

GLENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
March 15, 2011

<p>Members Present: Betsy Putnam, Chairman David Wasgatt Eric Jacobsen Jennifer Hallenbeck Jay McLaughlin</p>	<p>Visitors: Twyla Barnes Lori Simpson Butch Hallenbeck</p>
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Staff Present: Shane Couch, Superintendent
Jaecee Hocter, Business Manager

	<p>Chairman Betsy Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Twyla Barnes, the Superintendent of E.S.D. #112, said that she is impressed by how much our programs have grown. She is very glad to see improvements with our school with the garden greenhouse and weight room. She congratulated the board and Dr. Couch. She applauded the district for doing so well with our fund balance and how careful the district is with the public's money. Dr. Barnes communicated with the new board members that E.S.D. #112 assists districts by writing grants and uses economy of scale to save money for districts by working together. Furthermore, she shared that E.S.D. #112 cooperatives provide staffing, Special Education, insurance, and many other programs. Dr. Barnes explained that for every \$1 we spend on cooperatives, E.S.D. #112 drives back \$500 to the districts in services.</p> <p>Lori Simpson, the E.S.D. #112 Deputy Director of School & Agency Operations, commented that social media has been a topic for discussion here at Glenwood. She stated that the use is a community decision. She has observed districts using it effectively and having very few problems with it. For example, at Evergreen School District the teachers post assignments, articles and learning resources. Dr. Barnes added that we would need to have policies in place before allowing staff or students to use social media. Mrs. Simpson said that social media is free, easy to try and you can always shut it down if it doesn't work.</p> <p>The board asked Dr. Barnes for insight concerning fund balance and levy amount. Dr. Barnes understands that Glenwood School District is conservative with our fund balance and has stretched dollars at times. She suggested educate the community on fund balance and levy amounts. Dr. Barnes did not recommend to ever reduce our levy amount. She offered coordinating for an E.S.D. business manager to</p>	<p>Communication to the Board</p>

	<p>discuss fund balances and to inform the board on what other districts practice. Dr. Barnes invited the school board to retreat to E.S.D. and they would provide information and perspective on topics interested by the board.</p> <p>Mr. Jay Anderson is this month's staff presenter. His presentation focused on his Geology class. Mr. Anderson's Geology class started out by looking at the basics of geology, earth's layers, minerals & rocks, and plate tectonics. He challenges his students by having them look at real world issues and problem solve them. The Geology students are currently studying the energy issues of the Keystone Pipeline Project. They are researching the possible impact to the country and if the gas could contaminate the aquifer. Mr. Anderson had his students study Natural Gas and figure out the pros & cons of it and draw their own conclusions about it as a whole. Rebecca Hallenbeck, from is Geology class presented a map of natural gas reserves in the United States. She stated that we have enough natural gas to serve our country for over 100 years. Tiffany McCoy was also present from Mr. Anderson's Geology class. She informed the board on the process of getting the gas from the ground called fracking. The process includes shocking the ground which creates fissures. Experts are worried about the reserves leaking or the pipe leaking. Miss Hallenbeck concluded by saying that her class believes extracting the gas can be done safely and it would be beneficial to endorse natural gas production. Mr. Anderson emphasized how impressed he is with Geology students and how serious they are tackling the issues.</p>	
Action	<p>Dr. Couch announced that he attended the Small Schools Conference. He learned that the state is changing the state assessment again. The test will be called S.B.A.C. (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) and it will apply to the classes of 2014 and 2015. Furthermore, there will be some credit changes and teacher evaluation model changes. The evaluation process will be a new 4 tier system that will be tied to assessment. The accountability will be greater for teachers with the new system.</p> <p>Dr. Couch stated that for scheduling in the 2012-13 school year, we will need to have Spanish 1, 2, and 3. Currently, we have Spanish 1 & 2 and A.S.L. 1 & 2. This year we have combined A.S.L. 1 & 2 students in the same class. Dr. Couch believes that combining classes would also work with our Spanish classes.</p> <p>Dr. Couch presented the current field trips. Mrs. Allaway took a student to Honor Band on March 4th & 5th. Mr. Anderson took a couple students to Trout Lake tonight to present why they would like to receive a \$1000 grant for the shop program.</p>	Superintendent's Report

