

**NORTH CENTRAL ESD  
SUPERINTENDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
September 22, 2016, Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Brent Stark	NCESD	Linda McKay	NCESD
John Boyd	Quincy	Scott Sattler	Bridgeport
Steve McCullough	Tonasket	Michelle Price	Moses Lake
Dave Arp	NCESD	Suzanne Reister	NCESD
Tom Venable	Methow Valley	Ismael Vivanco	Entiat/Palisades
Dave LaBounty	Warden	Ron Scutt	Stehekin
Pete Phillips	NCESD	Si Bautista	NCESD Board
Millie Watkins	Orondo	Les Vandervort	Wenatchee
Matt Charlton	Manson	Barry DePaoli	Lake Chelan
Rich Stewart	Nespelem	Cathi Nelson	Waterville
Lois Davies	Pateros	Richard Johnson	Okanogan
Glenn Johnson	Cashmere	Rick Winters	Soap Lake
Jerry Simon	Ephrata	Garn Christensen	Eastmont
Bill Motsenbocker	Cascade	Jeff Hardesty	Oroville
Paul Turner	Grand Coulee	Michael Porter	Omak
Rich McBride	NCESD	Laura Christian	Wilson Creek
Eldene Wall	NCESD		

Guests: Alan Burke, Governor's office; Jon Dekker, WASA; Bob Butts, OSPI; Aaron Bessonette, PlanMember Services

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. at North Central ESD by President Richard Johnson. Special recognition was given to Lois Davies, newly installed WASA President, who was presented with a framed memory of her inauguration that was held in August.

2. Approval of Minutes

*It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 SAC meeting. Motion carried.*

3. Introduction of New Superintendents in our Region/Special Recognition

New superintendents were introduced: Millie introduced Barry DePaoli, Lake Chelan; Garn introduced Ron Scutt, Stehekin; Lois introduced Laura Christian, Wilson Creek; Ismael introduced Rick Winters, Soap Lake; Rich introduced Paul Turner, Lake Roosevelt; and Michelle introduced Jeff Hardesty, Oroville. Rich also welcomed Rich Stewart back to Nespelem. Rich introduced Linda McKay, our new NCESD Assistant Superintendent, former

Assistant Superintendent of Moses Lake and Superintendent of Wilson Creek.

4. Update on ESSA and McCleary Decision

Rich introduced Dr. Alan Burke, former WSSDA Executive Director, who explained he is gathering McCleary feedback for the Governor. He explained the House, Senate and Governor are all necessary to move McCleary forward. Alan reviewed background reports and proposals, including the Compensation Technical Working Group (CTWG), indicating it is supported by most major educational groups, and the 2011 Levy and Local Effort Assistance Technical Working Group and proposals to the Education Funding Task Force. He called attention to a Comp Tech survey that will be distributed electronically.

Alan highlighted the Executive Summary, including recommendations to increase compensation based on certification (driving the salary schedule). The health insurance issue will come up. SEB (School employees bargaining) is expected to be a topic this year. He also talked about the minimum instructional program of Basic Ed: instruction in the EALRs; provision for 24 credits for high school graduation; minimum 1,000 instructional hours for K-6 and 1080 for grades 9-12; and a minimum school year (180 days). LAP and Special Ed are also Basic Ed, as well as transitional bilingual, highly capable, student transportation to and from school and state institutional education programs.

5. 2017 Regional Legislative Priorities Activity

Tom Venable highlighted the NCESD Superintendent Search and how he and Ismael have been asked to seek superintendent representatives (and alternates) to serve on the review committee. The committee will be composed of three ESD board members, two local superintendents and a representative from the State Superintendent's office. Rich shared the timeline, with opening mid-October, applications due by Thanksgiving break and interviews during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Superintendents met in small groups to discuss legislative priorities.

Group priorities:

#1 Matt Charlton shared it's not the year to bring up individual differences, but a year to be united.

#2 Jerry Simon reported his group really liked ESD 101's legislative priorities. They believe priorities should be standard with ESDs across the state and should align with WASA's priorities. Employee compensation should be the highest priority, as well as the benefits package. LEA for property must continue for districts, otherwise it is inequitable. Another priority - simple majority for bonds, but not sure if it will fly right away. From notes:

- Support ESD 101's priorities
- Have unified ESD priorities consistent with WASA
- Support LEA and employee compensation as high priorities
- Support greater effort to create a standard benefits package for school/state employees

#3 – Paul Turner’s group recommended being non-negotiable with state salary across the board, rather than having room for negotiations at the local level. Paul indicated his group talked about educators in the pipeline and what are we going to do when wages are back up there. From notes:

- Non-negotiable on state salary schedule – worried about 9+ years being the top of salary schedule
- Stop gap for lack of teachers in lieu of re-establishing the pipeline of teachers.

