

**NORTH CENTRAL ESD
SUPERINTENDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 20, 2016, Minutes**

PRESENT:

Steve McCullough	Tonasket	Jerry Simon	Ephrata
Rick Winters	Soap Lake	Paul Turner	Grand Coulee Dam
Laura Christian	Wilson Creek	Brian Fiones	Wenatchee
Scott Sattler	Bridgeport	Erik Swanson	Omak
Tom Venable	Methow Valley	Ismael Vivanco	Entiat/Palisades
Suzanne Reister	NCESD	Dave Arp	NCESD
Barry DePaoli	Lake Chelan	Garn Christensen	Eastmont
David Woods	Eastmont	Millie Watkins	Orondo
Lois Davies	Pateros	Richard Johnson	Okanogan
Linda McKay	NCESD	Si Bautista	NCESD Board
Glenn Johnson	Cashmere	Matt Charlton	Manson
Cora Nordby	Mansfield	Bill Motsenbocker	Cascade
Eric Driessen	Brewster	Ron Scutt	Stehekin
John Boyd	Quincy	Nik	Quincy
David LaBounty	Warden	Rich Stewart	Nespelem
Jerry Simon	Ephrata	Scott Sattler	Bridgeport
Rich McBride	NCESD	Barry Depaoli	Lake Chelan
Laura Christian	Wilson Creek	Eldene Wall	NCESD

Guests: Helene Paroff, WASA; Brad Hawkins, Jon Wyss; Bob Butts, OSPI

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. at North Central ESD by President Richard Johnson. Richard welcomed the group, and congratulated Millie Watkins upon the announcement of her upcoming retirement in June.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 SAC meeting. Motion carried.

3. Legislative Panel/Discussion

Richard Johnson welcomed the 12th District Senate Candidates, Brad Hawkins and Jon Wyss, and extended his appreciation for their desire to serve our state and country. Tom Venable introduced Jon and Brad and explained our goal of hearing what they had to say regarding current issues. Each shared some of their background and interest in education.

Tom Venable called attention to a flyer put together by the Regional WASA group, listing the

legislative priorities selected by the group.

Lois described the first legislative issue, ample funding for schools. She emphasized the importance of having equitable funding for all students regardless of geography. The candidates commented and answered questions posed by superintendents.

Glenn Johnson shared data charts, addressed expanding available state resources, and spoke about the gap between what needs to be provided and what is available. Other superintendents explained the significance of the levy cliff and the difference among districts.

Matt Charlton addressed the need for compensation in alignment with McCleary. Recruitment and retention in many of our rural districts is also a large issue, with fewer people choosing teaching as a career. The union, local pressure and equity also need to be addressed or another McCleary will arise in another 15 years.

Garn talked about ensuring and enhancing school construction assistance and shared some slides illustrating this issue, describing the high cost of construction for schools. He urged the consideration of standardization for schools to provide equity

Feedback:

- Millie described the tension between local schools and what legislature allocates. Their responses show less understanding about the state formula that is passed along.
- John Boyd says there was a big difference/contrast between attitudes about McCleary shown at today's meeting and the WSSDA meeting. We need to increase the 13th District's understanding (they were defensive at the meeting in Ephrata).
- Richard shared they need to listen to what we have to say and not cut us off.

What did you hope to hear that you didn't hear?

- Matt – he would like to have heard an acknowledgement or some concession that we need some more revenue – he would have liked to have seen a nod.
- Rich Stewart – there was no conversation around tax reform, and that is what he wanted to hear. Economy is improving but not the tax reform.
- Brian shared he didn't get a sense that they were planning to do anything with what we have said.
- Glenn shared he wishes they would have addressed the impacts of reform and not just the money.

What are some ideas of how we want to proceed as 29 acting as one?

- Having them come after they are elected – important for us to collaborate. We need to have a targeted clear voice. Lois is glad we are following WASA's priorities. They need to see the reality of what we are walking through on a daily basis.
- Rich Stewart would like to invite legislators to Nespelem, meeting with other districts – offer the opportunity.

- Jerry indicated statewide bargaining was talked about last night at the WSSDA meeting. There is an effort for the legislature to have statewide bargaining for employees. Helene says statewide has been discussed at WASA. Bills were proposed but died.
- Millie – somebody needs to take statewide leadership for bargaining (funding vs. demands).

Richard Johnson encouraged superintendents to send a message to candidates and thank them for coming. It is good for relationships down the road.

4. Focus on Education Update

Millie passed around the sign-up list for Focus on Education and encouraged those who want to participate and haven't yet signed up to do so. She explained the history – the cost for each district, with radio announcements and ads appearing in all four counties. Superintendents who are helping to organize radio ads: Matt Charlton in the Chelan area; Dr. Johnson in Okanogan; Dave LaBounty in Grant County for radio stations, and Bill Motsenbocker for Chelan/Douglas, recording ads highlighting something in schools. Districts will be billed by the ESD. Eldene is putting together an ad for newspapers.

5. OSPI Update

Bob Butts brought an OSPI update and talked about the anticipated changes coming with election of the new State Superintendent. OSPI has provided money for North Central ESD, ESD 105 and ESD 123 to come up with a regional recruitment plan and put together a longer term “grow your own” recruitment strategy for our region. New teacher recruitment was addressed. Pro Teach vs. TPEP is a topic, and Helene shared information. Teacher candidates from out of state is a topic.

Bob shared information about the OSPI Superintendent race. A poll was done by Elway after the primary, which indicated 15% for each candidate, with 70% undecided.

6. WASA Update

Helene Paroff, WASA Assistant Executive Director, was introduced. She shared Dan Steele's PowerPoint “What is your story,” which can be found on the WASA website and can be adapted for superintendents' use in sharing information. She called attention to upcoming conferences, including the Legislative Conference that this year includes a classified segment. WASA will host a Women in Leadership Conference for aspiring leaders.

7. AESA Update

Garn announced the reauthorization window is open now. Contact AESA if you have questions. In answer to a question about the Department of Education's proposed rules on supplement vs supplant, Dave Arp shared that OSPI just sent a PPT that describes it adequately – it is being dramatically changed and not helpful to us.

8. Regional WASA Update

Plans for a Regional WASA meeting were discussed. Ismael Vivanco asked for input as to who should be invited and who may want to be invited.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Watkins
Secretary/Treasurer