



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2006
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Al Talley. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Talley announced that the meeting was being audio-tape recorded and that the agenda background materials are available in the Superintendent's Office after 4:00 p.m. the Friday preceding the board meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Al Talley, President
Lynn Desmarais, Vice President
Marcie Maxwell
David Merrill
Joy Poff

Dr. Dolores Gibbons, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Directors

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Gibbons read a proclamation in appreciation of the members of the Renton School District Board of Directors and proclaimed the month of January 2006 to be School Board Recognition Month in the Renton School District. Individual plaques were presented to the Board. Dr. Gibbons thanked the directors for their commitment to students in the Renton School District. Claudia Paul's class at Dimmitt Middle School had a lesson on the responsibilities of school board members and made thank you cards for the board members.

Vice President Desmarais read a proclamation in recognition of National Mentoring Month. The proclamation recognized the important contributions made by fellow citizens who choose to strengthen our communities by giving their time, effort, and heart to serve as a mentor for a young person.

Director Maxwell read a proclamation in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contribution to our country and his dream as an important guiding principle in the Renton School District, and proclaimed January 16, 2006 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President and Board members read the following “good news” announcements:

- Hazen High School senior Linda Le is a semifinalist in the Coca-Cola scholars program. Linda was selected based on her academic achievements and leadership skills at school and in the Hazen community. Linda will find out in late February if she is a finalist and eligible for a \$20,000 scholarship.
- Ana Wright is this year’s winner of Nelsen Middle School’s Geography Bee. Ana will take a test to qualify for the State Geography Bee, to be held on March 31. More than 25 Nelsen seventh-graders took part in the competition.
- Hazen High School senior Emily Gibbs has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Seattle Seahawks to use as part of Gordy's Garments, an on-campus boutique that offers prom dresses, suits, shoes and accessories to students throughout the district who cannot afford high rental costs to attend formal events. Emily was selected for the grant based on leadership, dedication, creativity and a commitment to the Hazen community. The grant will allow many more students to attend school dances and formal functions.
- Students at Sartori Education Center are making a difference in the lives of Native Americans on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. After learning more of the dreadful living conditions for the Oglala Sioux tribe, students on Sartori’s Site Council took action developing a list of needs, designing marketing materials to solicit donations and made classroom presentations emphasizing teamwork, community involvement and meeting the needs of those less fortunate. Students collected more than 700 pounds of clothing, blankets and necessities for members of the tribe.
- Kennydale Elementary School students, staff and parents collected more than 15 boxes of school supplies for students in El Salvador as part of Kennydale’s sister school supply drive. In the spring, Kennydale students will view a slide show of photos of the drive along with photos of students in El Salvador receiving and using the supplies.
- Benson Hill Elementary School substitute teacher Janet Quande recently took part in a CPR class provided by the district. The skills learned in that class became very important over the holidays as Janet’s husband began choking on something he was eating. Janet immediately

started the Heimlich Procedure to clear her husband's airway. After the third try, Janet was successful. Both Janet and her husband are grateful that the district offers such beneficial classes.

- The district's United Way and Charitable Choice campaign nearly reached the goal of \$60,000 in contributions. This year, even though there were fewer participants, almost \$10,000 more was pledged over last year. Staff contributed more than \$58,000 to organizations to help children learn, help decrease homelessness and many other causes locally and throughout the world.
- Lindbergh High School Librarian Diane Ferbrache has received a Certificate of Recognition award by the Washington Library Media Association acknowledging her as a certified teacher as well as a school librarian.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-H w/addendum
Approved

By motion from Merrill and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-H with addendum. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the December 14, 2005 Study Session
2. Minutes of the December 14, 2005 Regular Meeting
3. Minutes of the December 28, 2005 Study Session

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
 - Nos. 203618-203638 inclusive - \$123,571.09
 - Nos. 203639-203671 inclusive - \$2,871,505.16
2. General Fund
 - Nos. 152681-152868 inclusive - \$398,733.51
 - Nos. 152872-153135 inclusive - \$376,362.23
 - Nos. 153136-153345 inclusive - \$264,429.79
 - Payroll Ending December 29, 2005 - \$7,211,363.08
 - Nos. 47506-47968 inclusive - \$1,808,391.47
 - Direct Deposits - \$3,417,206.46
 - Unissued Warrants - \$1,985,765.15
3. Associated Student Body Fund
 - Nos. 426355-426403 inclusive - \$28,963.00
 - Nos. 426404-426445 inclusive - \$37,015.45
 - Nos. 426446-426487 inclusive - \$25,754.79

C. Personnel Exhibits

(Employment with the District will be conditional upon the District's receipt of a criminal conviction history record that is clear of any convictions, adjudications, protective orders,

final decisions, or criminal charges in accordance with Washington State law.)

