



Wenatchee School District Board Workshop

Minutes of March 25, 2011 - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CTC Building

Board Members Present

Kevin Gilbert, President
Gary Callison, Vice President
Walter Newman
Jesús Hernández
Laura Jaecks

Staff Present

Brian Fones, Superintendent
Cabinet
WenEa President

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OPENING & WELCOME:

Superintendent Fones gave an agenda review to clarify for the board what to expect during the study session today. He also provided a notebook of materials and presentations notes. Brief agenda review of following:

New Strategic Planning Process –

- Review the key components of the new process
- Steps to implementation
- Timelines and Action Steps including direction and measurements of progress
- District Improvement task Force
- Strategic Plan Revisions: Goals and Objectives with Structure review
- District Initiatives: Current & Future
- Prioritizing of Objectives
- Budget Overview of District Initiatives: History & Anticipated
- Workshop Planning

Regular Business:

Out of state field trip request was presented to the board and it was stated that the board would vote at the April 12th board meeting. Board members wanted to have the breakdown of funding (ASB vs. Career & Tech). Discussion of travel initiated by Walter, Les stated he has always said that staff travel be restricted, but student travel okay.

Summer Day Camp Discussion: Right now it is being discussed as a possible cut because the program is in the red. It was suggested to require parents to commit to their student(s) to be in attendance to guarantee funds. If we cannot continue, discuss with DSHS on what alternatives to recommend to our parents, their clients, other day camp options in the community. It was also discussed that all parents need adequate warning with a list of alternate opportunities. An update on the summer program will be continued at the April 12th board meeting. It was suggested inviting parents to the board meeting & letting them know the intent of discussing the daycare situation.

Strategic Planning Process Timeline:

1. April (2011) – Identification of District Improvement Task Force Team
 - a. The more people to have on the team in leadership roles, the better to get information out for us. (Gave many ideas as to what businesses to recruit from)
 - b. Brian’s goal is to contract with someone to facilitate the Strategic Plan process.
 - c. Terms of team members should be suggested at the beginning. 2–3 year terms was suggested.

Strategic Direction: Suggested areas of focus within the Strategic Plan objectives.

1. One change: Schools being held accountable as far as academic achievements.
2. DRA is not in alignment with MSP. Trying to come up with a universal screener for K-5.
3. Need better screener for kindergarten students.
4. ELL/WLPT scores are not good. Some of our students are staying in ELL through 12th grade and this should not happen.
5. There was discussion on extending school day or school year to help make sure students know how to read with comprehension. To move ahead with math and science, a student must be able to read with comprehension.
6. Identify failing 8th graders before sending them on to high school. If they are behind have them attend Westside to get caught up with credits instead of sending right to high school and having them get behind 3-4 credits before identifying a problem.
7. ALE = Alternative Learning Education: Jesus advocated this program for students not going on to 4-year colleges to give them skills to be successful after high school. Also advocated the assistance with reading in K-3.
8. Long Range Plan: Decide which properties are to be considered for surplus or sale.

Objectives for Goal Area 2: Update on 4/12/11 at board meeting.

Objective 3.1

Goal 4: At board meetings after presentations by students, recognize those parents who go above and beyond at our schools. We need to train teachers to accept parent volunteers and train parents to work in classrooms.

Goal 5: Les: fund balance is kept to help offset existing reductions and meet additional downfalls. Walter suggested we might need to look at the 5%.

Discussion on current initiatives and new initiatives.

Program assessments:

- All day kindergarten
- Elementary Art Specialists
- Enrichment
- Advanced Placement
- Springboard
- AVID
- Assessment

UPCOMING PRESENTATION: Provide for the Board with details about where money is spent and areas that can be cut. The first presentation will be provided once the House and Senate budgets are released.

BOARD WORK STUDY SESSION: It was decided to have a board study session on April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunnyslope Elementary covering the Long Range Facility Plan.

End of Session: Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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President Superintendent