



MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 15, 2006  
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 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 PROCLAMATION

Board member Poff read a special proclamation in honor of Black History Month, February 2006. The proclamation encourages the district to join in celebrating ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of African-Americans and encourages everyone to participate in educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Gibbons stated that Valley Medical Center is presenting the Renton School District with a check valued at over \$40,000 to purchase 19 more Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AED's) in the district. The AED's will be placed in the elementary schools and several auxiliary locations. The high school and middle schools already have the equipment on location. Dr. Gibbons thanked VMC for their tremendous generosity to ensure the safety of students, staff and community members.

Director Levition announced there were 48 entries in the annual Career and Life Skills Poster contest. The posters were creative, fun and thoughtful. Brian Rosbach, president of Greater Renton Kiwanis, presented winner Andrew Santos-Johnson with \$500 scholarship to be used towards higher

education. Winner Santos-Johnson thanked his Career and Life Skills teachers and the CLSE program for the support and guidance it has provided him.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Renton High School junior Andrew Robinson is this year’s winner of Microsoft’s essay contest. Andrew’s essay, “Believing in Your Potential” outlined how the choices you make now, and the subjects you take in high school and college, will affect your future. Andrew says he wants to work at Microsoft and, one day soon, work in Japan: He is enrolled in Japanese language classes at Renton High. The President of Microsoft’s Business Division announced the winner at Microsoft’s 15th annual Blacks @ Microsoft Minority Student Day, where more than 170 African-American high school students were invited by Microsoft to spend the day on campus. Andrew won a laptop computer and Microsoft products. He says he’ll give his old computer, which he paid for himself with money earned at his after-school job, to his younger brother.
- Dr. Andrew Lumpe, the district’s Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, recently had an article published in an issue of the *Journal of Science Teacher Education* entitled “The emperor has no clothes: The tension between the standards/testing movement and a viable curriculum.” The article outlines strategies on how to achieve a practical curriculum in light of the current educational standards reform movement.
- William Ramirez, second-grade teacher at Sierra Heights Elementary School, has been appointed to the University of Washington Professional Education Advisory Board for Teacher Education.
- Renton High School boys’ basketball team went undefeated this year, taking the Seamount League King Division title with a record of 20-0. Coach Rick Comer, who has coached the team for 16 years, was named Seamount League Coach of the Year. This is thought to be the first time in school history that the boys’ basketball team has finished the regular season without a loss. Renton is the only undefeated boys’ team in the state.
- Sierra Heights Elementary School recently completed an Adopt-a-School penny drive collecting more than \$1,300 to

provide books and supplies for schools in the Amazon Rainforest of Peru. Students at Sierra Heights will exchange information and pictures with Peruvian students who receive the funds. This year the penny drive was initiated by second grade teachers Karen Jones and William Ramirez who were recently in Peru to attend a field study class where they also helped paint a school, build fences and outdoor toys for the school and visited with students and teachers.

- Fourteen Lindbergh High School students enrolled in the Future Business Leaders of America program recently won awards in a regional competition. More than 200 students from around the region competed at the event. Lindbergh students won 10 awards in categories such as emerging business issues, business procedures, impromptu speaking, business communications and more. Eight of those students placed in the top five and will compete at the state conference in April.
- Renton High School student Andy Maier recently took second place in the annual SkillsUSA Computer Maintenance competition. Also placing in the event was Hazen High School's John McArthur who took fourth place and Sartori's Bryan Karlsson who took sixth place. These students, along with others from around the region, competed for over four hours in four different areas of skills including a professional knowledge test, a 100-question written exam on hardware and operating systems, three different computer troubleshooting skills tests and a customer service interview.
- Tiffany Park Elementary School recently held a very successful McTeacher Night at a local McDonalds. Educational Associate Rachel Lockhart organized the event that played host to many of Tiffany Park's families. The manager of the food chain said it was the largest crowd he'd seen at such an event. Some families stood in line for up to 45 minutes, waiting to get their dinner. The school earned about \$500 to purchase books to give to students who complete weekly reading logs.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-I  
Approved

