



## MINUTES

### Board Study Session Future Facilities and Enrollment Planning Strategies

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

4:30 p.m.

Kohlwes Education Center

The Board study session was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by President Joy Poff. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joy Poff, President

Lynn Desmarais, Vice President

Marcie Maxwell

David Merrill

Al Talley

Dr. Dolores J. Gibbons, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Superintendent Gibbons stated the purpose of the study session is for the Board to discuss planning strategies for a series of decisions that will drive future bond proposals and current student housing and program needs.

Assistant Superintendent Moore reviewed the 2003 bond expenditures. He stated of the original \$150,000,000 bond amount, there remains \$50,000,000 still to be sold. The District's financial advisor anticipates selling the remaining bonds in late spring of 2006. There are many projects and programs to be considered in the allocation of these funds to complete the construction work and technology.

The Board and audience reviewed the Future Facilities Plan identified items and their current status (list attached). All items have been completed or are undergoing study. Present and emerging needs to be addressed include:

- Middle School crowding
- Kindergarten – full day option
- ELL growth
- Free/Reduced/Poverty growth
- Technology
- City of Renton Economic Development
- Early Childhood Center
- Alternative Education Secondary
- Additional capacity Hazen? Nelsen? Dimmitt?

- Summer School, Year-Round School
- Educational Behavioral Disabled (EBD) Therapy – Off Campus
- Movement of Magnet Program in Response to Shift in Enrollment
- Specialized Facilities for High Need Special Education
- Safety and Security (addition of more video cameras and state-of-the-art building communication systems)
- Building Systems Upgrade
- Evaluation of land (acquisition and surplus)
- Student housing

The Board discussed the conceptual process and the individuals who may be involved in the initial Core Vision and Study Team. The core team would encompass professionals who have expertise in an area, both internally in the Renton School District and external of the district (architects, City of Renton Economic Development administrator, etc.). Several community professionals were suggested.

The group discussed critical events and dates that would be crucial to the timeline for a successful passage of a new bond. It will be important to start the process early in 2006 to allow enough time to consider and study possible needs and receive community feedback. The Strategic Listening software program will be utilized on various occasions to hear community concerns and suggestions in the bond vision process.

The role of the Enrollment Review Committee (ERC) was discussed. Dr. Gibbons stated the ERC does not make program decisions but makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. Their charge for 2006 will include:

- Enrollment Projections for 2006/07
- School Building Capacity for 2006/07
- Portable Classroom Needs 2006/07
- Finalize Renton High School Service Area
- Honeydew Reopen
- Other

ERC will have an advisory relationship to the Bond Vision Team. Superintendent Gibbons stated a more formal update on the proposed bond vision process and timeline will be presented shortly.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the session was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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President, Board of Directors

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Secretary to the Board of Directors