Members Present: Dan Raap, Chairman  
Charles T Gray, Director  
Gary Howell, Director  
Jill Renz-Whitman, Director  
Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Financial Services  
Rom Castilleja, Secretary to the Board  

Members Absent: Joe Schroeder, Director (excused)  


CALL TO ORDER  
Chairman Raap called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.  

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Pledge of Allegiance conducted.  

DELEGATIONS  
Wayne Barrett presented to the Board students from the High School that participated in the Poetry Out Loud event and that moved on to compete at Columbia Basin College. Martha Lucia Nunez recited “Deliberate” by Amy Uyematsu and Joel Campbell recited “Jabberwocky” by Lewis Carroll. Wayne also introduced Lincoln Hammond who currently has a book of poetry that was self-published and available for sale. The book is called The Ink Circus and Lincoln recited one of his poems from the book called “Indigo Places.”  

FINANCIAL REPORT  
The financial numbers of all fund activity were presented in the board packet. Ending fund balance numbers were reviewed.  

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA  
The Board:  
Minutes from March 14, 2011  
Payroll $959,061.85  Warrants total $319,136.37  Direct Deposits $639,925.48  
Warrants 100941-100951, 101082-101115  
AP General Fund- $268,597.26  Warrants 100952, 100975-101081  
AP ASB Fund - $18,769.53  Warrants 100953-100974  
Request for Medical Leave  
Request for Continued Shared Teaching Assignment  

There was discussion regarding the request for medical leave and how that would be affected by budget cuts and possible rifts. There was also discussion regarding the request for continued shared teaching assignment.
The Board requested that additional information be provided regarding the costs associated with the shared position and what the benefits are for the students that this position effects.

Motion was made by Director Howell to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the continued shared teaching assignment until further information in regards to cost and the success of position can be determined. Motion was seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

Unanimous vote to approve consent agenda containing one exception with 4/0 vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Mowers
Superintendent Castilleja and Mark Noyes indicated there was an issue with the leasing of two new mowers the District previously approved. The District was projecting to earn enough to make a substantial down payment for the mowers through funds received from the surplus sale, however due to credit issues the District will not be able to lease the mowers as discussed. The request was presented to use reserve funds to cover the purchase of the new mowers with the approximate cost of $12,000.00. What is made from the surplus sale, which is projected to be about what one mower will cost, will then be used to replenish reserve funds.

It was the direction of the Board to purchase the new mowers with the reserve funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Reduction in Force - Resolution No. 3-2011
Superintendent Castilleja presented Resolution No. 3-2011 to the Board to authorize the setting of budget priorities with the intent to adopt a modified educational program due to State budget cuts. He and Chairman Raap reviewed the resolution and it looks like budget projections will affect work force numbers through 2014. Chairman Raap stated that “there is no way to put a positive face on it”. Superintendent Castilleja indicated that it is very challenging to meet budget reductions. There is no projected date the budget will be completed.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 3-2011 authorizing the Superintendent to set budget priorities with the intent to adopt a modified educational program due to State budget cuts by Director Gray and seconded by Director Renz-Whitman.

Unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 3-2011 authorizing the setting of budget priorities with the intent to adopt a modified educational program due to State budget cuts with a 4/0 vote.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

a. KB MS
Vance Wing spoke of the School Improvement Plan. There is a committee in place working with other administrators on accomplishing goals for tier-three programming. He wanted to recognize Robin Ellis as Teacher Leader for promoting a book club. The first book for review is “Brain Rules” with the first meeting scheduled for April 27. Principal Wing also shared the status of the 80/20 grading system as well as the success of Read 180 program with 10 of the 31 students moving up levels. He also mentioned that the Middle School just completed a successful fundraiser for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

b. KB HS
Wayne Barrett indicated that the HSPE testing went well. The only hiccup was the bussing situation. Other than that the testing was phenomenal. It was KB’s second state appearance at the Knowledge Bowl where the student participation was outstanding. Principal Barrett stated that the due to conflicts the Prom was changed from April 30 to May 7. He indicated that Wednesday was a self-study day. Also on June 1, there would be the NASSP Breakthrough Program. Principal Barrett commended the
students and teachers for the topnotch choir and band performances during the recent concerts. He asked that everyone take the time to enter codes for the Frito Lay contest.

c. KB Elementary
Jennifer Behrends shared that the PTO Reading Night was a huge success. They handed out approximately 100 books and the library was packed. They are currently planning for a Math Night in May. On March 8th there was an all-school writing prompt K-4th grade. There is open discussion about the grading for the process. On March 12th there was the Leprechaun Dash and KB school placed 4th in attendance. Principal Behrends also shared that on March 17, Sandy Nelson received the Crystal Apple Award and that staff would be participating in the McTeacher’s nights at two different McDonald’s. She also shared that 204 t-shirts have been sold, and there have been great sales for the new Elementary Yearbook. The school has also raised over $1,800.00 to date for the Blood Cancers Penny Drive fundraiser and they will be starting the Box Top contest April 22.

SUPERINTENDENTS’ REPORT
Legislative Action
Superintendent Castilleja shared legislative news regarding the 1-mile radius change for Transportation and bus pick-up. A group will be going around and identifying the safe walk zone as the 1-mile radius is changing to the 1-mile road path. This adjustment was made so Districts could look at transportation dollars, however our projections look like 2/3 of the students will still be classified as in the 1-mile zone.

Chairman Raap concluded that the Board and District are open to discussion regarding the budget issues at hand. The Board and Superintendent Castilleja have been making every effort to keep budget information updated on the web for people to review as well as providing addresses and links.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jesus Alvarado stated that teachers McClanahan and Hanson are doing a great job with the students. He also asked if Administration would be open to scheduling a meeting for public input in regards to the budget cuts. Superintendent Castilleja reassured those present that the Board and Administration are open to feedback from the community and they have been meeting with staff for input and will continue to do so. Mr. Alvarado indicated that he had concerns regarding the middle school 80/20 grading system, but would share his concerns directly with Principal Wing.

CONVENE
At 8:25 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (g) personnel matters, for approximately 20 minutes.

Chairman Raap called the regular meeting back to order at 8:38 p.m. at the District Office. There was discussion regarding staff discipline and it was the Board’s decision to terminate the employee. Superintendent Castilleja will meet with union leadership and report back to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Joe Schroeder, Director
Charles T. Gray, Director
Dan Raap, Chairman

Jill Renz-Whitman, Director
Gary Howell, Director
Rom Castilleja, Superintendent