

PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50

Work/Study School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

October 13, 2014

"Discover the Power of Learning"

Mission:

In partnership with home and community, Port Townsend School District provides a learning environment where each student develops the knowledge and skills to become a creative, successful and engaged citizen.

01. Location/Time

01.01 Gael Stuart Building, Room S-11, 1610 Blaine St., 6:00 p.m.

02. Call to Order

02.01 Roll Call
02.02 Pledge of Allegiance

03. Agenda

03.01 Agenda Approval

04. Awards and Recognitions

04.01 Shining Star Award
04.02 Student Recognition

05. Public Comments

06. Board Correspondence

06.01 Email from T. Thiersch regarding Blue Heron School supply list
06.02 Email from T. Thiersch regarding board member vacancy
06.03 Email from Blue Heron regarding supply list
06.04 Email from Transportation Supervisor T. Twitchell regarding bus idling time

07. Action Items

07.01 Approval of Resolution 14-15 Instructional Materials Committee Curriculum Review
07.02 Appoint Facilities and Long-Range Planning Steering Committee
07.020 Proposed Steering Committee Membership

08. Unfinished Business

09. New Business

10. Policy Review - None

11. Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

12. Next Meeting

12.01 October 27, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1610 Blaine St., Room S-11

13. Executive Session – (if necessary)

14. Adjournment

School Board

From: Tom Thiersch <thiersch-public@usregs.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 11:16 AM
To: School Board
Cc: Pam Daly; Holley Carlson
Subject: Required supplies lists need to be updated
Attachments: Blue Heron supplies.pdf

At the September 22 board meeting, it was noted that the supplies that the district requires each student to provide are excessive and, in some cases, very expensive.

For example, the attached list for middle school requires 8th graders to buy a ~ \$120 calculator.

That list is clearly outdated and needs to be corrected, but I didn't hear any board member say that they would follow up with administration to correct this problem.

There is absolutely no reason that any kind of calculator should be required. The district has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in computer technology, and has thus made the purchase of any calculator completely unnecessary because totally free "apps" are now available for every kind of device (laptop PC, Chromebook, Android tablet, iPad, phones, et al). Such apps can do everything that any dedicated conventional, scientific, or graphing calculator can do, and more, and they do it using the computer hardware with which the student is already familiar.

Stop wasting parents' money -- don't let another semester pass without taking action to require all administrators to review and update the required supplies for all grade levels.

Thank you,


Tom Thiersch
Jefferson County

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Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator

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Online stores

Office Depot	Free shipping	\$119.99
eBay	No tax	\$67.99
Walmart		\$137.68
CDW		\$139.99

