GLENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
December 14, 2010

Members Present: Darrel Spies, Chairman
Betsy Putnam
Jay McLaughlin
Vernadean Dean

Visitors: Bridget McLaughlin

Staff Present: Shane Couch, Superintendent
Jaecee Hoctor, Business Manager

	Chairman Darrel Spies called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.	
	Mr. Spies asked the board if anyone had any suggestions for a response to the letter they received from Vancouver School District pertaining to school improvement. The board did not have any ideas for a response to the letter, but they would like to know what Vancouver School District compiles from other responses. The board also received a letter from W.S.S.D.A. that notified them of new legislation that pertains to public schools and Native American Tribes in the Pacific Northwest. W.S.S.D.A. will be assisting school districts and Native American Tribes to work together to educate students about the history and culture of Native Americans. Mrs. McLaughlin presented the Why Try program to the board. This program facilitates team building, drug & alcohol prevention, bullying prevention, self-esteem, drop out & truancy prevention, and career goals. Mrs. McLaughlin thinks that the program can easily fit into a 9th grade class next year that also uses the Avid Method for effective note taking. This program has raised test scores and has been used locally in Yakima and Klickitat. Dr. Couch believes this program will heighten expectations and standards for students and empower teachers. Mrs. McLaughlin also presented to the board what she has been doing in her Spanish classes. At first the elementary Spanish class was overwhelming with 21 students. Now Mrs. McLaughlin is using three learning centers and rotates the groups of students frequently. One of the elementary students, Erika Hernandez, is bilingual, and high school student Perry Wasgatt is a Spanish student aid, and they help out a lot with the younger students. Mrs. McLaughlin's Spanish students sang a song in Spanish during the Thanksgiving dinner, and the elementary students will also be partnering with the high school Spanish students and the American Sign Language class to perform a song at the Christmas dinner. Mrs. McLaughlin's high school Spanish students have been learning conversational Spanish, playing games, taking	Communication to the Board

	weekly quizzes, performing skits, and cooking Spanish food every 3 weeks. Mrs. McLaughlin has invited Spanish speaking members in our community to come into her class. On January 4th Mr. Blas Guzman will come to her class, then she has asked Claude Mackenzie's mom to come in and speak. Furthermore, Mrs. McLaughlin is setting up salsa & merengue lessons with a professional dancer from Trout Lake for her high school students. Also, Mrs. McLaughlin has her students keep and organize binders that are filled with exams, quizzes, flashcards, notes, and vocabulary. She hopes this binder will become a great resource to refer to in the future for her students.	
	Dr. Couch reported that he has set up a meeting when we return to school in January to meet with Mrs. Kay Hoodenpyl to discuss the Wildhaber Trust Scholarships. Dr. Couch stated that Bus #3 is back in working order after about $5,000 worth of repairs. Repairs to Bus #2 are estimated to be about $1,500 and about $300 to tow it to the White Salmon bus garage.	Superintendent's Report
Action	Mrs. Hoctor presented the minutes from the November meeting for approval. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve the minutes as written</u>, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	Approval of Minutes
	Mrs. Hoctor reported that the spending for November was 6.05%, bringing the year to date spending to 19.75% of the total budget. The electrical usage was 11,600 K.W.H. more than last November. The water use was 10,000 gallons more than last November. December enrollment K-8 is 45.78, 9-12 is 16, non-vocational running start is 3.8, vocational running start is .2 and our total headcount is 83.	Current Budget & P.U.D
	Dr. Couch recommended approving Policy Pages 3143-5406P since they are consistent with our current policies. Mrs. Putnam stated that in Policy #5005, page 2, in the second paragraph it reads that unsupervised volunteers and employees without unsupervised access to children may be subjected to a background check. Mrs. Putnam suggested that we should make sure our volunteers go through this process. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve Policy Pages 3143-5406P</u>, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	Second Reading Policy Pages: 3143-5406P
Action	Dr. Couch reported that President Obama has established the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act. Dr. Couch believes that we will be receiving new nutrition guidelines for school lunch programs.	Review Policy & Procedure #6700

	Dr. Couch has provided several options of Policy and Procedure #6700 for the board to consider. Dr. Couch has revised each option to be more specific, less ambiguous and easier to follow. Mrs. Dean stated that we need to follow the policy as is, get rid of the policy, or allow students to have pop. Mrs. Dean also personally thinks that the staff does not need to have a pop machine. She has stated that there is a double standard regarding students being allowed in the staff room. Some students are allowed access to the pop machine while others are not. Mr. McLaughlin believes that adults on our staff can make their own personal decisions whether to have pop or not. He added that adults and students are subject to different rules. He sees no need for action on this issue and feels that we would be overreaching our bounds to ban pop in the staff room. Mr. McLaughlin also reported that if we give students access to the pop machine, we would be violating federal rules and standards. Mrs. Putnam's personal preference on this issue is to not have pop in the school. Mr. Spies stated that the current policy does not specify that adults cannot have a pop machine in their staff room. Furthermore, students are not allowed in the staff room where there is access to a pop machine. Mr. Spies emphasized that there are more important issues that could be discussed and time was being wasted on this issue. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to approve Option #2 of Policy & Procedure #6700, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and the motion carried.	
Action	Resolution #143 was presented to the Board for approval. The resolution cancels the Associated Student Body Fund Warrant #9235, General Fund Warrants #33426, #33953, and #34043. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #143, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	Resolution #143: Warrant Cancellation
	Resolution #144 to approve the VEBA III Health Reimbursement Plan was presented to the Board for approval. This allows employee groups to contribute sick leave cash out and/or vacation leave cash out to the VEBA III account. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to approve Resolution #144 as presented, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and carried.	Resolution #144: VEBA III
	The 2011 Flex One Cafeteria Plan was presented to the Board for approval. This allows employees to pay medical insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the	Flex One Cafeteria Plan

	2010 plan as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	
	Mrs. Hoctor presented the post season volleyball contract for Mrs. Bo-Deen Arnold for her time between the end of the normal season and the end of state volleyball. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to approve the Post Season Volleyball Contract as presented, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and the motion carried.	Post Season Volleyball Contract
Action	The bills and payroll for December were presented for approval. After some review, Mrs. Putnam made a motion to approve the bills and payroll as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried. A.S.B. Fund 12/2010: $1,320.97 General Fund 12/2010: $25,703.81 Payroll for December 2010 in the amount of $122,181.98	Bills & Payroll
	A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluations. The executive session started at 8:10 PM and ended at 10:30 PM.	Executive Session: Superintendent's Evaluation
	A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM. _____ _____ Chairman of the Board Secretary of the Board _____ _____ Board Member Board Member _____ _____ Board Member Board Member	