



SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

A workshop of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District, was held on **Thursday, April 30, 2009**, at the Dennison Administration Center, 1919 NE Lone Street, Camas. Board members present were Doug Quinn, Connie Hennessey, Mel Cardon, Casey O'Dell, and Mary Tipton.

1.	<p>WORKSHOP CALL TO ORDER – Doug Quinn – 1:07 PM</p> <p>A) <u>Budget Workshop</u>: The Board of Directors of the Camas School District met to discuss the budget issues facing the district for the 2009-2010 school year, led by the following agenda topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ State Budget Recap ➤ Review of Common Themes and Questions from Budget Forums ➤ Sharing of Notes from Forums Along with Camas Education Association Input ➤ Cost-Out of Budget Committee Reduction Suggestions (Using Community Prioritization) ➤ Recap of Budget Input Opportunities ➤ Discussion and Direction From Board ➤ Closing Comments/Questions <p>Mike Nerland began the workshop by reviewing the various methods used to collect input and priority recommendations about the budget, noting that few topics have been as closely studied or opened to as much input as this important topic. Business Services Director Ina Evers-Martin provided the most recent update related to the legislature and funding allocations. A review of new funding pivot tables from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction indicated that K-12 education took a slightly bigger cut at the state level as some additional revenue was diverted to higher education. Ina Evers-Martin shared a slide showing that the total gap in district funding stands at a projected 1.9 million dollars.</p> <p>The workshop proceeded with staff sharing their recommendations for total cuts to meet the 1.9 million dollar total. Board members were shown a list of other possible cuts titled “Other Considerations” that could be used to balance the budget. Board members were reminded that if an item from the staff recommendation list was removed from the cut list, then something from the “Other Consideration” list would have to be swapped in.</p> <p>After much discussion, Board members agreed that they would like to remove the option of moving to every-other-day / full-day Kindergarten from the recommended list. Since the every-other day / full-day Kindergarten option represents about \$119,000.00 of savings for the district, removing the option would entail cuts in other areas to take its place. These may include a 5-day furlough plan for full-time classified staff; changes in security and/or ISS (In School Suspension) at Camas High School; a renegotiation of the 4-hour guarantee for bus drivers; or a move from half-mile walk zone to a full-mile walk zone. The Board directed staff to do more work on these options and to report back to them during the next regular meeting, on May 11, 2009. There was a general consensus that the Board and administration were getting closer to finalizing budget decisions – important for staffing work that has to commence in the coming week.</p> <p>No formal decisions were made.</p>
2.	<p>ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP – 4:00 PM</p>

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Mike Nerland

Secretary

President

