

GLENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
March 17, 2011

Members Present: Darrel Spies, Chairman
Betsy Putnam
Harold Cole
Vernadean Dean

Visitors:

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

	Chairman Darrel Spies called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.	
	<p>Mr. Spies stated that at the Community Council meeting they were promoting voting for the Skyline Hospital Levy.</p> <p>Mr. Spies announced that W.S.S.D.A. will be having a meeting in Wapato on April 21st.</p> <p>Dr. Couch said that our elementary Spanish program made the Goldendale Sentinel this week</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Mt. Adams Resource Stewards has hired an intern named Paul Satzinger. Mr. Satzinger has been helping with the greenhouse here at school. He has been working with Mr. Jones to create a rain water harvesting system. Furthermore, he will be working with the high school students on making benches for the greenhouse. In the next couple weeks they will be planting seeds. Mr. Satzinger, Mrs. Webb, and Mr. Webb went to Hood River Middle School greenhouse to learn how they operate and use their greenhouse. Mr. McLaughlin said that it would be a good experience to take some of our students to Hood River Middle School's greenhouse to expose our students to a fully functioning greenhouse. Mr. McLaughlin said that it is neat to see teachers get enthusiastic about the greenhouse and including it in their classroom.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin revisited the conversation about homework that we discussed last board meeting. He believes that there is a correlation between homework and grades. He also has observed that the correlation increases positively as the students get older. Mr. McLaughlin agrees with building good study habits at an early age, but has heard mostly negative feedback on homework in the elementary. Mrs. Dean feels that our students' homework is not where it should be. Mr. McLaughlin would encourage better communication about</p>	Communication to the Board

	homework with teachers, parents, and students. Dr. Couch will have the teachers write a statement on what needs to be done in the classroom and what is for homework.	
	<p>Dr. Couch announced that he has received confirmation from O.S.P.I. that the Glenwood School District has met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).</p> <p>Dr. Couch shared with the board that we have two individuals interested in our shop position.</p> <p>Dr. Couch reported that a representative from the P.U.D. will be here next month to help explain demand charges and suggest how to keep our monthly bill down. Mr. Cole suggested having them come before the board meeting and go through the school with Mr. Jones and have Mr. Jones explain how we run things.</p> <p>Dr. Couch informed the board that the All School Musical, The Emperor's New Clothes was well attended and the participants had a lot of fun.</p> <p>Dr. Couch said that he has received board member candidacy forms from the county auditor. The board suggested advertising to the community in local postings, newsletter, and in the Glenwood news.</p>	Superintendent's Report
Action	Mrs. Hoctor presented the minutes from the February meeting for approval. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve the minutes as written</u> , seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.	Approval of Minutes
	Mrs. Hoctor reported that the spending for February was 6.13%, bringing the year to date spending to 39.76% of the total budget. The electrical usage was 36,800 K.W.H. more than last February. The water use was 21,000 gallons more than last February. March enrollment K-8 is 44.78, 9-12 is 16, non-vocational running start is 3.33, vocational running start is .67 and our total headcount is 82.	Current Budget & P.U.D
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor presented the winter post season contracts. The contracts were for Tana Slawson- H.S. Girls Basketball Post Season and Ryan Webb- H.S. Boys Basketball Post Season.</p> <p>Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve the supplemental contracts as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	Winter Post Season Contracts
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor presented the spring season contracts. The contracts were for Thomas Eldred- H.S. Track, Julie Brazil- J.H. Track.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the supplemental contracts</u></p>	Spring Supplemental Contracts

	as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	
	Policy Pages 1210-6895P were presented for first reading. These policies need to be reviewed and revised and will be on the April agenda for approval. Also, some board members asked questions about Minimum fund balance and student incentives that will need to be clarified at the April board meeting.	First Reading Policy Pages: 1210-6895P
	Dr. Couch created a summarization report for the MSP/MSPE that reflected testing data of the students that continuously stayed at the Glenwood School. Looking at the individual student data seems to provide better information to serve our students. Dr. Couch previously compiled the testing data into a three year rolling average with WASL scores. He stated that there were holes in the data collected from year to year since some years subjects weren't tested. Mr. McLaughlin noticed a weakness in science and wonders why that could be. Dr. Couch stated that it might be because we have had 3 different science teachers in the last 6 years and the state focus has been on reading and math. Mrs. Putnam asked if the elementary teachers have changed their way of teaching science, since they lay the base for the high school teachers. Dr. Couch said that we need to find a balance between teaching all subjects. Mr. Cole noticed a drop in scores in the 5 th & 6 th grades. Dr. Couch responded that since we are so small we know each student individually. We know if they have an I.E.P., we know family situations and other things that could affect test scores. Furthermore, Dr. Couch stated that the students that aren't meeting standards are getting extra help by going to study table, afterschool program, and special education.	MSP/MSPE Report
Action	Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the School Improvement Plan as presented</u> , seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	School Improvement Plan
	Dr. Couch stated that summer school will begin immediately after school is out and will run for 4 weeks.	Summer School
Action	Dr Couch asked for approval to continue the swimming lessons program. The program will be the 2 weeks after summer school ends. Mrs. Wilson is looking to see if the Goldendale pool would be putting the dome cover over the pool more often. Last year it was often cold and our students didn't want to get in the pool. Dr. Couch reported that Mrs. Wilson said that Goldendale's support staff was much better than Hood River's and there were a lot more staff members helping our students. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve to move ahead on planning the summer school program and swimming lessons</u> , seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.	Swimming Lessons

Action	A letter of resignation was presented from Thomas Eldred effective after this school year. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>accept Mr. Eldred's resignation</u> , seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.	Resignation: Thomas Eldred
Action	The bills and payroll for March were presented for approval. After some review, Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>approve the bills and payroll as presented</u> , seconded by Mrs. Putnam and the motion carried. A.S.B. Fund 3/2011: \$6,819.77 General Fund 3/20101: \$28,340.27 Payroll for March 2011 in the amount of \$112,758.61	Bills & Payroll
Action	A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Performance Review. The executive session started at 8:20 PM and ended at 8:50 PM.	Executive Session: Superintendent Performance Review
Action	A motion was made, seconded, and carried to extend Dr. Shane Couch's Superintendent contract.	Superintendent's Contract
Action	A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. _____ Chairman of the Board Secretary of the Board _____ Board Member Board Member _____ Board Member Board Member	