



## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Renton High School, 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

Vice President Desmarais read a proclamation honoring School Retirees Appreciation Week, March 20-26, 2006.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Renton High School Principal Hutchinson welcomed the Board and audience to Renton High. She introduced Renton High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Advisor Joseph Bento who shared the success of students at the recent Region 4 STAR Event Competition. Students Vy Huynh, Alex Sanchez and Kaylee Johnson presented an excerpt of their gold place winning project on Violence Prevention.

Future Business Leaders of America student, Eirik Peterson, stated 12 students qualified to go to the state competition. The 12-member team won 18 individual awards. He expressed gratitude for the learning experience and collaborative teamwork.

#### "GOOD NEWS" ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Renton High School senior Kelly Barefield was named the Boys and Girls Club of America 2006 King County Youth of the Year. Kelly has been a member of the Renton Boys and Girls Club for two years and is now a club staff member. She will now compete for the title of Washington state Youth of the Year.

- Four district high school students and one alternate have been selected by a group of scientists and staff to participate in the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute's BioQuest Academy. The BioQuest science education program inspires and promotes science and global health through hands-on, socially relevant and career-building experiences. The high school juniors who will take part in the institute are: Karina Mazur and Molly Zimmerman of Lindbergh; and Karina Ray and Greg Brandt of Hazen and Curtis Lo of Hazen as a standby. Hazen High School science teacher Teresa Coda will take her students in April on a three hour field trip to the research institute.
  
- For the first time, every home school student enrolled in the H.O.M.E. program took the 10<sup>th</sup>-grade WASL. The test is not mandatory for private and home school students.
  
- Several parents and staff members were honored at the recent Renton PTSA Council Founder's Day celebration:
  - Annie Hetzel was awarded the Outstanding Service Award, the highest honor offered by the Washington State PTA. The award is presented to an individual offering extraordinary volunteer service to children. Annie was honored for her commitment to all children and willingness to work to help them achieve their potential.
    - Kathleen Sidwell was awarded the Golden Acorn Award by the state PTA in recognition of her volunteer work and outstanding service to all children in schools and community. ~Kathleen was recognized as someone who donates endless energy and time as a volunteer who goes "above and beyond" the call.
    - Tom Morris was awarded the Outstanding Advocate Award, recognizing and honoring him for his dedicated and continued service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety and education of children and youth.
    - Superintendent Dolores Gibbons received the National PTA Life Achievement Award. The award is the highest honor offered by the national PTA organization. Dolores was recognized for her years of contribution to improve the quality of life and learning for children and families. Her name has been added to the PTA Life Achievement Honor Roll.

- Lindbergh High School senior Michelle Nguyen received a \$4,000 scholarship from Macy's for her work in developing a promotional plan for the department store. Michelle conducted extensive research and created a promotional campaign, complete with visuals, which will be used in the store's marketing efforts this fall.
- Hazen High School teacher Celeste Brady is a nominee for this year's Jefferson Awards. The award, sponsored by the Seattle P-I and the Boeing Company, recognizes the special dedication, sacrifices and significant accomplishments of individuals in service to the American people. Celeste was nominated for using her expertise as an English as a Second Language teacher to improve communication with workers at Emerald Downs and for her work to bring a lecture series to the district to serve the Hispanic students and their parents. The Jefferson Awards were established in 1972, by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard. Former Renton schools superintendent Gary Kohlwes was also nominated for the award.
- Hazen High School students on the school's Speed Stacking Team are state champions, winning 50 medals and 13 trophies recently at the Washington State Sport Stacking Championships in Auburn. The twelve students, under the supervision of Angie Atkinson, Lyn Taylor, Christie Lind, and Donald Ponds performed timed stacking tasks alongside nearly 150 stackers from schools throughout the region. Sport stacking, formerly called cup stacking, is an emerging individual and team sport in which participants stack and unstack 12 specially designed cups, or speed stacks, in predetermined sequences as fast as possible. The sport promotes hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, focus, concentration, team skills and sportsmanship.

RECESS

At 7:17 p.m. a recess was called for 15 minutes to enjoy refreshments and give Board members an opportunity to visit with the students. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-I  
Approved

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

- A. Minutes
  - 1. Minutes of the March 8, 2006 Regular Meeting
- B. Warrants
  - 1. Capital Projects Fund
    - Nos. 203827-203873 inclusive - \$662,796.52

