



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2006
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 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
Joy Poff

David Merrill, Excused

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

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION

Marcie Maxwell read a proclamation honoring Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-13, 2006

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Assistant Superintendent Rich Moore introduced staff members Debbie Donahue and Danese Thaidigsman. They have just successfully completed the Washington Association of School Business Officials Certified School Business Specialist program. He congratulated them on their efforts and endeavors to increase their professional careers.

Executive Director Matheson introduced two gentlemen who recently donated \$10,000 each to the Renton Community Foundation to buy clothing and health items for Renton students. Mr. Walter Cook, 90, and O. J. Harper, 87, said the donation was "payback time." Mr. Cook had recently read a local article about a retiring school district employee whose duties included administering the Children's Clothing Fund to help provide shoes and other items to needy children. The two seniors decided to set up

the Harper Engineering Children's Needs Fund to help children in the Renton School District.

Lindbergh High School principal Tres Genger presented the following 12 outstanding seniors for the class of 2005-2006: Erin Biederman, Mark Chilenski, Graham Dart, Mark Henry, Jr., Andre Koch, Aysa Love, Jacqueline Loyola, Michael Lukomski, Allison Matthews, Kenneth McCray, Jessica Nguyen and Julian Reyes. The students recognized their parent(s) in attendance, acknowledged friendships with friends and honored teachers as "Most Inspirational." Mr. Genger stated the students have demonstrated outstanding effort and accomplishments in community service, academics, fine arts and athletics. The Board congratulated the seniors and wished them success in their future endeavors and encouraged them to be role models for other students.

"GOOD NEWS
ANNOUNCEMENTS"

- Renton High School senior James Bartlett has been selected as a National Merit Finalist. James was selected based on his academic abilities, skills and accomplishments, by the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. James is among the top-scoring students in the nation who took the Preliminary SAT last year to qualify for the scholarships, which could amount to more than \$2,500.
- The Lindbergh High School Memorial Scholarship Committee has selected this year's scholarship recipients. The scholarships are awarded based on demonstration of citizenship, community service, and leadership determined through a process of application evaluations and interviews by community members. Academic scholarship recipients are: David Rice, \$1,250; Sharon Leung, \$1,000; Jessica Nguyen, \$750. Vocational scholarship recipients, Eddie Ramsey and Kirandeep Kaur, each will receive \$500.
- Six Tiffany Park Elementary School 5th grade students in Corrie Freiwaldt's literacy block class will have their work published in the next edition of the Anthology of Poetry which provides a venue for the creativity of youth throughout the U.S. All students in the class participated by entering their favorite poem after the completion of a

month-long poetry unit. The six students whose work will be published are:

- Ashley Andelin
- Vincent Babasca
- Brianna Brown
- Maria Cornell
- Kristin Grover
- Joanne Saivong

- The winners of the 2006 Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) awards have been announced. Three district high school students were selected to receive the award which recognizes students who excel in career and technical education. The three students are:

- Stacy Davis, Hazen High School
- Michelle Nguyen, Lindbergh High School
- Andrew Santos-Johnson, Renton High School

These students will receive grants ranging in value from \$4,800 to \$11,000, to pay undergraduate educational expenses for two years at a state university, college or vocational school.

- Sierra Heights Elementary School teacher Brian Teppner recently became a published author when his book, Science Vocabulary and Assessment, was published by PuzzleWise. This is the first of a series of books that Brian and several of his colleagues have been contracted to write. Brian is actively involved in building, district and state projects to improve science education. For only \$2, teachers can order the book online at www.puzzlewise.com. Brian also puts his horticulture background to work as a member of the grounds crew for the Seattle Mariners.
- Lindbergh High School students in the band Cryptic Abyss recently won the all-area contest Battle of the Bands. The five-member band won \$700 and a chance at a recording contract with three major labels.

RECESS

At 8:30 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 8:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-F w/addendum
Approved

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-F with addendum. The addendum included staff travel (asterisked below). Vote 4-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the March 29, 2006 Special Board Meeting
2. Minutes of the April 5, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
Nos. 203900-203933 inclusive - \$2,079,898.91
2. General Fund
Nos. 155943 -156141 inclusive - \$335,006.95
Nos. 156143-156296 inclusive - \$302,282.50
3. Associated Student Body Fund
Nos. 426904-426955 inclusive - \$37,032.60
Nos. 426956-427004 inclusive - \$40,296.52
4. Private Purpose Trust
Nos. 700343-700346 inclusive - \$226.00
Nos. 700347-700347 inclusive - \$1,000.00

