



# Battle Ground Public Schools

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## BG Board, Briefly

### Recapping meetings of July 21, Aug. 2

#### July 21, 2010 -- Special Meeting

With Board President Steve Pagel on excused absence and Sam Kim participating by telephone speaker, the Board approved the consent agenda and was introduced to Nick Krause, the new assistant principal at Chief Umtuch Middle School. Krause, who was on the faculty at Chief Umtuch, replaces Dave Cresap, who was promoted to principal at the same school after Linda Allen moved from principal there to the district office as director of human relations.

The Board voted 4-0 to award the contract for installation and configuration of security cameras and entrance control systems for schools in the district to the EC Company of Portland. The \$1,225,280 contract is under the federal Qualified School Construction Bond economic stimulus program.

The Board was briefed on the project to connect Prairie High School to the nearby sewer line operated by Clark Regional Wastewater District. PHS, with one of the largest (by volume) septic systems in the county, has been served by a septic system since the school opened in 1979. Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC, of Kalama, Wash., is doing the work, which now is under way. The project will clear the way for using the drain field for athletics.

#### Aug. 2 – Special meeting, Regular Meeting, Budget hearing.

Board member John Idsinga's absence was excused. In the special meeting, the Board was presented with bids for replacement and/or upgrades of fire alarm systems at the district office and Battle Ground High School, where the present

systems are becoming obsolete and have caused false alarms. In the subsequent regular meeting, the contract for \$63,902 was awarded 4-0 to the G.B. Manchester Corp. of Vancouver. The project is funded by the Qualified School Construction Bonds federal economic stimulus program. Similarly, the Prairie High School parking lot rehabilitation and traffic-flow changes were described in the special meeting. In the regular meeting, a contract for that work was awarded in a 4-0 vote to Larry O. Collins Construction of Vancouver for \$269,000. Work on the parking lot is now under way. Also in the regular meeting, the Board approved a surface water fee credit agreement with the City of Battle Ground.

At the end of the special meeting, the Board met in executive session for superintendent evaluation and, in the regular meeting that followed, the Board met in executive session to discuss collective bargaining with representatives of the district's employee groups.

Before the regular meeting, the district's chief financial officer, Marybeth Lynn, made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2010-11 school year budget and answered questions. A second public hearing on the proposed budget will be at the next Board meeting at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 28 at the district office.

In the regular meeting, the Board approved the consent agenda but withheld action on one item in it: setting of the Board's 2010-2011 meeting schedule.

The Board also approved changes in several housekeeping polices, including: the Board's key functions; Board members' training; Board evaluation; superintendent evaluation; Board meeting conduct and order of business.



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