By motion from Poff and second by Maxwell, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-I. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2006 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 203729-203760 inclusive - \$2,693,988.25
2. General Fund  
Nos. 153692-153829 inclusive - \$209,616.12  
Nos. 153830-154071 inclusive - \$566,442.64  
Nos. 154073-154273 inclusive - \$233,489.92  
Payroll ending January 31, 2006 - \$7,196,673.07  
Nos. 47969-48437 inclusive - \$1,807,228.54  
Direct Deposits - \$3,381,179.22  
Unissued warrants - \$2,008,265.31
3. Associated Student Body Fund  
Nos. 426545-426575 inclusive - \$7,042.49  
Nos. 426576-426615 inclusive - \$47,992.78  
Nos. 426616-426642 inclusive - \$13,404.54

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. Jay Leviton to Association of Career and Technical Education Legislative Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C., March 2-8, 2006
2. Angela Lee-Pope to National AP Equity Colloquium in Atlanta, GA on March 3-5, 2006
3. Lee and Kathleen Bailey to Re-Certification Training on "Frameworks for Understanding Poverty" in Houston, TX, April 23-25, 2006
4. Greg Govan to Third International Conference on Positive Behavior Support in Reno, NV, March 22-25, 2006
5. Greg Domingos to National Association of Secondary School Principals, March 17-19, 2006 in Reno, NV

E. Student Travel

1. Benson Hill Kindergartners to "Kid's Quest, Children's Museum" on May 16, 2006
2. Mentored Elementary and Secondary Students to Renton School District/Communities in Schools of Renton Mentor Program Annual Off-Site Event at Family Fun Center in Tukwila, May 9 and 16, 2006
3. Lindbergh High School Varsity Tennis Players to Professional Men's Tennis Tour Clay Court Championships in Houston, TX, April 12-16, 2006

4. H.O.M.E. Program Girl's Science Enrichment Class to Waterworks Garden Stroll on April 7, 2006

F. Contracts

1. Contract with READ RIGHT Systems for Implementation of READ RIGHT Reading Program at Hazen High School

G. Acceptance of New Members to Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education

H. Change Orders

1. Change Order No. 11 Relating to Benson Hill Elementary School Replacement Project; Berschauer Phillips Construction Co. - \$78,388.00
2. Change Order No. 9 Relating to Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$55,952.79
3. Change Order No. 18 Relating to Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures Inc. - \$310,011.48

I. Donations

1. \$500.00 from Wal-Mart Foundation to Hazen High School for DECA Nationals
2. \$200.00 from Lifestyle Marketing Group to the Lindbergh High School Dance Team
3. \$1,000.00 from Partnership for Learning to the Lindbergh High School General Fund for Getting to Graduation Presentations
4. \$100.00 from Kimberly Searing to the Renton High School Debate Team
5. Donations to Hazen High School's DECA National Fund:
  - a. \$100.00 from Marcie Maxwell
  - b. \$50.00 from Gerald and Carole Edlund
6. \$2,400.00 from Benson Hill PTA to Benson Hill Elementary Fifth Grade Camp Program
7. \$1,000.00 from Circle of Giving Maxwell Fund to Renton School District Diversity Advisory Committee
8. Skytrek Manual Incline Treadmill from Stephanie Acosta to Sartori Education Center (approx. value \$200.00)
9. \$1,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones for Hazen High School Reading Literacy Programs
10. 16 Books (valued at \$111.20) from Frank Morales to Black River High School
11. Donations from Northwest Foot and Ankle Center PS:
  - a. \$100.00 to Lindbergh High School Cheer Team
  - b. \$100.00 to Lindbergh High School Dance Team

12. Three Books (valued at \$39.00) from Adora Svitak to the H.O.M.E. Program Library
13. Scholastic Math Magazine (valued at \$25.55) to the McKnight Middle School Math Department from Paul and Shelley Gardner
14. Books (valued at \$558.82) for the Kennydale Elementary Library from the Kennydale Elementary School PTA
15. \$20.00 from Terri Simone to the Lindbergh High School Tennis Team
16. \$48.23 from E Scrip to Lindbergh High School General Fund

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence to be read or any delegations from the floor.