D. Staff Travel

1. Kathryn Fantasia, Ed Sheppard and Laurie Wasson to National Title I Conference in Dallas, TX, January 27-31, 2006
2. Karen Mataya to Aha Process – Ruby Payne Trainer Recertification in Houston, TX, January 29-31, 2006
3. Tracy Edou to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in St. Louis, MO, April 26-29, 2006

E. Student Travel

1. Renton High School Debate Team to Non-Seamount League Competitions

F. Contracts and Agreements

1. Interlocal Agreement between Renton School District and Renton Technical College for Even Start Grant 2005-2009

G. Change Orders

1. Change Order Nos. 15-17 Relating to Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures, Inc. - \$186,850.37
2. Change Order Nos. 3 and 4 Relating to the Kennydale Elementary School Replacement Project; Wick Constructors - \$303,266.73
3. Change Order No. 8 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$61,233.23
4. Change Order Nos. 1-3 Relating to the Nelsen Middle School Access and Parking Reconfiguration Project; Precision Earthworks - \$70,393.72

H. Donations

1. \$300.00 from Daryl and Jan Berry for Lakeridge Elementary Level III Classroom for Materials
2. \$300.00 from K & B Sales, Inc. to the Hazen High School DECA Scholarship Fund
3. \$200.00 from Susan Mahler to Hazen High School Band and Orchestra Programs
4. \$100.00 from Erik and Jill Krema to the Hazen High School DECA Scholarship Fund
5. \$75.00 from The Carrier Corporation to the Lindbergh High School Football Program

6. \$500.00 from the Microsoft Giving Campaign
(anonymous donor) to the Hazen High School
Reading Programs

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Jack McCullough, School Improvement Facilitator assigned to Dimmitt Middle School, stated his work with Dimmitt staff has been exhilarating and that the Dimmitt team is committed to working with all students to assist in closing the achievement gap. A final report of the initial audit will be shared with parents and the community shortly.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
CONSULTANT CONTRACT
Approved

President Talley stated the Board met in a study session and learned of the process for a superintendent search. Superintendent search candidates were reviewed in the study session. A proposed timeline was discussed. By motion from Maxwell and second by Poff, the Board voted to award the contract to Northwest Leadership Associates who have performed numerous superintendent searches in the area. Vote 5-0.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL –
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
ASSISTANCE GRANT
PRESENTATION

Dimmitt Middle School principal Charles James explained the School Improvement Assistance Grant entails a 3-year process. Mr. McCullough is the assigned facilitator of the audit team that is working with the Dimmitt Middle School staff to establish guidelines to assist the staff with improving student achievement. Structured and informal interviews were held, surveys were sent to students and parents, and classroom visits were factors in the evaluation process. (A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. James thanked the audit team for their guidance and support.

ENROLLMENT REVIEW
COMMITTEE – Scope of Work
Approved

Superintendent Gibbons stated each year, prior to the formation of the Enrollment Review Committee (ERC), the Board has the opportunity to outline the scope of work and direct the efforts of ERC. There are usually two categories of tasks, the first are annual or regular assignments and the second are any special requests. The following are items were discussed at a Board study session on December 14, 2005.

Part I: Annual/Regular Tasks

1. Review Enrollment Projections for 2006-07
2. Review Building Capacity for 2006-07
3. Analyze Portable Classroom Needs for 2006-07

Part II

1. Revisit Honey Dew Elementary reopening date
2. Finalize Renton High School service area elementary boundaries for Bryn Mawr, Lakeridge and Campbell Hill Elementary Schools (new software available in addition to current data on new housing units).

Director Maxwell suggested ERC look at the multiple family units at the new project, The Landing. Units are scheduled to be available in 2007/08.

Superintendent Gibbons stated the ERC functions as an advisory group to the Board. The focus of the ERC work is facility adequacy and enrollment. This group is not asked to make program recommendations to the Board. Their work will be helpful to the Bond Vision Committee working on a parallel timeframe. By motion from Poff and second by Maxwell, the Board approved the 2006 Enrollment Review Committee scope of work. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Erin Iverson, Mentor Manager with Communities and Schools of Renton, thanked the school board for recognizing National Mentor Month and their continued support.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Superintendent Gibbons wished the school board a Happy New Year and thanked them for their marathon efforts on December 14 with special sessions and a Board meeting. She had the opportunity to attend the Renton Rotary Student of the Month interviews and hosted a meeting with administrators exploring the district's connection with Bio-Quest which enhances science curriculum for students. She also attended past superintendent Kohlwes' 70th birthday party.

Merrill attended a Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Maxwell attended a WSSDA Legislative Committee meeting in Olympia and an East King County Chamber Legislative Committee breakfast meeting, Chamber of Commerce Development Committee meeting and assisted in planning the upcoming Chamber Business/Education Exchange. She also attended Dr. Kohlwes' birthday party.

Vice President Desmarais attend an I-728 Committee meeting and a CISR Board meeting. She also was present at several Lindbergh High School parent meetings and went to her weekly mentoring.

Poff also mentored and attended the I-728 Committee meeting. She also celebrated Dr. Kohlwes' special birthday.

Talley was present at the CISR Board meeting and Human Services Funding Criteria for the City of Renton meeting. He also mentored at two schools. President Talley asked the Board to think about whether they would want to consider having students on the school board. The Board will discuss at a later meeting.

RECESS

At 8:02 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes for legal matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:29 p.m., Poff moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the executive session and regular meeting of the Board. Vote 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 25, 2006 at Hazen High School.

Secretary	President