#4 – Michelle Price’s group recommended clarity and the importance of focusing on WASA’s legislative priorities. They would like the opportunity to have voting on the simple majority for bonds as a priority, but want to stick with the WASA focus.

#5 – Bill Motsenbocker’s group indicated the priority of the levy cliff issue is still out there, and it will affect running bonds in February.

#### 6. Focus on Education Pre-Planning

Millie reported we have participated in Focus on Education for the past several years to promote good things that are happening in our schools. Each district contributes \$200 to fund Focus on Education efforts in November. We will have radio spots in each region, which usually include a short 30-second spot for schools, which are recorded and played on the radio. Ads are included in local newspapers. Radio contacts will be: Bill Motsenbocker with Cherry Creek; Matt Charlton with KOZI in Lake Chelan; Richard Johnson is going to do Okanogan; and David LaBounty in Grant County. Radio spots are most frequently recorded by students.

#### 7. OSPI Update

Richard introduced Bob Butts, official OSPI liaison to this ESD. He shared that OSPI is in a transition year, with the State Superintendent position up for election. 70 to 80 percent are undecided on State Superintendent position. He provided updates on WSSA, McCleary, Randy Dorn’s lawsuit, LEA, and the state superintendent election. Bob called attention to a one-page handout on the Regional Teacher Recruitment Initiative. Matt complimented the quick service of their OSPI certification office. Bob asked superintendents to encourage staff to become certificated.

#### 8. WASA Update

John Dekker brought a WASA report and called attention to WASA News. The #1 priority is addressing McCleary, emphasizing that the path to equity is in meeting adequate funding for schools.

#### 9. AASA Update

Michelle emphasized the importance of giving input to work groups. Hot AASA issues: transporting students in foster care; Perkins CTE was authorized by House, expecting full

implementation. Teacher Prep has a huge impact on our ability to recruit. E-Rate – a significant amount of money went unclaimed. With EPA, the goal is elimination of all BCPs.

10. ESD Staff Reports

Rich introduced Linda McKay, who announced “The Future of School Discipline” training scheduled October 5 at the Tech Center. Linda also talked about Marzano. Linda emphasized she is committed to being out and available in districts and you will hear a lot from her this year. She indicated support needs will be ramped up for principals.

Dave thanked all of the district business office folks for 100% response to the survey. He reminded superintendents auditors are coming and they need to be aware of changes in requirements for deposits to the Treasurer. He indicated final numbers will soon be brought before the ESD Board for our building across the street. Marty Daybell from WSIPC is going to be doing new interfaces, which will result in changes for your people – budgeting conversions won’t happen for a year or two.

Suzanne described the new Crisis Management Co-op and introduced Mike Dingle, our new Loss Control Specialist. Mike has several years of experience in emergency management with his employment at Douglas County and is helping launch the program for our ESD. Deliverables: Trainings, including active shooter training, are scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Suzanne encouraged superintendents to send representatives to attend the free School Safety Support training, to be sure the right people are at the table. Trainings are scheduled in Brewster, Moses Lake and here at the ESD. She reported 16 districts have signed up for the Co-op, and the opportunity is still available.

Brent Stark described implications of HB 1541 and announced a PBIS refresher is scheduled next Tuesday, with Flint Simonson coming to conduct discipline training. 23 or 24 districts from our region have gone through training.

Pete shared information about E-Rate and invited superintendents to let him know if they need help in applying. What are the windows of opportunity for applying? Pete explained it was previously two out of five years, but it is different for every district. He announced STEM has partnered with Code.org to help them implement computer science in the classroom. Training is coming up in October, geared toward K-4 math teachers so they can implement coding into their curriculum. Pete also talked about TEALS – high school computer science. Six districts are using the program now. Pete asked superintendents if they need help with Network Services, please let him know. Devices are increasingly complicated, and they want to help districts get them started. Pete reported they have started hosted voice services, as well as hosted Wi-Fi Service.

Eldene announced the deadline for Teacher Classroom Grants is coming up on September 30. She distributed grant application forms and explained 70 grants, mostly in the amount of \$300, were given in 2015, plus 17 were adopted or funded by their district. She asked superintendents if they would please encourage teachers to apply.

Aaron Bessonette described state retirement planning through PlanMember Services. He Distributed information about the Rule of 72 which helps calculate the number of years it takes an investment to approximately double in value.

Rich thanked ESD Board Chair Si Bautista for coming and Richard Johnson for leading the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Watkins  
Secretary/Treasurer