School supplies

4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade
Book bag or backpack labeled with name	Book bag or backpack labeled with name	Book bag or backpack labeled with name	Book bag or backpack labeled with name	Book bag or backpack labeled with name
		3 ring binder	3 ring binder (1 1/2 - 2") for LA	3 ring binder (1 1/2 - 2") for LA
4 spiral notebooks (70 page) wide ruled – 4 different cover colors	5 single subject spiral bound notebooks	3 single subject spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x 11")	3 single subject spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x 11")	4 single subject spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x 11")
1 pkg of wide rule notebook paper	1 pkg of wide rule notebook paper	Notebook paper	Loose leaf notebook paper (300 sheets)	Loose leaf notebook paper (300 sheets)
			4x4 graph ruled paper	4x4 graph ruled paper
Five 2-pocket style folders - 5 different colors	Two 2-pocket style folders	Three 2-pocket style folders	Four 2-pocket style folders	Four 2-pocket style folders
3 dozen sharpened #2 pencils (wood only)	1 dozen sharpened pencils	Sharpened pencils with erasers	Sharpened pencils with erasers	Sharpened pencils with erasers
Hand-held pencil sharpener that catches shavings		Hand-held pencil sharpener	Hand-held pencil sharpener that catches shavings	Hand-held pencil sharpener that catches shavings
Colored pencils (1 set)	Colored pencils (1 set)	Colored pencils (1 set)	Colored pencils (1 set)	Colored pencils (1 set)
Calculator- not scientific	1 small calculator	Calculator	Scientific calculator	Graphing calculator (TI 84 Plus)-recommended for Algebra only
2 glue sticks	1 pkg of glue sticks	Glue and/or glue sticks	Glue and/or glue sticks	Glue and/or glue sticks
12" ruler with metric (heavy plastic)	12" ruler with metric (heavy plastic)	Metric ruler and protractor	Metric ruler and protractor	Metric ruler and protractor
1 black fine tip & 1 black bold tip Sharpie marker	1 black fine tip & 1 black ultra-fine tip Sharpie marker	Black & blue ultra-fine tip Sharpie markers Black and blue ball point pens	Black & blue ultra-fine tip Sharpie markers 2 blue or black ballpoint pens	Black & blue ultra-fine tip Sharpie markers Black and blue ball point pens
1 large box of tissues	1 box of tissues	1 box of tissues	1 box of tissues	2 boxes of tissues
1 pair of scissors	1 pair of scissors	Full sized scissors	Full sized scissors	Full sized scissors
1 large eraser	1 large eraser	1 large eraser	1 large eraser	1 large eraser
1 yellow highlighter	2 yellow highlighters			1 each pink, green & yellow highlighter
1 pkg 3x5 white lined index cards	100 3x5" white lined index cards		400 3x5" white index cards lined on one side	400 3x5" white index cards lined on one side
1 pkg of 8 colored markers	1 pkg markers	PE Tennis Shoes (non-scuffing)	PE Tennis Shoes (non-scuffing)	PE Tennis Shoes (non-scuffing)
Pencil box (maximum 8 1/2 x 5 3/4 x 2 1/2) labeled with name	1 clipboard	2 pkg of notebook dividers	2 pkgs of notebook dividers	1 pkg of notebook dividers
1 composition book- Do not write name			Two pkgs of 3"x3" Post-it notes	Two pkg of 3"x3" Post-it notes
				2 rolls of tape
		Flash drive/Memory stick (2 GB)	Flash drive/Memory stick (2 GB)	Flash drive/Memory stick (2 GB)

School Board

From: Tom Thiersch <thiersch-public@usregs.com>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 3:05 PM
To: School Board
Subject: Filling vacancy
Attachments: 1115 Vacancies.pdf

PTSD#50 Board:

At the September 22 meeting of your board, some members stated that they did not know what the RCW requirements were for filling a vacancy and thought that WSSDA would fill the vacancy after some time had passed.


Not so.

The RCW is below.

Note that the ESD (not WSSDA) will fill the vacancy if you fail to act within 90 days.

Refer also to your own Policy 1115, which simply repeats the language of the RCW (so why do you even bother to maintain such a policy?)

Tom Thiersch
Jefferson County

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RCW 28A.343.370

Vacancies.

(1) In case of a vacancy from any cause on the board of directors of a school district other than a reconstituted board resulting from reorganized school districts, a majority of the legally established number of board members shall fill such vacancy by appointment: PROVIDED, That should there exist fewer board members on the board of directors of a school district than constitutes a majority of the legally established number of board members, the educational service district board members of the district in which the school district is located by the vote of a majority of its legally established number of board members shall appoint a sufficient number of board members to constitute a legal majority on the board of directors of such school district; and the remaining vacancies on such board of directors shall be filled by such board of directors in accordance with the provisions of this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That should any board of directors for whatever reason fail to fill a vacancy within ninety days from the creation of such vacancy, the members of the educational service district board of the district in which the school district is located by majority vote shall fill such vacancy.

(2) Appointees to fill vacancies on boards of directors of school districts shall meet the requirements provided by law for school directors and shall serve until the next regular school district election, at which time a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

(3) If a vacancy will be created by a board member who has submitted a resignation, that board member may not vote on the selection of his or her replacement.

[1991 c 60 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 100; 1971 c 53 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 156; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.326. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 292 § 12; RRS 4801; prior: 1907 c 31 § 3; 1897 c 118 § 89; 1890 p 390 § 16. Formerly RCW 28.62.120. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 298 § 3; RRS § 4813. Formerly RCW 28.63.020. (iii) 1909 c 97 p 301 § 3; RRS § 4825. Formerly RCW 28.63.022. (iv) 1959 c 216 § 7, part; 1955 c 157 § 14, part; prior: 1909 p 281 § 4, part; 1903 c 104 § 14, part; 1899 c 142 § 6, part; 1897 c 118 § 33, part; 1891 c 127 § 3, part; 1890 p 355 § 11, part; RRS § 4770, part. Formerly RCW 28A.315.530, 28A.57.326, 28.19.060, part.]

