

**SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 311  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2010  
SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
501 DATE STREET, SULTAN WA  
7:00 PM**

**Board Members Present**

Tracy Cotterill  
Craig Roesler  
Russ Sumpter  
Patty Fountain

**Superintendent Present**

Dan Chaplik

**Roll Call**

**Board Members Absent**

Steve Fox

**Student Rep Present**

Zack Day

**Staff Members Present:** Layne Anderson, Cal Johnson, David Paratore, Robin Briganti, Bruce Fletcher, David Moon

**Visitors Present:** Katherine Rowe, Ryan Fox, Gini Sorgen

**Handouts:**

- Financial recap
- Perkins and Green Design Technology Grants
- Special session budget items
- Salary schedules recap

**Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Roesler called the regular board meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

**Review of  
Agenda**

Approval of the 2010/2011 Perkins Grant/Green Design Technology Grants were added as business item # 16a.

**Public Input**

Gini Sorgen, a district parent reported to the Board of Directors that she has four children in the district. She also stated that she and her husband had concerns regarding their oldest child entering SMS due to information that she had received from community members. Gini stated that she was glad to report that none of her concerns were warranted; SMS is fabulous and very structured environment, which, in her opinion, is perfect for middle school aged students. Gini also stated that parent participation is on the rise at SMS, 10-12 parents are now volunteering and there are concessions for all home games.

Bruce Fletcher who works in the district's maintenance department reported to the Board of Directors that "Santa Pictures" during the recent Winterfest activity was a huge success, and will be even a greater success next year as new ideas of how to better process pictures has surfaced.

**Annual Board  
Organization**

As required by Policy 1210, at the December meeting, the Board shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-chairman to serve one-year terms. The Board shall also elect a Legislative Representative for a two-year term in 2010.

Tracy Cotterill made a motion to nominate Craig Roesler as Chairman and Patty Fountain as Vice-Chairman, Russ Sumper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Russ Sumpter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda pending recommended changes:

**Consent Agenda**

- 7) Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2010, regular board meeting, the special meeting scheduled for 12/6/10 was canceled.
- 8) Approval of Certificated & Classified Personnel Report.
- 9) Approval of General Fund Vouchers for Nov./Dec. 2010 Nos. 110308 through 110420 in the total amount of \$297,589.80; Nov./Dec. 2010 ASB Fund Vouchers 410082 through 410119 in the total amount of \$19,026.90 and Capital Projects Fund Vouchers for Nov./Dec. 2010 Nos. 210003 through 210006 in the total amount of \$807.53.

Tracy Cotterill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**SULTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Parents were very excited to receive student Report Cards on Friday, December 10. As a school, we are seeing growth in Reading, as we have added vocabulary enhancement at the Primary grades and more comprehension strategies at the Intermediate level. Our teachers have also been exploring more conceptual ways of teaching math. A hands on science (using the Foss Science Kits) has been great fun for kids! Teachers take a great deal of time preparing assessments, checking for understanding, and explaining learning levels on Report Cards. Parents appreciate this dedicated practice. On Thursday, December 9, SES hosted a winter concert "Christmas Down Under" sung by First, Second, and Multi-age 2/3 students. The gym was packed with parents, friends, family and the children were darling in their little holiday outfits! The focus was on a cultural perspective and celebration of music. There were more than 60 students attending SES' choral presentation at Winterfest on Saturday, Dec. 4. Looks like children love music at SES! Many students were honored at the Cougar Pride Assembly on November 30, with over 20 Students of the Month, Playground, Math, and Reading awards! Children at SES practiced character traits of Thankfulness, Loyalty, and Perseverance during the month of November and December. Kids continue to love having dads come to campus on a daily basis as Watch Dogs, so we want to thank our dads for their support and dedication. SES also has awesome moms who come to help out with PTO events and classroom support on a weekly basis. We are very grateful for the tremendous volunteerism at SES!! Great things continue to happen at the school. We also want to thank all of the community agencies that worked with us to provide holiday baskets and gifts for families who needed help this season!

