



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 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 Public School Volunteer Week, April 16-22, 2006.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCTION

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Kay Hermann introduced Jon Stadler as the new principal of Campbell Hill Elementary School. Jon was the interim principal at Campbell Hill last year and now has been selected as the permanent principal. Ms. Hermann congratulated Mr. Stadler on his fine performance this last year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Randy Matheson, Executive Director of Community Relations, thanked the Board for their support of the Outstanding Employees Recognition Program. The following employees were introduced and recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the Renton School District: Linda Peterson, special education teacher at Lakeridge Elementary School as Outstanding Elementary Teacher; Geof Newing, technology education teacher at Lindbergh High School as Outstanding Secondary Teacher; and Ginger Rademacher, administrative specialist at Nelsen Middle School as

Outstanding Building Support Person. Earline Bala, Indian Education advisor was selected as Outstanding District Support Person, but was unable to attend as she was with students at a conference. Ms. Bala will be recognized at a later date. For nearly 30 years Board members have presented the annual awards to district staff for their invaluable contributions, outstanding dedication, competence, conscientious performance and ingenuity which translates to a significant impact on their schools and the district.

“GOOD NEWS
ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- 118 Tiffany Park Elementary School students presented 94 entries in this year’s school science fair. Students proudly sat by their entries to explain their scientific inquiries. Entries included determining whether Bounty or Viva absorbed more water (Viva does) and how many telephone books four egg shells can hold (7 for a total of 27 lbs.) Every student received a participant certificate and a ribbon. First, second and third place winners in the six categories received special ribbons and prizes. All in all, says Tiffany Park principal Irene Olson, the future of America's scientific endeavors is in good hands.
- McKnight Middle School students Laura Kooiman, Monica Razniewzki, Peyton Tracy, Tommy Truong, and Julie Vaisarova competed in the recent South Puget Sound Regional History Day competition. Laura and Monica will now compete in the state competition in May with their documentary “Taking a Stand in History: The Newsies Strike of 1899” about a courageous group of New York City newsboys who in 1899 teamed up to fight an unscrupulous newspaper publisher.
- Associate Superintendent Vera Risdon was presented the 2006 Friend of Music Recognition for the Soundview Region of the Washington Music Educators Association in grateful appreciation for outstanding service and contribution to music education in the state of Washington. The certificate was presented by Lindbergh High School teacher Brian Akesson, who is president of the Soundview Region.
- Lindbergh High School freshman Skye Feldman has been named a semi-finalist in the first "Letters about Literature" essay contest sponsored by the Library of Congress, the Washington State Library and of the Office of the Secretary of State. Over 1,500 students from across the

state submitted letters to their favorite author describing how his or her work affected them. Skye, along with her mother, will be honored with other students at a reception in the Capitol Rotunda in Olympia sponsored by Secretary of State Sam Reed and State Librarian Jan Walsh in April.

- McKnight Middle School science teacher Carlie Jonas was selected to take part in the NASA's summer Calipso Mission project at Hampton University in Virginia. The Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation (CALIPSO) satellite program is a joint effort between NASA and French scientists to determine the role that clouds and atmospheric aerosols play in regulating Earth's weather, climate, and air quality in relation to global warming. As part of the program, Carlie's students next year will participate in research for the project by collecting atmospheric data to be used for comparison to Calipso satellite observations.

RECESS

At 7:46 p.m. a recess was called for 15 minutes to enjoy refreshments and give Board members an opportunity to visit with the outstanding employees and their families. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-H w/addendum Approved

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-H with addendum. The addendum included the appointment of Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel as the new superintendent. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the March 14, 2006 Special Board Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 17, 2006 Special Board Meeting
3. Minutes of the March 18, 2006 Special Board Meeting
4. Minutes of the March 20, 2006 Special Board Meeting
5. Minutes of the March 21, 2006 Special Board Meeting
6. Minutes of the March 22, 2006 Regular Board Meeting
7. Minutes of the March 23, 2006 Special Board Meeting

8. Minutes of the March 24, 2006 Special Board Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
Nos. 203874-203899 inclusive - \$1,483,992.75
2. General Fund
Nos. 155334-155520 inclusive - \$282,461.69
Nos. 155521-155744 inclusive - \$391,843.27
Payroll Ending February 28, 2006 - \$7,453,980.65
Nos. 48438-48951 inclusive - \$1,855,878.67
Direct Deposits - \$3,508,590.29
Unissued Warrants – \$2,089,511.69
Payroll Ending March 31, 2006 - \$7,269,171.53
Nos. 48952-49434 inclusive - \$1,839,287.62
Direct Deposits - \$3,395,795.33
Unissued Warrants - \$2,034,088.58
3. Associated Student Body Fund
Nos. 426801-426859 inclusive - \$39,386.26
Nos. 426860-426903 inclusive - \$64,802.71

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. Joy Miller, Brian Wood, Eric Hougan, Kathryn Hutchinson, Craig Cooper and Athena Nadeau to MNCS (Minnesota New Country School) Student-Focused Community School in Minnesota, April 26-28, 2006
2. Kristin Clingan, Shannon Welch, Shelly Graham and Rachelle Cope to the SIOP Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 15-17, 2006
3. Laurie Wasson to 2006 IRA Conference in Chicago, IL, April 30-May 4, 2006