2. General Fund
    - Nos. 154890-155074 inclusive - \$372,610.01
    - Nos. 155075-155332 inclusive - \$417,872.16
  3. Associated Student Body Fund
    - Nos. 426726-426734 inclusive - \$8,257.69
    - Nos. 426735-426800 inclusive - \$83,026.72
  4. Private Purpose Trust
    - Nos. 700333-700334 inclusive - \$226.57
    - Nos. 700335-700339 inclusive - \$568.00
- 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. Aaron Stanton, Mike Oliver, Teresa Fogarty and Rebecca Donnelly to Observe and Participate in the Re-ED Behavioral Model in Cleveland, OH, April 23-26, 2006
  2. Teresa Fogarty to Annual AREA Board Meeting in Memphis, TN, April 19-22, 2006
  3. Bridget Hildreth to the WASL Scoring Workshop in Tucson, Arizona, April 28-May 5, 2006
- E. Approval of 2006 Graduation Date of June 15, 2006 for the Three Comprehensive High Schools and June 16, 2006 for Black River High School
- F. Approval of 2007 Graduation Date of June 15, 2007 for the Three Comprehensive High Schools and June 14, 2007 for Black River High School
- G. Approval of Easement at Renton Park Elementary with King County
- H. Change Orders
- a. Change Order No. 12 Relating to Benson Hill Elementary School Replacement Project; Berschauer Phillips Construction Co. - \$64,289.00
  - b. Change Order No. 6 Relating to the Kennydale Elementary School Replacement Project; Wick Constructors - \$230,257.00
- I. Donations
1. Target's "Take Charge of Education"
    - a. \$78.34 to Black River High School
    - b. \$285.67 to McKnight Middle School
    - c. \$76.14 to Lakeridge Elementary School
    - d. \$192.25 to Lindbergh High School
    - e. \$37.91 to Bryn Mawr Elementary School

2. Washington Mutual's "WaMoola for Schools"
  - a. \$304.59 to Bryn Mawr Elementary
  - b. \$327.51 to Lakeridge Elementary
3. Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Credit for \$120.69 to Lakeridge Elementary School
4. \$10.21 from Safeway Coupon 10% Back to Schools to ASB Account at Lakeridge Elementary
5. \$75.00 from Kyle Tokita to the Lindbergh High School Girls Basketball Program
6. \$300.00 from McKnight Middle School PTA to McKnight Middle General Fund for Postage for Special Projects
7. Toy Wooden Train Set (valued at \$135.00) Sartori Education Center from Stephanie Acosta

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

Several Renton High School students presented the Board with a petition requesting military recruiters not be allowed in the high schools. The petition requests every parent receive an opt-out form and a clear warning that failure to return the opt-out forms will result in military recruiters receiving students' private information. The Seattle School District Board policy regarding equal access for recruiters was read.

UPDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HEALTH  
CURRICULUM GUIDE AND  
*"LIFE'S GREATEST MIRACLE"*  
VIDEO

Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade health curriculum guide and *"Life's Greatest Miracle"* Video were approved for the final reading.

Vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE  
THOMSON EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CENTER CLOSURE

Executive Director Matheson reviewed all of the recent communications to community, parents and staff regarding the proposed closure of Thomson Early Childhood Center. There have been three Board study sessions, flyers sent home to families, PTA communications and mention in local newspapers. Affected staff members have been included in the communications; it is important to note that no staff members will lose their jobs.

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. to have final discussion on the proposed closure of Thomson Early Childhood Center.

ENROLLMENT REVIEW  
COMMITTEE SCOPE OF  
WORK 2006-2007

Approved

Enrollment Review Committee Chairperson Rick Stubrud stated the current ERC committee is fortunate to have several veteran

committee members who are knowledgeable about prior bond projects and have a history of participating in prior ERC recommendations. The new Smartr™ transportation software has been extremely beneficial in identifying where students live. The Board discussed each observation and recommendation individually prior to voting for approval.

1. **Preliminary Student Enrollment Projections for 2006 – 2007**

**OBSERVATION # 1:** The student enrollment projection process is based on sound projection models that have been proven to be reliable predictors in the past. The projections for 2006 – 2007 appear to be reasonable with the exception of the three comprehensive high schools, where projections are deemed to be low.

**RECOMMENDATION #1:** The lower actual enrollment in 2005 – 2006 for the Hazen High service area (K-12) should be monitored. **Moved by Maxwell and seconded by Poff. Vote 5-0.**

**OBSERVATION # 2:** Elementary projections do not include the redistribution of Highlands overload students or the proposed redistribution of Thomson Kindergarten students.

**RECOMMENDATION # 2:** The redistribution of Highlands overload students will need to be determined by elementary Administrators this spring. **Moved by Merrill and second by Desmarais. Vote 5-0.**

2. **School Building Capacity for 2006 – 2007**

**Elementary Usage and Building Capacity:**

**OBSERVATION # 3:** All elementary schools, with the exception of Highlands Elementary and Sierra Heights Elementary, have adequate instructional space for their projected 2006 – 2007 enrollments.

**OBSERVATION # 4:** The decision to reopen Honeydew Elementary in 2006 – 2007 was delayed because October 2005 actual elementary enrollments were below projections and additional capacity will be available at Hazelwood and Kennydale due to new construction.

**Secondary Usage and Building Capacity:**

**OBSERVATION # 5:** All high schools have adequate instructional space for their projected 2006-07 enrollments. All middle schools remain at or above ideal capacity.