	<p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the current field trips as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Wasgatt and the motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Couch gave each board member a staff list as requested by Mr. Wasgatt and some articles about social media.</p>	
Action	<p>Mrs. Hoctor presented the minutes from the February meeting for approval. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the February minutes as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen and the motion carried.</p>	Approval of Minutes
	<p>Mrs. Hoctor reported that the spending for February was 7.23%, bringing the year to date spending to 40.92% of the total budget. The electrical usage was 29,600 K.W.H. less than last February. The water use was 10,000 gallons less than last February. March enrollment K-8 is 47.28, 9-12 is 16.66, vocational is 1.94, non-vocational running start is 1.0 and our total headcount is 82.</p>	Current Budget & P.U.D Summaries & Enrollment
Action	<p>Dr. Couch informed the board that Broughton owns the stream property that was talked about previously and not S.D.S. Mr. Wasgatt said that Mr. Spies talked to John Stevenson and Frank Backus from S.D.S. concerning the property. Mr. Wasgatt proposed seeking out ground that is an annoyance for S.D.S. for logging purposes such as the piece on Holmes Creek. The board discussed the liabilities of the property and the accessibility of the property. Dr. Couch suggested that it might be more beneficial for the district to sell the property if we can't trade for property closer. Mr. Wasgatt recommended having S.D.S. make us an offer on our property. Dr. Couch will contact E.S.D. #112 on the process we need to follow in order to sell school district property. Mrs. Hoctor mentioned that the income from the property will most likely have to be put into the Capital Projects fund and not the General Fund. Also, there will be restrictions on how we can spend the money.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve exploration of selling School District #10 property</u>, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen and the motion carried.</p>	School District #10 Update
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>The board discussed the current extra-curricular salary schedule and how the post season contract was calculated. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the supplemental contracts as presented</u>, seconded</p>	Winter Post Season

	by Mrs. Hallenbeck and the motion carried.	
Action	<p>Mrs. Hctor presented the spring season contracts. The contracts were for Thomas Eldred- H.S. Track and Julie Brazil- J.H. Track. Mr. Wasgatt was concerned that Mr. Eldred’s contract was excessive for the number of athletes he would be coaching from Glenwood. The board discussed the countless hours that Mr. Eldred has put into our track program over the last 30 years and the extra responsibilities that he has taken on. Mr. McLaughlin believes that the rate of pay for coaching isn’t reflective of the number of participants but is for the fundamentals and skills taught that are required for that specific sport.</p> <p>Mrs. Hallenbeck made a motion to <u>approve the supplemental contracts as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Mrs. Hallenbeck, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mrs. Putnam voted yes and Mr. Wasgatt voted against the contracts, therefore the motion carried.</p>	Spring Supplemental Contracts
Action	Policy Pages 0000-5000 were presented for first reading. These policies need to be reviewed and will be on the April agenda for approval.	First Reading Policy Pages: 0000-5000
Action	<p>Dr. Couch presented the 2012 TLG Track Agreement to the board. Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve the 2012 TLG Track Agreement as presented</u>, seconded by Mr. Wasgatt and the motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Couch stated the cost of officials will be split between schools if the W.I.A.A. makes it a rule to have officials per track event.</p>	TLG Track & Field Agreement
Action	<p>Dr. Couch proposed to have summer school on June 11th through July 6th. The board would like the summer school instructors to present to the board what they do in summer school with students and their plans. Dr. Couch reported that Ms. Parsons and Miss Brazil have been the interested instructors. The program catches students up or provides further enrichment for the first half and then they typically do more enrichment type activities for the second half.</p> <p>Mr. Wasgatt made a motion to <u>approve to have summer school on June 11th through July 6th</u>, seconded by Mrs. Hallenbeck and the motion carried.</p>	Summer School
Action	Dr. Couch asked the board for their input on the scheduling for swimming lessons in Hood River. Due to pool scheduling we can either have swimming lessons for 1 week in conjunction with summer school on June 11 th through the 15 th or during the 2 weeks after summer school.	Swimming Lessons

	Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to <u>approve swimming lessons to be in conjunction with summer school on June 11th through the 15th</u> , seconded by Mr. Jacobsen and the motion carried.	
Action	<p>The bills and payroll for March 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. Wasgatt and the motion carried.</p> <p>A.S.B. Fund 3/2012: \$4,246.76 General Fund 3/2012: \$21,166.14 Payroll for March 2012 in the amount of \$117,324.11</p>	Bills & Payroll
	<p>A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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>	