

GLENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
January 20, 2011

Members Present: Darrel Spies, Chairman
Betsy Putnam
Jay McLaughlin
Harold Cole

Visitors: Brendan Evasick
Darren Jones

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

	Chairman Darrel Spies called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.	
	<p>Dr. Couch stated that January is school board recognition month and certificates of appreciation were presented to each board member for their service to our district from W.S.S.D.A. Also, our students and staff made and signed thank you cards for each board member.</p> <p>This month's staff presentation was from Mr. Brendan Evasick. Mr. Evasick emphasized that he uses logical and creative thinking in his classes instead of just lecturing about facts. He wants his students to use the facts to go beyond memorization. Mr. Evasick enjoys teaching his students through projects such as robotics, rockets, and other hands on activities. Mr. Evasick realizes the problem with doing projects is assessing what the students have learned. He believes that in teaching there are assessments "of learning" and "for learning". Assessments "of learning" are based around lecture, class work, homework, and testing. This sequence is repeated if the test doesn't prove that the students have learned. He believes using "for learning" not "of learning" assessments. He also uses task analysis in his teaching. With task analysis the teacher assigns a task, then the teacher observes by listening to students and takes notes according to what he learns about each student and their knowledge. Mr. Evasick thinks that the way he teaches is more in tune with students and their abilities so he can recognize the students that need extra help. Mrs. Putnam asked Mr. Evasick how he challenges his top students. Mr. Evasick replied that he keeps going forward with what is next to teach or he will have them apply what they have just learned to real world problems so they can expand what they have learned. He is able to do this since his class sizes are so small.</p>	Communication to the Board
	Dr. Couch provided several copies of articles by different scholars on the topic of homework being positive or negative. The research pointed out the most common guidelines were negligible in the elementary grades, in middle school the recommendation is no more than 1.5 hours and at high school no more than 2 hours per night should be assigned.	Superintendent's Report

Dr. Couch presented research that there are countries above us and below the United States in educational statistics that assign abundant homework and none at all. Mr. Cole asked if homework should be assigned if needed and not just assigned to give homework. Mr. McLaughlin suggested that teachers could communicate rationale for their assigned homework to students in the syllabi and have it signed by parents so we know they understand also.

Dr. Couch reported that the high school staff was trained in the Step Up to Writing program last week. Dr. Couch was glad to say that some of the techniques learned at the training have already been implemented into the classroom. Furthermore, the elementary staff will be trained in this program next month.

Dr. Couch stated that Mike Hubert a director at O.S.P.I. will be coming to the school to talk about the Navigation 101 program and will share with us what we can expect to come with this program.

Dr. Couch announced that the weight room was open for student use after school with a temporary/substitute supervisor for one week. We used the temporary supervisor to see if students would use it more. Dr. Couch reported that we haven't seen a huge influx of students using the weight room. Mr. McLaughlin suggested putting up a sign up sheet for weight room use to see what times students are interested in. Dr. Couch then reported that we will be getting the elliptical fixed. Currently, the machine is making a catching sound. Dr. Couch has heard requests for a treadmill in the weight room. Mrs. Dean suggested asking the community for donations. Dr. Couch stated that an institutional quality machine would cost about \$2,500. Dr. Couch stated that he is trying to be responsive to the community while still being fiscally responsible. The board agreed to go ahead and purchase a treadmill, but also post a sign for donations to help with the cost.

Dr. Couch has been informed that Representative Hunt is pushing for the approval of House Bill #1325 which would consolidate schools. Dr. Couch contacted Senator Jim Honeyford, David Taylor, and Bruce Chandler and their staff reported that they assured him that they are all against this bill. Dr. Couch stated that the restructuring schools study was inconclusive. Dr. Couch also said that a lot of small schools have already restructured their districts for efficiency by combining superintendent and principal duties, utilizing E.S.D. services, and outsourcing for transportation services.

Dr. Couch reported that all of the syllabi have been collected from the teaching staff. The board agreed that they would like to go through them and they will come in to Dr. Couch's office to see them.

