

GLENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
October 20, 2011

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

Visitors: David Wasgatt

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

	Chairman Darrel Spies called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.	
	<p>Mr. Spies received a thank you card from the Glenwood Education Association members for making up the statewide pay cut this year.</p> <p>Also, Mr. Spies received letters from senior parents, Mrs. Linda Settler and Mrs. Jennifer Hallenbeck supporting the 2012 senior trip and recommending that parents are involved in the early stages of planning the trip.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin wanted to address our current van use policy for out of town employees. Mr. McLaughlin remembers complaints about people seeing school district vehicles at people's houses, but thinks that we could make exceptions for people out of town that will need the school vehicle in the morning. Mr. Cole suggested dealing with van use issues case by case for out of town employees. If someone calls and asks why a vehicle is parked outside an employee's house, there should be an answer.</p> <p>Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>allow case by case decisions made by Dr. Couch for all employees regarding school vehicles being parked at home</u>, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and the motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Tom Anderson was present to give a presentation on our C.T.E. program. Mr. Anderson has noticed students being excited about being able to be hands on again. Mr. Anderson believes in applying math and science to real world issues. He is teaching Design, 6-8 PE, Applied Technology, Woodworking, K-5 PE, and Architecture/Construction. He has created a Lego League with junior high students. Google has sponsored our 2 teams with \$1,100 each. The Lego competition qualifying tournament will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> in Hood River. The theme for this year's tournament is food factor. The tournament includes a Lego robotics playing field, research project, presentation, and a question &amp; answer session. Mr. Anderson plans on having the</p>	Communication to the Board

	<p>teams do a trial run in front of the school board or the staff to get them comfortable with presenting in front of people. Then Mr. Anderson took the school board down to the shop. Mr. Anderson has rearranged the shop and made it useable again. His woodworking class is building the Lego teams' playing field and learning about grain of wood and using hand tools. They have also made cutting boards. The Leadership class thought of the idea of making a display in the library out of barn wood. Mr. Anderson's woodworking class is interacting and communicating with the Leadership class on building the frame. His metal working class has been developing skills and then they have started making projects. They have found scrap metal around the school to construct a welding bench for the shop. The Design class designed the bench and then the metal working class built it. Mr. Anderson also had his students price out the costs of making the bench. Mr. Anderson also shared some safety issues with the lathe and table saw that will need to be addressed in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Wasgatt suggested enhancing communication with parents with planning senior trips. He would like to see the students create a budget and get parents on board up front before presenting to the board. He would recommend more oversight over the process from several people to avoid pitfalls and more structure in the process to ensure all the expectations are being met. Mrs. Dean wanted to know what the issue was. She assumed there were no issues since it was proposed to the board. Mr. Spies approved the trip knowing there would be a detailed itinerary given to the board later. Mr. Spies said that it's the students' trip and they should get to plan it since they raised the money to go. He thinks that we don't need to micro manage the students on planning their trip. Mr. Cole remembers in the past receiving a detailed breakdown itinerary with expenses. Dr. Couch assured that in the future there were be parent meetings before the school board presentation of the senior trip and everyone will be involved.</p>	
Action	<p>Dr. Couch presented the field trip request that he had mentioned in his last Friday letter. The field trip is for tomorrow. Students Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grades would like to go to the Pumpkin Patch and ride the Mt. Hood Railroad train. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve the field trip request as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Couch announced that we were awarded a Solar for our Schools grant. The grant includes a solar electric system, data monitoring, classroom materials, workshops, and event management. We plan to get the solar system built over the summer. The solar electric system will be producing power to go towards a reduction on our P.U.D. bill. The bill offset will go towards balancing out the cost of the power</p>	Superintendent's Report

	needed for the greenhouse and watering the community garden.	
Action	Mrs. Hoctor presented the minutes from the September meeting for approval. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the September minutes as presented</u> , seconded by Mrs. Dean and the motion carried.	Approval of Minutes
	Mrs. Hoctor reported that the spending for September was 6.8%, bringing the year to date spending to 6.8% of the total budget. The electrical usage was 800 K.W.H. less than last September. The water use was 18,000 gallons more than last September. Enrollment for October K-8 is 49.28, 9-12 is 15.66, vocational is 5.3, non-vocational running start is 1.00, and our total headcount preschool through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade is 83.	Current Budget & P.U.D Summaries & Enrollment
Action	<p>Dr. Couch talked to parents who have children taking online classes. The reasons from parents for their children taking online classes are that they have dissatisfaction with an instructor, scheduling conflicts, and choice of electives. Dr. Couch asked the board if they were still interested in establishing a public hearing meeting to discuss online classes. Mrs. Dean doesn't believe a public meeting is necessary. She would like Dr. Couch to talk to parents one on one to get to the bottom of the problem. Then if needed, take corrective action.</p> <p>Dr. Couch concludes the question we are wrestling with is supervision of online students. Mr. Cole communicated that if online classes are being taken in our school then we should be obligated to supervise the students taking them. He pointed out that it would be peculiar that we would have a parent come in to supervise their student in our school.</p> <p>Dr. Couch stated that we don't have the right to prohibit students from taking online classes. Students taking online classes haven't caused a conflict in our school and we should be supportive. For example, students participate in home school, online classes, running start, and regular classes.</p> <p>Mrs. Dean thinks we should make all parents aware that students K-12 can choose to do online classes. Mrs. Putnam commented that it would be very challenging for younger students to take online classes since they aren't self directed. Mr. Cole stated that he thought that we did allow all students to take what they wanted in many different ways upon approval of the school board.</p> <p>Mrs. Dean also wanted to know if W.A.V.A. students were checked for academic eligibility for sports. Dr. Couch shared that we don't get grades until the end of the course from online classes. He will request them more frequently. Mrs. Putnam said as a home school parent she</p>	Online Class Discussion