**RECOMMENDATION # 3A:** Renton Alternative Middle School (RAMS) at Nelsen will need two additional portables if actual student enrollment is increased to 75 students. (This was clarified to mean two portables for two classrooms. It

was also clarified that the decision to increase the number of students in the program was a separate budget decision. Approval of this recommendation was not to be construed as a vote to increase the program.) **Moved by Maxwell and seconded by Poff. Vote 4-0-1 with Merrill abstaining.**

**RECOMMENDATION # 3B:** Due to chronic overcrowding, options to create additional middle school capacity should be pursued as soon as possible *and referred to administration.* **Moved by Poff and seconded by Maxwell. Vote 5-0.**

3. **Portable Classroom Needs for 2006 – 2007**

**OBSERVATION # 6:** Requests for portables were received and considered.

**RECOMMENDATION # 4:** The request for the placement of an additional portable (classroom) at Sierra Heights will need to be determined by elementary administrators following final adjustments to projected enrollments and placement of overload students. **Moved by Poff seconded by Maxwell. Vote 5-0.**

4. **Revisit Honeydew Re-opening Date**

**OBSERVATION # 7:** The proposed boundary for Honeydew Elementary (Redmond,/Sunset/144<sup>th</sup> St./4<sup>th</sup> St) looks viable. The table below, based on current 2005 – 2006 school year data, provides an estimate of K – 5 students residing within the Honeydew boundary.

Highlands	134 students
Maplewood	100 students
Sierra Heights	132 students
Hazelwood	8 students
Kennydale	10 students
Highlands @Renton Park	49 students
Total	<b>433</b> students

**RECOMMENDATION # 5:** Continued accommodation of student overflow from Highlands Elementary should be relieved by opening Honeydew Elementary in 2007-08. (*Refer to administration to monitor.*) **Moved by Poff and seconded by Desmaris. Vote 5-0.**

5. **Finalize Renton High School Service Area Elementary Boundaries for Bryn Mawr, Lakeridge, and Campbell Hill Elementary Schools.**

**OBSERVATION# 8:** The proposed “new” boundaries for Bryn Mawr, Campbell Hill, and Lakeridge elementary schools look viable. The table below, based on current 2005 – 2006 school year data, provides an estimate of student enrollment for grades 1-5 and K-5 in the new proposed boundaries.

	January 2006 Attendance	Current 1-5 Students in Existing Boundaries	Current 1-5 Students in Proposed Boundaries	Current K-5 Students in Proposed Boundaries
Bryn Mawr	358	360	301	363
Campbell Hill	349	309	316	356
Lakeridge	269	224	325	378
Thomson	162			

*(Refer to administration to monitor.)* The Board thanked the committee for their time and effort and detailed recommendations.

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 ESL PROGRAM  
 PRESENTATION

Executive Director Row and ESL Facilitator Sue Dorer presented to the Board and audience. They stated there has been a 509% ESL growth in the district since 93/94. Mr. Row stated the primary goal of the program is for students to be able to read, write and communicate effectively in English. The program goals include being able to communicate in English in social settings and in culturally appropriate ways. Teachers foster an atmosphere that honors and values students' culture and first language.

Discussion followed on the entering and exit processes to the program and the five proficiency levels that are offered. Mr. Row introduced the District Initiative: SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol). He explained it focuses on grade-level content standards and identification of the specialized language necessary to grasp content presented across academic areas.

Continuing to provide staff development across the district is a key component to the success of the program. Parent support/interpreter services are available and helpful to families during the transition period.

INFORMATION AND  
 PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons attended a luncheon at the recent WABSE Conference (Washington Association of Black School Administrators) and the popular Sierra Heights spaghetti feed. She also participated in the "party patrol" that announced the winners of the Chamber's Ahead of the Class Awards.

Merrill was present at the PTA Founder's Day dinner.

Maxwell congratulated Superintendent Gibbons on the National PTA Life Achievement Award that was presented to her at the Founder's Day dinner. She participated in the "party patrol" that

announced the winners of the Chamber's Ahead of the Class Awards. She was at the ribbon-cutting for the new First Savings Bank of Renton and the Communities in Schools of Renton Advisory Council meeting.

Desmarais participated in the Campbell Hill principal selection interviews and the Outstanding Employee Selection Committee and a Lindbergh High School Scholarship Committee meeting.

Poff also attended the Outstanding Employee Selection Committee and mentored.

Talley did his weekly mentoring and attended a Lindbergh High School social and the Founder's Day dinner. He went to Dimmitt with a fellow city council member and presented the staff with "goodies" and thanked them for their hard work. He was present at the CISR Advisory Committee meeting and attended the First Savings Bank ribbon-cutting ceremony.

All of the Board members were present at the superintendent search interviews and special board meetings.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

Vinson Latimore from New Beginnings Church stated that church members would like to be involved in the schools and community. He said we share a goal which is to educate our students.

RECESS

At 9:26 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes on legal matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 10:14 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 April 5, 2006 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary	President
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