



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2005
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 Joy Poff. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Poff 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:

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

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Poff asked the Board and audience to share in a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

NEW ADMINSTRATOR
INTRODUCTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Hermann introduced Craig Cooper, Assistant Principal at Renton High School, and Tracy Steffenson, Business Manager. She shared their professional background prior to joining the Renton School District team and welcomed them to their new roles in administration.

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The Highlands Community Church Women's Ministry contributed backpacks, notebooks, crayons, markers, Kleenex, pencils, and more to students at Highlands Elementary School. Highlands principal Janet Fawcett was overwhelmed by the organization's generosity.

- Parents, students and neighbors in the Kennydale neighborhood came together recently to raise money for relief efforts following hurricane Katrina. More than 20 school children were joined by their parents and others to make and sell brown bag lunches for \$5 each. The group raised more than \$3,000 and has asked Microsoft to match the donation. All the proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross. The effort was made possible through donations from Great Harvest Bread Co., a local grocery store and many individual families. The group donated 25 extra lunches to a Seattle organization that aids the homeless.
- Lori Dunn, Health/Fitness teacher at Hazen High School and the district's liaison for the Fitness for Life project, co-authored an article in *Strategies*, a journal for physical and sport educators. The article, co-written by PLU professor Dr. Deborah Tannehill, centered on using pedometers to promote physical activity in secondary education.

In related news, the district has successfully met the requirements to be awarded the second year's Fitness for Life grant money, totaling more than \$125,000. An important strategy of the project is to make physical education experiences more personally relevant to children and youth.

- Celeste Brady, ESL teacher at Hazen High School, was highlighted in a national horse racing magazine, *The Horseman's Journal*, and a state magazine, *Washington Thoroughbred*, for helping to teach English as a Second Language courses to horsemen at Emerald Downs. The program is so successful, other educational programs will be implemented in the near future. Celeste is a racehorse owner and speaks fluent Spanish.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-L

Approved

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

- A. Minutes
 1. Minutes of the August 24, 2005 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
Nos. 203268-203322 inclusive -\$3,821,743.64
2. Transportation Vehicle Fund
Nos. 920015-920015 inclusive - \$181,660.22
3. General Fund
Nos. 149311-149510 inclusive - \$263,183.79
Nos. 149511-149677 inclusive - \$210,548.60
Nos. 149679-149810 inclusive - \$191,930.11
Nos. 149811-149823 inclusive - \$106,203.08
Payroll Ending August 31, 2005
Nos. 45624-45998 inclusive - \$1,633,758.85
Direct Deposits - \$3,269,636.46
Unissued Warrants - \$1,861,638.41
4. Associated Student Body Fund
Nos. 425789-425797 inclusive - \$8,122.44
Nos. 425798-425815 inclusive - \$32,093.76
Nos. 425816-425834 inclusive - \$11,038.40
5. Private Purpose Trust
Nos. 700320-700320 inclusive - \$2,500.00

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. Ginney To to The SIOP Institute in Phoenix, AZ, October 10-12, 2005
2. Earline Bala and Paula Gamble to The National Indian Education Convention in Denver, Colorado, October 5-9, 2005

E. Student Travel

1. Key Club of Lindbergh High School to the KeyLeader Week Conference in Milwaukie, OR, September 30-October 2, 2005

F. Contracts and Agreements

1. Success For All Contract for 2005-06 for Bryn Mawr Elementary School

2. Memorandum of Understanding for VEBA III Plan with:
 - a. Renton Education of Association
 - b. Renton Educational Support Personnel
 - c. Renton Professional Technical Association
 - d. Service Employees International Union
 - e. Renton Assistant Superintendents
 - f. Renton Executive Directors
 - g. Renton Directors Association
 - h. Renton Principals Association
 - i. Renton Classified Managers
 - j. Renton Confidential Assistants

- G. Approval of Leased Equipment and Maintenance Agreement Contracts for 2005-06

- H. Resolution No. 01-05/06 Authorizing Bill Hulten, and in his absence, Kathryn Fantasia, Authority in the Absence of the Superintendent

- I. Change Orders
 1. Change Order No.1 Relating to the Honeydew Structural Upgrade Project; Quinn Construction - \$22,486.24
 2. Change Order No. 2 Relating to the Nelsen Middle School Restroom Remodel Project; Lake Tapps Construction - \$7,656.50

- J. Approval of Easement with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. for Hillcrest Special Service Center

- K. Approval of Easement with King County for Renton Park Elementary School

- L. Donations
 1. \$500.00 from IKEA to Nelsen Middle School for the Nishiwaki Program
 2. \$392.41 from Albertsons to Hazen High School for LINK Crew
 3. \$604.45 from Washington Mutual to Hazen High School
 4. \$200.00 from Starbucks Matching Gifts Program to Hazen High School (will issue check to Fred Hutchinson in memory of Justin Ho)

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence or delegations from the floor.