	<p>wouldn't have a problem responding to the school about eligibility for sports. She would recommend having grade checks a requirement for home school and W.A.V.A. students.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin recommended not making any changes retroactively. Students have already chosen their classes for this year and he doesn't want to jeopardize their plans. If the online student FTE increases dramatically we will have a problem and would need to address it. He would like to get together in May to see how many students would like to take online classes next year. Mr. McLaughlin is not comfortable in making a rash decision at this point.</p> <p>Mr. Wasgatt shared that in a big school you would only have a teacher you didn't like for a year. In a small school you might have a teacher you dislike for several classes and years. He would personally allow his children to take online classes to get around taking classes from a teacher that they had a legitimate problem with.</p> <p>Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>table the online class discussion</u>, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and the motion carried.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Couch announced that the interviewing committee for the math/science teacher position recommends hiring Mr. Jay Anderson for the position. Mrs. Putnam made a motion to <u>approve Mr. Jay Anderson as the math/science teacher</u>, seconded by Mr. Cole and the motion carried.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Hire Jay Anderson</p>
	<p>The 2010-11 prorated certified contract was presented for approval. The salary is based on the placement on the salary schedule with an October 3<sup>rd</sup> start date. Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>approve the contract as presented</u>, seconded by Mrs. Putnam and the motion carried.</p>	<p>Prorated Certified Contract</p>
	<p>The 2010-11 prorated certified supplemental contract was presented for approval with an October 3<sup>rd</sup> start date. Mr. Cole made a motion to <u>approve the contract as presented</u>, seconded by Mrs. Putnam and the motion carried.</p>	<p>Prorated Certified Supplemental Contract</p>
	<p>Policy Pages: 1110-5612 were presented for first reading and they will be on the agenda for approval in November.</p>	<p>First Reading Policy Pages: 1110-5612</p>
	<p>Dr. Couch announced that we will be using a similar process as during the last levy for awareness by including information about the levy in the school newsletter. Mrs. Hocter provided a frequently asked questions sheet about levies to the board as a reference. Also, Mrs. Hocter will be sending out information and notifications to the community every month until the levy in February. Mr. Cole suggested</p>	<p>2012 Levy Discussion</p>

	<p>informing the community on what percent of our budget we are asking for as the levy amount compared to what the state will allow and state when we last had a bond. Also, Mr. Cole would like to know how much money we get from the timber excise tax. Mrs. Hocter will provide that figure at the next meeting.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Couch presented the MSP/MSPE Report to the board. Dr. Couch has used the same format to explain students' results as last year. He has created two reports for the board. One report shows the students that have been continually enrolled here and the other report includes all students. Dr. Couch has shared this information with the teachers also. Teachers will use the data to identify struggling students and assist them improving weak areas. Also, Dr. Couch will be providing more support for teachers by bringing in experts to coach them.</p>	MSP/MSPE Report
	<p>Dr. Couch initiated the conversation about the format for the Candidate's Night. He recommends letting the candidates know the format beforehand. Mr. Spies volunteered to be the Candidate's Night moderator. Mrs. Putnam said that she would email the candidates the format for the night. The board decided that the candidates will introduce themselves and they will have 5 minutes to make their presentation. Then guests will submit questions for the candidates on note cards to the moderator. After a break for cookies provided by the Cooking Club, Mr. Spies will pose the note card questions to the candidates. Lastly, each candidate will have the opportunity to provide closing comments for 2 minutes.</p>	Candidate Night Format
Action	<p>The bills and payroll for October 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.</p> <p>A.S.B. Fund 10/2011: \$3,906.64  General Fund 10/2011: \$28,991.50  Payroll for October 2011 in the amount of \$119,951.68</p>	Bills & Payroll

	<p>A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Chairman of the Board</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Secretary of the Board</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Board Member</p>
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