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/Student Travel

1. Kenndale Elementary 2nd/3rd Grade Discovery Students to Vashon Island to Observe Indonesian Imports and Artifacts on June 2, 2006
2. Hazen High School Football Team to Football Competition in Coquitlam, BC, September 9, 2006
3. Scott Leick to Family Planning Male Training Center Conference in Denver, Colorado, May 4, 2006*
4. Rick Stubrud to Integrated Emergency Management Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, April 30-May 5, 2006*

E. Change Orders

1. Change Order No. 19 Relating to the Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures Inc. - \$255,183.15

F. Donations

1. 832 Copies of Taking Charge of Your Child's Education (valued at \$4,160.00) from Author Terry Mallen for Renton School District Parents
2. \$500.00 from Custom Garage Floors Inc. to the Lindbergh High School Fastpitch Team
3. \$350.00 from Greater Renton Kiwanis to the Renton High School Future Business Leaders of America
4. Donations to Renton Invitational Track Meet
 - a. \$100.00 from Walkers Renton Subaru
 - b. \$100.00 from Ticor Title Company
 - c. \$100.00 from Brooks Sports Inc.
 - d. \$100.00 from CN Sports LLC
5. \$2,500.00 to Highlands Elementary School for HP Technology for Teaching Grant
6. Two PC's (valued at \$100.00) from Neil Gerrans to Kennydale Discovery 2/3 Classroom
7. New Sound System Lectern (valued at \$645.00) to the Hazen High School Fitness Room from Marian and Scott Maxwell

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS FROM THE
FLOOR

Renton High School student Luke Wigren requested the Board of Directors take swift action to stop military recruiters from being allowed in the schools. He quoted from a recent local newspaper that stated economically depressed areas are targets for the recruiters by offering college tuition to potential enrollees. The superintendent stated the Executive Team is reviewing any policy changes.

High school foreign exchange students and fellow students requested the Board make an exception to current policy and allow them to "walk" in graduation ceremonies. Superintendent Gibbons saluted the students for their value and commitment to the school district. The students have met with administrators who have offered them various options to celebrate their accomplishments. The superintendent explained that other students in prior years who have not met the policy requirements have also been denied the opportunity to participate in "walking" at graduation. She encouraged the students to work with administration to find an acceptable way to note their success at the graduation ceremony.

HEALTH SCIENCE/SPORTS
MEDICINE 1-4

Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Maxwell and second by Poff, the Health Science/Sports Medicine 1-4 was approved for the final reading. Vote 4-0.

APPROVE PROJECT SCOPE
AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO
BID THE KOHLWES EDUCATION
CENTER HVAC UPGRADES

Assistant Superintendent Moore shared the history of the Kohlwes Education Center (KEC). The building was built in 1968 and renovated when Renton School District located to the site without any work to the heating and ventilation systems. The permission to approve the project scope and permission to bid the HVAC upgrades would allow the work to begin in July after the roof work is completed. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million which is available from unexpended capital projects funds. By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the project scope and permission to bid the KEC HVAC upgrades. Vote 4-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons stated the district is ready to move to the next step in the transfer of territory petition with Bellevue School District. Poff and Maxwell volunteered to represent the district.

She reminded the board the Board.Docs training scheduled is for May 5 at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Gibbons observed the Renton High School debate team, attended a Chamber Blue Ribbon Committee meeting and spent a few vacation days in Whistler with the Rotary members.

Maxwell attended meetings for the Kenndale Neighborhood Association, Renton Community Foundation Board, Chamber Blue Ribbon Committee, Chamber Board, Diversity Advisory Committee and Renton City Council. She participated in the executive team interviews for the new Community Foundation Executive Director and the City of Renton Police Chief interviews. She enjoyed a more relaxed evening at an IPAC concert.

Desmarais attended her regular assortment of Lindbergh High School parent meetings and participated on the interview team for a Lindbergh High School coach.

Poff was present at the Renton Community Foundation meeting and reminded the Board and audience that "greeting card kits" are available through the Foundation. She also attended a recent IPAC concert and an I-728 meeting where the funding for the recommended Professional Development Coaches was discussed in-depth.

Talley was present at a Communities in Schools of Renton Board meeting, mentored at Kenndale and McKnight, a Chamber Blue Ribbon Committee meeting, and a PTSA Council meeting. He also enjoyed vacationing with some Rotary folks in Whistler for a few days.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:45 p.m., Poff moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Vote 4-0.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 10, 2006 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary

President
