed 7 of 8 cameras that the city purchased through a COPS grant. With the help of Tom Dittoe (SRO) and Scott Sifferman, 5 locations were identified at SHS that needed better camera coverage; and some existing cameras were re-located to increase coverage of the campus. Two cameras were installed at SMS and three existing camera's were moved to cover other areas. One camera was installed at SES to cover the outside yard in front of the covered play area. The final camera will be installed in June. The cameras are "technically" on loan from the city. (I did make just a few changes) Jackie Whaley applied for and received a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to install 8 'YOUR SPEED IS' signs. The only cost to the district is the cost of the man power to install the signs. The solar speed signs will be installed on the existing School Zone flashing beacon poles located around each of our elementary schools. Two speed signs were installed over spring break due to a joint team effort between Technology and Maintenance. The remainder of the signs will be installed over the summer. The two signs that were installed cover both directions on 4th Street in Sultan. Bruce Fletcher and Benny Pederson developed an install system which allowed them to do a complete install in just over two hours. Bruce and Benny estimate that with the system they have created, they can complete the installation of the remaining six signs in two days.

FOOD SERVICE: Kitchen Wars competition on 4/19 in Everett, the Team Sultan will consist of Elsa Fox-SHS, Susie Lemmon-GBE, Maryann Morey-SHS, Yemi Milian-SES and Lisa Parker-GBE. The team hopes to bring home the gold this year! Sodexo will give Apples to all students and staff on earth day.

Student
Programs
Report

David Paratore, informed the board that he has been busy filing the second Safety Net application due on April 1; the district has requested an additional \$27,600 dollars for a total of \$111,000 from the Safety Net committee for 2010/2011. To date, it is unclear what the Safety Net award amount will be, but the information will be released in June. HSPE exams were completed last week.

Association
Reports

Zack Day, Student Representative to the Board of Directors, announced that this is Prom week. The prom will be held at the Everett Gold & Country Club and prom royalty will be crowned on Friday. Also (ECA) day is this week, Extra Curricular Activity Day - eight schools in our league will be visiting SHS. There is now an open forum on the ASB Agenda for students to address the council if they are not actually part of the council. The SHS Charity Bazaar sponsored by the National Honors Society raised \$281.00 for the invisible children's project for the children of Uganda. Registration for 5th Grade Camp counselors is now available for SHS students. Tracy Cotterill asked why there was no Student Representative attending the Gold Bar City Council meetings.

Approval of
revised RIF
language for
SEA

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, presented revised Reduction In Force language to the Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Chaplik explained that the language was the same language presented at the 4/04/11 meeting for the board's review. He also stated that the new language was a team effort between the district and SEA, at the request of SEA, replacing 25 year old language. Steve Fox noted that the agenda page had informational check rather than action item; the page will be revised to indicate that #14 it is an action item. The new language is much clearer than the old language and allows enough flexibility to maintain programs. Partial reduction will be an option with the new language.

District Budget
Meetings

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, reported to the Board of Directors that he will begin on 4/19 to meet with staff at each building and report that there will be a \$1.3 million reduction in the 11/12 budget. This projected reduction in budget does not take in to account three revenue sources; the levy, levy equalization and K-4 funding. In past years attrition as well as other factors helped the district with budget reduction. Mr. Chaplik asked that the Board of Directors schedule a special meeting for a preliminary budget presentation on 4/26/11. It was agreed that a special meeting be advertised and held on Tuesday April 26, 2011, in the SES library at 7:00.

Financial
Report

Director of Fiscal Services, Layne Anderson, presented the financial report to the Board of Directors. Layne informed the board that the State Auditors have finished the 10/11 audit and will be scheduling an exit meeting soon. Layne reviewed the financial report with the board of directors. Layne also informed the Board of Directors that there is a possibility of the state offering an evening meal to disadvantaged families.

He also discussed his disagreement to the auditor's findings in the area of Safety Net funding and will be writing an argument against the finding. Layne also discussed the preparation process for moving to the WESPac system.

Adjournment

Steve Fox moved and Russ Sumpter seconded adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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Being there was no further business, Chairman Roesler adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Jackie Whaley
Recording Secretary

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

Craig Roesler, Chairman