UPDATE ON  
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Northwest Leadership Associates' consultant John Fotheringham reviewed the timeline for the superintendent search. The candidate brochure was mailed out to over 650 individuals, plus personal notes sent to over 30 perspective applicants. He will bring all of the applicant files for Board review on March 14. After narrowing down the candidates, interviews will be held. The top three will be contacted and each will spend an entire day in the district with a community forum in the evening. Dr. Fotheringham reviewed the interview process and requested board members to submit questions they would like included in the interviews. The board decided to deliberate in a special board meeting the day following the last interview with possible action of a new superintendent selection.

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE  
ARTS – READING  
GRADES 1-5

Approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Director Sheppard reiterated he had presented the Scott Foresman curriculum adoption to the Board at an earlier meeting. The kindergarten portion was fully implemented in January. Tonight is the first reading of grades 1-5. By motion from Desmarais and second by Merrill, the Board approved the first reading of the Scott Foresman reading adoption, grades 1-5. Vote 5-0.

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Executive Director Bailey reported on the status of the 18 high school late start professional development days. All of the high schools' professional development plans focus on student learning and achievement. There is ongoing emphasis on collaboration and trust building which leads to

improved teaching. Study groups have been implemented to research and analyze data to identify instructional strategies and reform measures that will positively impact student achievement. Staff are very enthusiastic about the success of the professional development days and hope to incorporate them into next year's calendar.

#### CURRICULUM REVISION PROCESS

Director Lumpe stated the curriculum development process focuses on four areas: needs assessment, curriculum development, implementation and monitoring. With the changes in national and state requirements, recent research was evaluated to assure the district is meeting required standards. Using the district's Understanding By Design (UbD) planning template and Curriculum Framework, the curriculum development committees develop curriculum and select materials to recommend for adoption that align to the EALR's, GLEE's and WASL standards. After adoption, it is crucial to give teachers instruction and support for the new materials. (A complete Curriculum Development Handbook is attached.)

#### ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

#### INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Superintendent Gibbons asked Board members if they wanted to see a demonstration from the vendor for paperless board meetings prior to moving forward with implementation. The Board unanimously opted to wait until the product is purchased and ready to use.

The superintendent shared a copy of Seattle Business Magazine which presented a recent Renton marketing campaign ad. She stated the district was currently involved in a Comprehensive Program Review. This involves many OSPI staff visiting district sites and auditing the district's Title, Chapter and LAP programs. An exit summary was held and a few modest recommendations were presented. The District received high accolades from the OSPI staff who stated the principals and staff were very knowledgeable about the state and federal programs. Dr. Gibbons attended the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference in Olympia.

Poff mentored at Talbot Hill.

Desmarais was a judge at the H.O.M.E. Program science fair. She attended the Communities in Schools of Renton benefit reception, an I-728 meeting and a Diversity Advisory

Committee meeting. She participated in several Lindbergh High School parent meetings and attended athletic meets. She also did her weekly mentoring.

Maxwell attended the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference and the Renton Technical College dinner with the Culinary Arts students. She was present at the Chamber's Business and Education Exchange kick-off which has 22 matches between educators and business representatives. She attended a Puget Sound Educational Service District School Board Directors' dinner and a local legislative luncheon. She also rooted for the undefeated Renton High School boys' basketball team.

Merrill attended the CISR reception and a Discovery Program meeting.

President Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight and was in the audience for Thomson Early Childhood Center's "Celebrate the World" celebration. He was present for a CISR Board meeting and the CISR reception. Talley attended the Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program' "Mardi Gras" and a City of Renton Funding Human Services Criteria meeting.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2006/2007 Board dates and agreed on a Board date of April 4, 2007 for the spring break time period.

RECESS

At 8:22 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes on legal and personnel matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:56 p.m., Maxwell moved and Poff 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 March 8, 2006 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary

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President

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