

SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2011
SULTAN ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
501 DATE STREET, SULTAN, WA 98294
7:00 PM

Roll Call
Board Members Present
Craig Roesler
Patty Fountain
Steve Fox
Russ Sumpter

Superintendent Present
Dan Chaplik

Board Members Absent
Tracy Cotterill

Student Rep Present
Zach Day

Staff Members Present: David Paratore, Layne Anderson, Dave Moon, Catherine Van Pelt, Shawn Ryan, Laura Moa, Cal Johnson, Steve Becker, Laurel Anderson, Nita Lea, Micki Miller, Michele Gienger, Rick Rudd, Rose Dunlap, Matt Koehler, Mike Bowie

Visitors Present: Mr. Dunlap, Kelly Bowie, Charlie Weaver, Mrs. Koehler

Call to Order Chairman Craig Roesler called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Review of Agenda Special Meeting 6/6/11
Special board meeting date for June 2011 was added as item number 6a. It was determined that the Board of Directors would hold a special meeting on June 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined due to a book fair event in the library at this time.

Certificate of Appreciation 10/11 ASB Rep Zach Day
Chairman Craig Roesler presented the 2010/11 ASB Representative to the Board of Directors, Zach Day, with a plaque of appreciation. Craig thanked Zach and stated that the board would like his replacement to be as involved and informative to the board as Zach had been during his time in office.

Presentation Nita Lea Kitchen Wars
Nita Lea, Food Service Supervisor, shared a presentation on the recent Kitchen Wars Competition. A team from Sultan School District participated in the competition at Sno-Isle Technical Center. The team consisted of four members and took the gold at the competition. The theme for our team was Mardi Gras.

Appreciation for 2010/11 Retirees
Superintendent Dan Chaplik stated that he and the Board of Directors would like to take a moment to publicly thank the 2011/12 retirees from Sultan School District. Sally Kube, Foreign Language teacher at SHS for 19 years', Dan acknowledged that Sally has contributed greatly to the district and that she will be difficult to replace. Barb Harris, a SES Kindergarten teacher, is also retiring and Dan stated that in her retirement letter she mentioned she hoped that she made a difference; Mr. Chaplik stated that he spoke with her personally to let her know that she has made a difference and has done well to help others in her teaching career.

Consent Agenda
Patty Fountain made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

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- 5) Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2011 regular board meeting, April 26, 2011 Special Board Meeting and May 2, 2011 Study Session.
- 6) Approval of Certificated & Classified Personnel Report
- 7) Approval of General Fund Vouchers for April/May Nos. 111044 through 111208 in the total amount of \$357,825.18; April/May ASB Fund Vouchers Nos. 410282 through 410312 in the total amount of \$16,461.38; May payroll TBA.

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Russ Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GOLD BAR ELEMENTARY: We celebrated Staff Appreciation Week May 2nd – 6th. PTA fed our entire staff on Friday, May 6, as part of Staff Appreciation Week. Missoula Children's Theater visited our school the week of May 2nd – 6th and put on a wonderful production with GBE students on Saturday, May 7th. Shawn Ryan met with every 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class handing out MSP pencils and gave a mini pep talk; 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students are participating in MSP (Measurement of Student Progress). Sherri Klennert (4th Grade Teacher) was selected as 2010/2011 Outstanding Educator of the Year for the Masonic Lodge.

SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: April showered SES with many fun and educational events: Science Fair on April 21, and all 21 Classrooms did a Class Investigation Project. Students in the 4th & 5th grades did individual investigations & displays. There were about 250 displays around the gym, classroom tours took place during the day, and families came for the evening viewing. We had almost 300 people attend the Science Fair this year! In reflection, staff think that more students understand the Scientific Method and Process through this event. April's Cougar Pride Assembly recognized 21 Students of the Month with families attending the assembly. Many Playground, Reading, and Math awards were handed out for goal achievements. SES will have one more Cougar Pride Assembly before the end of the school year. PTO has hosted Movie Nights each month, a wonderful spring craft night, and supported citizenship awards with popcorn! We want to say how thankful the SES staff is for having such an active PTO and parent population! Currently, both elementary schools are administering the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Students have been working very hard each day and doing their best to "show us what they know". Teachers have worked hard to cover all required Grade Level Expectations prior to the assessments. The last day of testing will be May 19th. Staff are planning celebrations at the end of testing to reward students for all of their hard work. The next week, right before Memorial Day weekend, 5th graders from SES & GBE will be going to Camp Cedar Springs for 3 days. This is an excellent event to help the two groups form social bonds, and prepare for Middle School transition.

SULTAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: SMS students have finished the MSP testing, with sixth graders taking the MSP online. Our students worked diligently and were excited to show what they know on this important assessment. Track is up and running, with our most recent meet hosted by SMS using the SHS track and field. While the weather was cold and wet, the school spirit was hot and wild! A big thanks goes out to the athletes who performed wonderfully in horrible weather conditions.

Also, a huge thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers who kept the meet organized and running smoothly. Awards assemblies are just around the corner for all students receiving citizenship, attendance, and academic acknowledgement for third quarter. Over 300 students submitted artwork for our school, using the theme of reducing harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The posters are being displayed around our school. This is a busy time for our student and teachers, and they are all giving a 100% to make this an outstanding year at our school. Many parent helpers have contributed to our successful year. Without their help, our school would just be good instead of great!

SULTAN HIGH SCHOOL: **MIKAYLA DAY** and **CODY OHLSEN** were named the winners of the Masonic Junior Achievement Award at a joint Monroe/Sultan ceremony at SHS. The other nominees were Tim Abt, Matt Hall, Nicole Whitford, and Tessa Pettyjohn. **RYAN FOX** finished in first place in timpani, and third in the snare drum, at the State Solo/Ensemble Contest on April 30th. Ryan also won an essay contest with School Band & Orchestra Magazine. As a result he received a scholarship and a monetary award for the SHS music program. Junior **BEN CLAIR**, a student at Sno-Isle and SHS, finished 2nd in the Washington State Skills USA competition in Diesel Technology. Ben will represent Washington at the nationals in Kansas in June if the 1st placer cannot attend. The SHS art department is proud to announce that the school once again has a winner, in fact two, in the Snohomish County PUD Art Poster Contest. **VERONICA CASTILLO** and **HOLLY HEINEMAN** both received the honor. Not only did five of seven Turk spring sports teams qualify for post-season play, but they also represented Sultan well in the academic area. All seven teams earned WIAA Scholastic honors. Baseball topped the list with a 3.54 team GPA (“Outstanding” category). The other six teams achieved a “Distinguished” rating: Boys’ Soccer (3.27), Softball (3.02), Boys’ Track (3.04), Girls’ Track (3.22), Girls’ Golf (3.25) and Boys’ Golf (3.01). The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board has announced that **FABBY ARROYO** has been selected as a Washington State Scholar for 2011. Fabby will receive a certificate and letter from the governor at the Senior Tea on June 8. Students of the Week for the past four weeks have been **RYAN FOX** (4/22), **CHRISTIAN CULP** (4/29), and **EMILY KJELLAND** (5/6). Softball pitcher **COURTNEY MORRIS** received a rare honor for a freshman by being named a Week 10 Athlete of the Week by the Everett Herald. During that week Courtney recorded three victories, including two complete games and a no-hitter. In those games she had 32 strike outs. At the plate she was 7 for 9 with two doubles, a triple and a home run. Seniors **RACHEL WHITBECK** and **MCKENZIE SUMPTER** organized and facilitated the second edition of the Invisible Children Program. Activities included an assembly, bazaar, and April 25th National Invisible Children Silent Day. Sultan FFA held it’s annual Plant Sale May 7th and 8th. The community showed up in force and nearly cleared the greenhouse of all the plants by the end of the sale. FFA and Ag Science class members were on hand both days to help customers with their purchases. **COLTON CRAVEN** was a big help from opening to closing both days. Thanks to all who stopped by and contributed to the sale. 116 seniors gave their Senior Presentations on May 6th & 11th. 112 were successful, although a few on the second try. Twelve community members participated on panels and have expressed a desire to return.