**GOLD BAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Teachers completed a Pre-Assessment on the 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning which provided specific data on where we need to target professional development at GBE. The staff and community have been working countless hours to meet the needs of our community through food and gifts during the Holiday Season. Teachers worked on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to create a Problem of Practice/Theory of Action in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science. Gold Bar "U" will begin in January. We are providing back to back mornings of targeted professional development from 8:05-8:35 through the school year.

These sessions are led by GBE staff. January's session will focus on Science Instruction/Journaling. Teachers worked hard on Report Cards – they went home Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Four teachers & a principal attended a SIOP (ESL/ELL) training. The District's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team completed the first cycle of the Science TOSA Project. Over 40 Students were honored during our Leadership Assembly Last Week. Over 60 students are participating in our after school clubs this week. Mr. Stratman's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are starting a milk carton recycling program at Gold Bar.

**SULTAN MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Sultan Middle School students, under the leadership of our ASB officers, gathered a truckload of food items for the local food bank. Because of the weather, the items were not picked up before the Thanksgiving holiday; however, they were very appreciated after the holiday as the food banks were in need of restocking. Grade level award assemblies are taking place this week to acknowledge outstanding Skyhawks with perfect attendance, academic achievement, and school pride. Many students are recognized for their positive participation in school. Girls soccer and boys basketball finished their seasons this week, with many Skyhawks turning out for sports activities. SMS parents are the best! In addition to the Watch D.O.G. program, we have many parents giving us their time to help with classroom and clerical support, lunchroom supervision, snack bar, store, and most recently, providing a wonderful luncheon for our staff. We are enjoying the highest level of parent participation ever at SMS. Thank you, parents! Five Sultan Middle School students were recognized by the VFW as winners of the 2010 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. Congratulations to Tiannah Day, Tholen Blasko, Ka'dee Comerford, Amelia Martinez, and Bailey Risenmay. Over 400 students participated in our school wide "Good Manners" poster contest. Everyone is invited to come to our school and admire the students' posters. Two classes had 100% participation - Mr. Riehle and Mrs. Ramirez. Tiannah Day, Ka'dee Comerford and Kyrsten Dickson received special acknowledgement for outstanding work on their posters. In addition, the sixth grade students made Veterans' Day posters which are also on display in the commons. Our school continues to enjoy a wonderful year, thanks to the cheerfulness and respect of our students.

**SULTAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Senior Zach Day has been honored by being named a Wendy's High School Heisman winner. The award recognizes outstanding student athletes. Ten male and ten female student athletes from the state of Washington will be placed into nomination for the National Wendy's Heisman Award. Students of the Week for the last two weeks were Antonio Sanchez-Santiago (11/19) and co-winners Steven Branham and Brian Ordonez. This is the second time Brian has been named as Student of the Week....a rare accomplishment. SHS is happy to report good results on the ASVAB inventory. The ASVAB is a career exploration aptitude test used by the military that was taken by thirty-five seniors. The Sultan group average was above national average in every one of the eight subtests categories as well as in the three composite areas of verbal, math and science/technical skills. SHS had a record number of students (70) take the PSAT in October.

Our fifty juniors, as a group, scored equal to the national mean in all three categories of writing, math, and reading. The cast of the musical “South Pacific” has been set. Leading parts are being played by Leigha Dale, Tim Abt, McKenzie Sumpter, Martin Cross and Zach Day. Major supporting roles are being played by Rocio Carranza, Faby Arroyo, Joy Kohlsatt, Cameron Sifferman, Andrew Hill, and William Lucas. Christian Culp and Tess Pettyjohn were named Male and Female Athletes of the fall respectively. Three Turks were named to the Cascade Conference All-League Team. Jake Beebe, Thor Moore and Ben Clair were all named to the second team in football. Ryan Fox has been selected to the Washington All-State Band. In addition, Ryan Fox was named to the PLU Honor Band along with Tim Abt, Leigha Dale and McKenzie Sumpter. Five SHS students helped fill sandbags on November 13th and have volunteered as members of the emergency sandbagging crew for the City of Sultan. Tyler Blaszak, Isaac Cooper, Joshlynn Dickinson, Breanna Johnson and William Winterton have impressed members of the community with their hard work and dedication. Winter athletics are in full swing. SHS will be hosting two big wrestling events this winter, the Sky Valley Invitational on January 8 and the sub-regionals on February 5. And another note: five SHS students are playing basketball for the Sultan-Skykomish JV team.

