

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, May 25, 2006
7:00 pm - Library**

The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 PM by President Rick Syring.
PRESENT: Rick Syring, Sandra Ferneding, Wendy Arends, Garren Elmer, Eric Rice and Superintendent Michael Grubbs. ABSENT: None. GUESTS PRESENT: Dawn and Larry Shinn, Rueben and Sheila Malinowski, Tom and Jane Tervo, Curtis Tikka, Cameron and Christy Tormanen, Janet Syring, Debbie Proctor, Chuck Baker, Nolan Wheeler, Suzette Milkowski and Amy Neiman. The Agenda was adopted and approved. Motion to Approve by Eric Rice, Second by Sandra Ferneding.

The MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING of April 27, 2006 were considered. The minutes were adopted and approved as written. Motion to Approve by Sandra Ferneding, Second by Garren Elmer.

There were no VISITOR COMMENTS at the regular time.

Wendy Arends detailed the activities of the PTSA Report. The activities mainly dealt with end of year fund-raisers and support, i.e. the Walkathon.

Dr. Grubbs gave the SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. He informed the Board of events in the school including the current enrollment of 120, coming calendar events, gave a report on the preparation activities for the end of the year and detailed the final month calendar, including graduation on June 15th.

Under New Business Dr. Grubbs discussed classroom alignment and staffing next year which will be the following:

K: New hire
1-2: Mrs. Kimball
2-3: Mrs. Tolmie
4-5: Dr. Grubbs
6-8: Mrs. Shinn, Mrs. Murry

Dr. Grubbs will teach for one year to help the district return to an acceptable fund balance. Through a system of team teaching maximizing each teacher's strengths, the 4-8th graders will rotate for various subjects but will have a homeroom. The 4th and 5th graders will not be part of the middle school as such. Dr. Grubbs assured the Board that he will "do what it takes" to insure that not only will there be excellent teaching in the classroom but that his leadership as superintendent will continue and the high level of efficiency currently in existence. The Board heard considerable comment from those in attendance both against and in support of the plan. Dr. Grubbs reminded the community that the plan was put into effect because the M & O that passed does not provide adequate funding to replenish the fund balance. He stated "it cannot be 'business as

usual' without adequate funding." The Board thanked the community for the input and told Dr. Grubbs to go forward with the plan but also give the Board a monthly assessment of its efficacy.

Brett Blechschmidt from ESD Financial Services then reviewed the budget scenarios under several scenarios: hiring a replacement, hiring a half-time replacement, and placing Dr. Grubbs into the classroom for one year. The later had the desired effect, given the same budget otherwise, of replenishing the fund balance to an acceptable level.

Brett also discussed with the Board various financial models for reporting and assured them that he was willing to supply them with whatever style they preferred.

Finally, Dawn Shinn presented to plans for the 8th Grade Field Trip, June 12-14th to the San Juan Islands. Insurance requirements were met and the adult to student ratios (11 to 7) was acceptable. The Board approved the trip by a Motion to Approve by Sandra Ferneding, Second by Eric Rice.

Under OLD BUSINESS, Dr. Grubbs spotlighted the work of the bus drivers and introduced three in attendance, Janet Syring, Nolan Wheeler, and Debbie Proctor. He reported on the safety records of the drivers and the inherent safety features in modern school busses.

The Board then continued their policy review and discussed the merits of the policies under consideration ending in this motion: moved to First reading policies 2153, 2161 and 2162; said policies replacing, succeeding, revising or modifying existent policies 2161, 2161P, 2173, and 2173P; and, moved to Second Reading policies 2125, 2126, and 2130; said policies replacing, succeeding, revising or modifying existent policies 2161, 2161P, 2173 and 2173P; and, moved to Adoption policies 2021, 2021P, 2022, 2022P, 2023, 2025, 2025P, 2029, 2029P, and 6700; said policies replacing, succeeding, revising or modifying existent policies 2310, 2311, 2022, 2022P, and 2312. Motion to adopt by Eric Rice, seconded by Wendy Arends.

The Board then moved to approve Resolution #06-03, committing the District to comply with the Washington Public Works Law in funding the Small Repair grant for \$4000. Motion to Approve by Garren Elmer, Second by Sandra Ferneding.

The Board then considered various board evaluation instruments and had a discussion about their relative merits and mutually agreed on a model. President Syring directed the Board to do a self-evaluation.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A MOTION TO APPROVE payment of Accounts Payable Warrants #16225-16251 in the amount of \$25,277.88; Payroll warrants #16252-16267 in the amount of \$23,516.56; approval of electronically paid payroll taxes in the amount of \$9,548.83; and payroll direct deposits in the amount of \$24,136.05 was made by Sandra Ferneding and seconded by Eric Rice. The Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD COMMENTS: The Board thanked the guests present for their attendance and invited them to give their input whenever they desired to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m. Motion to Adjourn by Eric Rice, Second by Wendy Arends.

Minutes Approved/Amended by:
Rick Syring, Board President
June 22, 2006