POLICY SERIES 2000, Instruction
POLICY 3000, General Policy Statement
POLICY 3115, Homeless Students
POLICY 3251, School Safety Patrol
POLICY 1400, Board Meetings
POLICY 6700, Nutrition and
Physical Fitness

Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Maxwell and second by Talley, Policy Series 2000, Instruction; Policy 3000, General Policy Statement; Policy 3115, Homeless Students; Policy 3251, School Safety Patrol; Policy 1400, Board Meetings; and Policy 6700, Nutrition and Physical Fitness were approved for the final reading. Vote 5-0.

OPENING OF SCHOOL
REPORT

Executive Team members shared information about the first week of school. Dr. Gibbons stated the complexity of opening schools for 13,000 students involves hard work and teamwork by many staff. Assistant Superintendent Hermann indicated preparing enrollment projections is a very complicated process, but if past projection averages hold true, the district will be only five students short of projections on the October 1 state count day. Several hundred new staff members were hired, including 16 new administrators. Some elementary student moves were necessary to accommodate class size and staffing.

Executive Director Stracke recounted the construction events of the summer. He stated this summer has been the busiest in 12 years since the inception of Capital Phases I, II and III. New schools Benson Hill and Hazelwood opened on time and new construction has started at Kenneydale and Renton Park. New restrooms and a bus staging area at Nelsen were completed, as well as MDF upgrades at the schools. Honeydew underwent major upgrades and a new radio communications system was installed.

Chief Technology Officer Hulten stated this summer was also the busiest in years for the IMS Dept. with the installation of over 700 presentation centers in

classrooms around the district. All staff are to be commended for their collaborative work to ensure classrooms were ready for students on the first day of school.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF
REA CONTRACT AGREEMENTS
FOR 2005-2007**

Approved

Executive Director Moore and REA President Silling introduced the bargaining teams and thanked them for all of their time, hard work and long hours working collaboratively to come together with a proposed contract for Board approval. They reviewed the contract in detail with emphasis on the new BLIS (Building Learning Improvement Stipend) language. Staff development on the new process and form will be provided at each building.

A joint class size task force was developed last year for the purpose of studying class size configurations at different grade levels and subject areas. Substantial work was involved and presented to the bargaining teams to be considered in the new contract.

Ms. Moore and Ms. Silling thanked Confidential Assistant Terri Gibson for her unflappable work ethic and tireless hours. They also thanked the Board for their continued support.

By motion from Talley and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the REA contract agreement for 2005-07. Vote 5-0.

**DISTRICT GOALS
FOR 2005/06**

Approved

The Board discussed the proposed 2005/06 District goals which they had previously reviewed. They reiterated these goals would be considered the "public" goals and more "detailed" goals will be available on the school district web page. (A copy is attached.) Merrill expressed his appreciation that the Board had the opportunity to work together to develop these goals to emphasize the coordination and collaboration of staff working together to serve students. By motion from Talley and second by Merrill, the district goals for 2005/06 were approved. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

All Board members and the superintendent attended the recent New Teacher to Renton breakfast sponsored by the Renton Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.

Talley attended a new mentor training session and the Mentor Kick-Off dinner. He also stopped by McKnight and set up his schedule for the year with his mentee's teachers.

Desmarais started her weekly mentor sessions and attended several Lindbergh High School football games.

Poff was present at the Mentor Kick-Off dinner and met with a family liaison to set up the schedule for her mentee.

Maxwell enjoyed a Kenndale Neighborhood Association picnic, a recent concert at the IKEA Performing Arts Center (which was packed!) and a King County Council meeting on Economic Development in Bellevue.

Superintendent Gibbons attended a groundbreaking for a Federal Reserve Bank branch which will open in Renton in 2007. She spoke to the Retired Teachers group updating them on the state of the district. She introduced Renton Park principal Dan Sakaue who is a superintendent intern this year.

Dr. Gibbons stated Renton School District has been invited by OSPI and WASA to participate in a No Child Left Behind cost study with twelve other districts. It will be a very extensive study that will be shared with legislators and, eventually, the federal level of government.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:30 p.m. Desmarais moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 28, 2005 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary	President