	<p>Dr. Couch communicated that the Skyline Hospital & Dakine have donated medicine bags to local high school sports teams and Dr. Couch is going to ask to be put on the list for the same donation.</p> <p>Dr. Couch told the board that our homecoming's first game is this Saturday at 4 pm.</p>	
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor presented the minutes from the December meeting for approval. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the minutes as written</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	Approval of Minutes
	<p>Mrs. Hoctor reported that the spending for December was 6.52%, bringing the year to date spending to 26.27% of the total budget. The electrical usage was 36,800 K.W.H. less than last December. The water use was 18,000 gallons more than last December. January enrollment K-8 is 45.78, 9-12 is 16, non-vocational running start is 3.99, vocational running start is .01 and our total headcount is 83.</p> <p>Mr. Jones said that he will call the P.U.D. to check if we have any water leaks since our water usage has doubled the last couple months. Mr. Cole stated that he doesn't understand why the demand is so much compared to the electricity used since we have made so many efficiency improvements. The board recommends partnering with the P.U.D. to see if we can figure out the best way to keep demand prices down and find the demand spikes and at what times.</p>	Current Budget & P.U.D
	<p>Dr. Couch met with Mrs. Kay Hoodenpyl on January 5th about the Wildhaber Trust Scholarships. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000. The long term goal for this scholarship program is for it to be a renewable scholarship. Furthermore, the plan is to use the interest accrued from the trust to pay for the scholarship.</p>	Wildhaber Trust
Action	<p>Mr. Jones stated that the senior class plans to go to Honolulu, Hawaii for their Senior Trip. They are planning to leave on May 29, 2011 and return on June 2, 2011. Mr. Jones reported that they have found round trip flight and hotel rooms for \$558 per person. They are planning to go to the Polynesian Cultural Center, Paradise Cove Luau, Pearl Harbor, U.S.S. Missouri & City Tour, Duck Tour of Waikiki & Pearl Harbor with Hanauma Bay, water park and other local attractions. The senior class has projected to have enough money to cover this trip with the crab feed and track barbeque fundraisers along with what they have already raised.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the 2011 senior class trip to Hawaii as presented</u>, seconded by Mrs. Putnam and the motion carried.</p>	Senior Trip

Action	<p>Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>retain all positions as they are</u>, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and the motion carried. Mr. Spies will remain Board Chairman, Mrs. Putnam will remain the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Cole will continue as Legislative Representative.</p> <p>The board also communicated that they would like the community to be notified about the school board positions elections that are in the fall through our monthly newsletter.</p>	Board Organization
Action	<p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the Indian Policies & Procedures as presented</u>, seconded by Mrs. Putnam and the motion carried.</p>	Indian Policies & Procedures
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor stated that she is preparing the fiscal year 2012 Impact Aid Application. The survey date was December 15, 2010 and we have possibly 9 students that have been identified for the application. The revenue will be put into the general fund and used to support all school programs. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the Impact Aid Application</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	Impact Aid Hearing/Application Approval
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor presented the Congested Area Lighting Contract offered by the P.U.D. This contract will replace the existing contract but at a lower rate.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the Congested Area Lighting Contract as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	Congested Area Lighting Contract
Action	<p>Dr. Couch recommended that we repost the Career & Technical Education position. Dr. Couch edited the posting to be less descriptive and hopefully less confusing. Dr. Couch hopes that this posting will generate more inquiries about the position. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve the reposting of the Career & Technical Education position as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	C.T.E. Posting
	<p>Policy Pages: 3207-4215 were presented for first reading and they will be on the agenda for approval in February.</p>	First Reading Policy Pages 3207-4215
Action	<p>The bills and payroll for January were presented for approval. After some review, Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the bills and payroll as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p> <p>A.S.B. Fund 1/2011: \$5,461.21 General Fund 1/2011: \$42,553.26 Payroll for January 2011 in the amount of \$124,186.76</p>	Bills & Payroll

	<p>A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Chairman of the Board Secretary of the Board</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member Board Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member Board Member</p>	