



# Battle Ground Public Schools

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## BG Board, Briefly

### Unwelcome visitor drops in on School Board

"Sometimes wind and sometimes rain,  
Then the sun comes back again;  
Goodness, how we'd like to know  
Why the weather alters so."

--Poem "Children's Song," by Ford Madox Ford (1873-1939)

The well-laid plans of 151 Junior Air Force ROTC cadets and their instructors from Battle Ground and Prairie high schools were scrapped Saturday, May 22, when the annual Pass in Review ceremony was rained out.

Board members Steve Pagel, Sam Kim, Monty Anderson and John Idsinga, meeting at BGHS, were to adjourn the morning meeting and attend the traditional end-of-the-year event at District Stadium on the campus. (Board member Karen Lehman's absence had been excused.) But a downpour that began minutes earlier during the cadets' final dress rehearsal didn't let up and the colorful and dignified annual event was canceled. As in the poem, the sun later appeared -- or at least the rain let up. But by then it was too late.

Master Sgt. Randy Martin, who has taught ROTC at Prairie since 1998, said there have been three other Pass in Review rainouts in those years and the events were moved to the BGHS gymnasium. This year, the gym was being used for a basketball tournament that had been scheduled months ago.

However, parents of cadets who arrived early did see the dress rehearsal. Also, PHS ROTC conducted a promotions ceremony under cover, while the BGHS cadets returned to the field for a brief change-of-command ceremony.

### Meanwhile, indoors, out of the rain . . .

In a separate informational meeting prior to the regular meeting, the Board heard a report from Educational Service District No. 112 officials about the services that state agency offers public school districts.

## **At the regular meeting, the Board:**

- Approved the consent agenda after pulling one item for separate consideration. In that action, directors voted 3-1, with President Steve Pagel dissenting, to approve the recommendation to allow PHS teacher Tom Wolverton to solicit students for a privately arranged trip to Costa Rica during spring break 2011, as allowed under existing Board policy.
- Approved a revision to Policy 2022 – Electronic Resources -- presented by Scott McDaniel, director of technology services. The changes include this addition: “The Battle Ground School District will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district’s goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as (do) individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings.”
- Approved a change to Policy 3245—Telecommunication/Electronic Devices – presented by McDaniel. The change pertains to “sexting” and the “detrimental effects sexting can have on students.” The amended policy says, in part, “Possession of sexually explicit digital content on any device is strictly prohibited. Sexting is defined as the possession, sharing, distribution or transmission of any digital content of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone or other electronic device. ... Any student who receives a sexually explicit message must immediately inform school administration of the message and delete the message only when instructed to do so by a school administrator or law enforcement.”
- Postponed until June the Board’s annual evaluation of and contract renewal for Superintendent Dr. Shonny Bria.

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