Approximately 93% of the seniors and 98% of the parents indicated on a survey that the presentations were worthwhile and should be continued.

SKY VALLEY OPTIONS: Met with Northwest Accreditation Commission regarding accreditation of Sky Valley Options. SVO was verbally given provisional membership status. SVO should get the documentation of provisional status in June. WASA Student Achievement Leadership Award; Sky Valley Options High School (SVO), in its fourth year developed a program called Re-Engagement/Re-Entry for students who had or who are considering dropping out of school. The program is an innovative instrument to help keep kids in school. It is designed to ensure successful transitions back to high school. Students spend a short period of time in this program to participate in tutoring, credit recovery, and counseling before being placed in appropriate diploma-granting classes. SVO averages seven students in this program working with four certified teachers (one who holds credentials in special education and administration and one who is seeking her masters in counseling) and two support staff who are committed to providing a safe haven for students and fighting hard to reduce the dropout problem.

**Employee
Recognition
Week**

Superintendent Dan Chaplik shared with the Board of Directors that staff appreciation week was May 2-6 and that the district honored SSD employees with a staff appreciation gift and a note of appreciation.

**Student Services
Report**

David Paratore, Director of Student Services, presented the Student Services Report to the Board of Directors. Mr. Paratore discussed preparation of ESY services over the 2010/11 summer. Mr. Paratore reported that not all students served on IEP's receive ESY services; the goal is to serve only the students who need assistance maintaining skills learned during the year not to learn new skills. Title I tutoring has continued at both elementary schools. The Title I grant will need to be reviewed to determine if and how much tutoring will continued to be offered. Mr. Paratore reported that there is a many strong candidate pool for the Psychologist position and that reference checks are in progress for the candidates. Mr. Paratore thanked the staff that coordinated the MSP testing.

**Association
Reports**

Zach Day reported to the Board of Directors that the turn out for ASB officers has not been as good as he would like to see; SHS ASB Officers visited SMS to encourage participation by incoming ninth graders as an ASB candidate. He also stated that speeches from candidates will be on May 19, 2011. Zach reported that the spring sports teams have done well this year and that there is now a senior countdown banner at SHS.

**Employee
Recognition**

**Mike
Bowie
SHS
Teacher**

Superintendent Dan Chaplik presented employee recognition awards to 35-year, 30-year, 25-year, 20-year and 15-year employees. Employees absent from the meeting will receive their service awards at a later date.

Mr. Mike Bowie, SHS Teacher addressed the Board of Directors, Mr. Bowie stated that he took an opportunity to have dinner with a group of his students prior to the board meeting. Mr. Bowie stated that he feels a relationship with individual students, building character and integrity is as important as the academic aspect of teaching. Mr. Bowie thanked the board for entrusting the Sultan students to him for the past twenty years.

**Overnight
Student Travel
SHS
Cheerleaders
to Camp**

Catherine Van Pelt, Cheer Advisor SHS presented a request for SHS Cheer Team to attend Cheer Camp, July 18-July 22, 2011 at the Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. Russ Sumpter made a motion to approve the cheer travel as presented. Patty Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Financial

Layne Anderson, Director of Fiscal Services presented financial information to the Board of Directors. The highlights of the month have been working on the WESPAC conversion as well as APD for all employees; there was a test run in May which was successful. Layne reported that traditional enrollment looks good and is holding firm. He also stated that he feels the positive environment at the schools has influenced enrollment. Layne also stated that the district's general fund balance is the highest in the month of April and is usually at its highest point during this month each year. Layne noted that the undesignated/unrestricted fund balance is almost \$1,000,000,000. which is right were it should be. Layne also pointed out that there is a \$72,700 amount of DNR dollars for 2010/2011 which will flow into our CP Fund for 2011/2012 or that these funds may be used to cover any excess costs for the energy grant. Layne also reported that ASB accounts are in good standing and that buildings currently have greater ASB balances than their beginning balances in 2010/2011. Layne reported that payroll is dropping indicating that the district is running a very tight ship.

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Adjournment

Being there was no further business; Chairman Roesler adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Jackie Whaley
Recording Secretary

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

Craig Roesler, Chairman