Notes:

Severability -- 1971 c 53: See note following RCW 28A.323.060.

Rights preserved -- Severability -- 1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vacancies

In case of a board vacancy, the remaining board members shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The board will receive letters of intent from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position after suitable public notice. The board will appoint one of the candidates to serve until the next regularly scheduled board election, at which time a director shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any.

The appointment shall be approved, by roll call vote, by not less than three members of the board. If there exists fewer than three members, the educational service district board members shall appoint a sufficient number to constitute a legal majority of the board. Should the board fail to fill a vacancy within ninety (90) calendar days from the creation of such vacancy, the educational service district board members shall fill such vacancy. Appointees shall be United States citizens and qualified voters resident in the school district and appropriate director district, if any.

Cross References:	Policy 1114	Board Resignation
	Policy 1405	Absence of Board Member
Legal References:	RCW 28A.310.030	ESD Board
	RCW 28A.343.370	Directors - Filling vacancies
	RCW 28A.330.020	Certain board elections, manner and vote required
	RCW 42.30.110	Board member interviews in open public session

Date: 1/29/79; 10/19/89; 1/19/98; 6/4/01; 3/8/04; 3/15/11.

School Board

From: Stephanie/Sandi Stephens/Reid
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 10:16 AM
To: School Board
Subject: RE: question from community member

Yes, the supplies list is indeed correct. Graphing calculators are “recommended for algebra students only” just as it says. The word “required” does not appear.
Stephanie

From: School Board
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 2:02 PM
To: Stephanie/Sandi Stephens/Reid; Donna Benson
Subject: question from community member

Ladies: The school supply list on the website, is it a current one? This person noted it requires a graphing calculator in 8th grade, is that correct? Just checking, Mary

School Board

From: Twitchell, Tracie <tracie_twitchell@csd49.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 7:38 AM
To: School Board
Subject: RE: question

Mary,

I would like to invite the school board to a meeting I have scheduled on October 15th. I will have the Department of Ecology here talking about this very subject. If you would like I could invite them to a board meeting for a special presentation if they can't make it.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Meeting is at 9:15 am. The presentation is expected to last an hour.

Tracie

Tracie Twitchell
Chimacum/Port Townsend Schools
Director of Transportation
360.732.4040

"We are masters of the unsaid words, but slaves of those we let slip out."

Winston Churchill

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Chimacum School District #49, PO Box 278, Chimacum, WA 98325-0278

From: School Board [<mailto:sboard@ptschools.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Twitchell, Tracie
Subject: question

Tracie: We had a question at the last board meeting about idling buses. Do you have requirements/rules about how long the buses should idle while waiting for students either at school or trips? Thanks, Mary

PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50
1610 Blaine Street
Port Townsend, Washington 98368

RESOLUTION 14-15

WHEREAS, Port Townsend School District #50 has a desire to provide the very best mathematics program possible for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Port Townsend School District #50 Board of Directors understands that a quality mathematics program depends on high quality instructors and supporting materials; and

WHEREAS, the Port Townsend School #50 District Board of Directors understands that the Instructional Materials Committee is the group most suited to review the District's math materials and make recommendations for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Port Townsend School District #50 Board of Directors has charged the superintendent to convene this committee and concentrate its attention on the District's K-12 mathematics program with an emphasis on grades 6-12; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Port Townsend School District #50, Jefferson County, Washington, is charging the Instructional Materials Committee to provide a comprehensive, long-range set of recommendations to improve the quality of the District's mathematics program by the end of the 2014-15 school year.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Port Townsend School District No. 50, Jefferson County, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof, held October 13, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50

Holley Carlson, Board Chair

Pam Daly, Vice-Chair

Anne Burkart, Director

Jennifer James-Wilson, Director

Nathanael O'Hara, Director

ATTEST:

David Engle
Secretary to the Board

Facilities Steering Committee Roster

2014

Micaela Colley

Keith Darrock

David Engle

Stacey Hoskins

Rick Jahnke

David King

Peter Leach

Nathanael O'Hara

Michelle Sandoval

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