**SKY VALLEY OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL:** Lexi Metzger graduated Friday, Dec. 3, 2010. End of Quarter Celebration for quarter 1 was well received by many students. The Celebration was to celebrate the success and help recognize the efforts of our students for the first nine weeks of school. My favorite comment made by one of our students was, “I wish I had taken more classes.” Another student replied, “I received more certificates today than I had my entire school career” and he had three certificates in front of him. Please join us next quarter and help us recognize our students and their efforts. Alix Vorkapich completed her first rally obedience course with her dog, Aurora, and they qualified on the first time. SVO welcomes Marianne Naslund to our team. She has been very helpful with technology and has made a smooth transition to SVO. Three of SVO’s student (Andrea Poirier-Carpenter, Brandon Henriksen and Tim Hunt) joined SHS students in taking the ASVAB and they returned good results on the ASVAB inventory. The ASVAB is a career exploration aptitude test used by the military. The Sultan group’s average was above national average in every one of the eight subtests categories as well as in the three composite areas of verbal, math and science/technical skills.—Thank you Cal for this information. Marianne Naslund is being sworn in on the Sultan City Council on December 16, filling seat #3 vacated by Ron Wiediger who had to step down due to declining health. There is one year remaining in his term. She is excited to join the other 6 members of the Sultan City Council, serving the Sultan community in a new leadership capacity.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Microsoft asked if the district would be interested in participating in another BETA TEST of some software. Last year SES and SMS participated in the Windows Multipoint Server 2010 BETA. This time around they would like the HS Library and Bill Weide’s classroom at SES to participate in the next generation of Windows Multipoint Server, titled WMS 2011.

In return for our participation Microsoft will loan the district all the required hardware for a 4 year period, at the end of the 4 years we are allowed to dispose of the equipment any way we wish. A Microsoft film crew will be out on Thursday to shoot a short commercial at the High School library highlighting new features of the software and interviewing some key players in the BETA, including Dan, Rick Holloway, Bill Weide, and Cal Johnson. They will be using the video at the official announcement of the product this January at a World Wide Technology Showcase in London. This will be the third video in two years that Microsoft has used Sultan School District for.

**STUDENT SERVICES:** David Paratore, Executive Director of Student Services, reported that he has submitted the district's safety net application for funding for high cost students. It was for reimbursement for \$108,000 and the district will be informed of our award in February 2011. David informed the Board that the safety net application takes collaboration with many departments. He worked closely with Layne Anderson, Director of Finance, to determine what our district capacity for reimbursement would be, Laura Moa in personnel to gather personnel costs and transportation information as well as with Janie Miller who provided expenditure reports. Additionally, people from the ESD provided data as he worked carefully with outside service providers to ensure that the IEPs are at a standard that would be funded. David will be putting together another submission in April for the rest of our high cost students. The district is again partnering with NWESD, Lakewood School District, and Stanwood-Camano to conduct SIOP trainings which is our current approach to teaching English language learners. The goal of the program is to provide access to mainstream, grade-level content and to promote the development of English language proficiency. An indication of our district's changing demographics is that each year our ELL numbers are increasing and have grown to 117 this year which is up from 103 last year, 82 in 2008-2009 and 70 for the 2007-2008. Special education numbers have remained remarkably consistent over the past two years with our number of students served being 258 this year as compared to 257 last year. The year prior, special education numbers were 292. The state is phasing in online MSP testing and this year we will be beginning this by testing the sixth grade students at Sultan Middle School. If the roll-out plan for online testing continues as scheduled by OSPI, next year all of the middle school will be taking the test online and the elementary will be phasing in the online version. We wanted to start with one grade this year to examine the additional scheduling and technology issues. Superintendent Dorn did report that last year the passing rate for students taking traditional versus online testing was virtually identical.