E. Student/Staff Travel

1. Ray McCabe and Yetta Rouse with DECA Students to DECA International Career Development Conference in Dallas, TX, April 17-May 3, 2006
2. Hazen Tennis Team to Selah High School for Four-School Invitational Tournament, April 29, 2006
3. Lakeridge Self-Contained Special Education 4-5th Graders to M~Bar~C Ranch, Whidbey Island, WA, May 19, 2006
4. Kati Peters and Japanese Students to Granite Falls, WA and Tsubaki Shrine, April 25, 2006

5. Renton Early Child Education and Assistance Program Students to Wizards of the Coast, June 1, 2006
6. Nancy Dosch and Renton High School Orchestra Members to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA, June 23-27, 2006

F. Change Orders

- a. Change Order No. 2 Relating to the Renton Park Elementary School Replacement Project; John Korsmo Construction - \$51,403.00
- b. Change Order No. 18 Relating to Hazelwood Elementary School Replacement Project; Berschauer Phillips - \$25,338.00
- c. Change Order No. 11 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$24,260.43

G. Donations

1. \$200.00 from Linda and David Dierks to Lakeridge Elementary School for Field Trip Bus for First Grade
2. \$40.00 from Pam Gidlund to the Lindbergh High School Fastpitch Program
3. \$40.00 from Laughlin's Hair to the Lindbergh High School Fastpitch Program
4. Miscellaneous Office Supplies (valued at \$250.00) from Barnes and Noble to Elementary Principals Club
5. \$1,345.00 from Lindbergh High School Booster Club to the Lindbergh High School Baseball Team
6. \$300.00 from the Lindbergh High School Booster Club to the Lindbergh Future Business Leaders of America
7. \$1,669.24 from the Bryn Mawr PTA to Bryn Mawr Elementary Library

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS FROM THE
FLOOR

Director Maxwell introduced legislative representative from District 11 Zack Hudgins who was in the audience.

Kennydale PE teacher Curt Brotherton expressed concern with the gym floors in many of the elementary schools. He feels that there are safety issues with carpet floors in the gyms. He has researched many vendors and supports an "ice court tile." Ice Court flooring is polypropylene tiles that provide a safe, flexible surface. Administrators have met with Mr. Brotherton and colleagues and reviewed the

various products available. Dr. Gibbons will respond to President Talley in regards to Mr. Brotherton's concerns.

Hazen parent, Jeri Wood, thanked Superintendent Gibbons and Director Maxwell for attending the recent "Summit" at Hazen High School. The Summit focused on drug and alcohol issues and several local dignitaries presented.

CLOSURE OF THOMSON
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Approved

Superintendent Gibbons stated there have been many meetings, three study sessions and a public hearing that discussed the possible closure of Thomson Early Childhood Center. Public and staff input have been received and considered. There will be no reduction of staff or programs. Discussion ensued. By motion from Maxwell and second by Merrill, the Board approved the closure Thomson Early Childhood Center. Vote 5-0.

HEALTH SCIENCE/SPORTS
MEDICINE 1-4

Approved – 1st Reading

Director Leviton introduced Health Science/Sports Medicine instructor Tom Walker. Mr. Walker stated the change in the course is the addition of a second year of instruction with more rigor and actual "hands-on" experience in therapy clinics than year one.

By motion from Merrill and second by Maxwell, the Health Science/Sports Medicine 1-4 was approved for the first reading with a correction noted on the Acknowledgments Page.
Vote 5-0.

PROJECT SCOPE AND
REQUEST PERMISSION TO
BID DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL
RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Approved

Architect Calvin Gasaway stated the scope of work repeats what was done to the Nelsen Middle School restrooms last summer. Ventilation, fixtures, finishes, etc., will be upgraded in all of the restrooms. Additionally, existing piping will be replaced with copper piping which will improve water quality. The bulk of the work will be done this summer with some restrooms with the least amount of traffic being completed in the fall. Due diligence will be done prior to any asbestos removal. By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the project

scope of work and permission to bid Dimmitt Middle School restroom improvements. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Parent Jeri Wood expressed dissatisfaction with the current practice of issuing physical education waivers. She feels if students are taking a full load of academic classes and participate in after-school sports, it shouldn't be necessary for the student to also take two years of required physical education for high school credit towards graduation. She requested the Board of Directors reconsider the policy on this decision. The superintendent's office will respond to Ms. Woods.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons attended Governor Gregoire's recent "Economic Vitality Reception." She participated in the Chamber's "Ahead of the Class" party patrol and celebrated Pat Auten's retirement. She was present at a Chamber Blue Ribbon Council meeting and hosted a table at the annual Rotary "Caper" Auction. She also visited with Campbell Hill chess students as they received a recent grant. She was present at the Hazelwood Elementary dedication ceremonies.

Merrill joined the superintendent with the Campbell Hill chess students.

Maxwell attended a Chamber Blue Ribbon Council meeting and a Hazen "Beyond the Basics" meeting. She enjoyed the Chamber "Party Patrol" events and the Rotary Caper Auction. She also joined Metropolitan King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn at a recent function.

Desmarais attended a Lindbergh High School scholarship meeting and an 8th grade parent night at Lindbergh High.

Poff joined her mentee for a weekly visit at Talbot Hill Elementary.

Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight, attended the Rotary Caper Auction and Pat Auten's retirement. He also was present at Jay Leviton's Work Force Training Committee meeting. He thanked everyone for their concern over his grandson's sudden hospitalization.

All Board members were present at the Hazelwood Elementary School dedication and the final superintendent search selection meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:48 p.m., Poff moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Vote 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 26, 2006 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary

President