Zach Day, ASB Student Representative, shared news of recent SHS ASB activities with the Board of Directors. Zach reported that a very successful toy drive ended last week with a pep assembly. The ASB has requested that the HQ and Knowledge Bowl clubs be separated eliminating confusion between the two. Musical practice has begun and all is well at SHS.

**Student  
Services  
Report**

**Association  
Reports**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption  
• 2162/2162P

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, presented revised Policy/Procedure 2162/2162P Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for second reading and adoption. Patty Fountain made a motion to approve the policies and procedures as presented. Tracy Cotterill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FOUNTAIN /  
COTTERILL  
UNANIMOUS**

Resolution #10-06 Adoption of 2010 Sno. Co. NHMP tabled

Item #14 Resolution #10-06 adoption of the updated 2010 Snohomish County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was tabled pending additional information.

Approval of SES PTO Donation

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, presented a \$935.00 donation from SES PTO to SES to help defer the cost of 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp. Gini Sorgen, PTO president explained that the money has specific students names attached to it from fund raiser participation. Russ Sumpter made a motion to approve the donation as presented. Patty Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUMPTER/  
FOUNTAIN  
UNANIMOUS**

Approval of overnight student travel

Dan Chaplik presented overnight travel for SHS boys basketball to travel to Nooksack Valley on December 28-29, 2010. Russ Sumpter asked about the arrangements that would take place for the female students that will be traveling. That information will be sent to the Board of Directors at a later time. Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the travel provided there is a plan for where the female students will stay. Patty Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**COTTERILL/  
FOUNTAIN  
UNANIMOUS**

Approval of Carl Perkins /Green Design & Tech Grants

Dan Chaplik presented the 2010/2011 Carl Perkins Grant (\$12,816) as well as a Green Design and Technology Grant (\$15,000) for board approval. It was determined that there is not a required district match for the Green Design and Technology Grant. Tracy Cotterill made a motion to approve the grant applications as presented. Patty Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**COTTERILL/  
FOUNTAIN  
UNANIMOUS**

Financials

Director of Fiscal Services, Layne Anderson, reviewed the recently developed one page financial recap for the General Fund, ASB Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Transportation Fund. There were no additional questions regarding the recap. Russ Sumpter stated that he liked the recap and would only suggest that enrollment be an added item. Layne Anderson also discussed recent Legislative changes regarding the Edu-Jobs funding. The state has determined that Edu-Jobs funding will be used in 10/11 to fulfill the state's 2010/2011 funding commitments. Layne, at the direction of the ESD, has applied for the \$450,000 that the district should receive in 2010/2011. He also stated that his plan is to use the funds for Food Service and Transportation expenses which will cause a skewed view of the two funds. Layne also updated the Board of directors regarding the energy grant; stating that the project start is dependent upon Snohomish County PUD. Layne also stated that \$101,000 debt service funds can be moved into the CP Fund in January after the district has made its debt service payments.

Committee & Conference

Executive Session

Reconvene

Russ Sumpter asked about restricted impact fees and asked if a schedule of the fees and when they were receive was available. Layne stated that he does have a tracking system for the fees for six years back.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors requested that the newly developed one page recap of the district's financials be provided to them with enrollment three to four days prior to the board meeting for review. Layne felt that he would be able to comply with the board's request in providing the information.

**Committee & Conference**

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, shared information about the district office transformation study and the positive feedback from support staff after doing site visits. He also indicated that the district will take part in a research project through the UW in the area of district transformation.

**Executive Session**

Tracy Cotterill moved and Patty Fountain seconded a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss evaluations and negotiations at 8:26 p.m. for approximately a half an hour.

**COTTERILL/  
FOUNTAIN  
UNANIMOUS**

**Reconvene**

Tracy Cotterill moved and Patty Fountain seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:06 p.m.

**COTTERILL/  
FOUNTAIN  
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**Adjournment**

Being there was no further business Chairman Craig Roesler adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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Jackie Whaley  
Recording Secretary

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Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

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Craig Roesler, Chairman