



MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 28, 2005  
Nelsen Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Lindbergh principal Tres Genger presented security officer Greg LaCour with a plaque honoring his recent award as Washington State Security Officer of the Year. He stated Mr. LaCour is dedicated to ensuring that student safety is a priority and that students are in a safe learning environment.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Nelsen principal, Dr. Jim Noddings, welcomed the Board and audience to Nelsen. He introduced choral director Brian Hoskins and complimented the choral students on their outstanding accomplishments and the success of the arts program.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Renton High School senior James Bartlett has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit academic competition. James is among the highest scoring entrants in the exam in the state.

Additionally, several students from Hazen, Lindbergh and Renton high schools have been recognized as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Robert Do, Colin Eakins and Evan Jones from Hazen; Mark Chilenski, Lauren Feller, Sharon Leung, David Rice and Olga Sievers from Lindbergh; and Kevin McCoy from Renton were recognized for their exceptional academic promise and placed in the top five percent of more than 1 million students who took the 2004 Preliminary SAT. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.

- Maplewood Heights Elementary School has been awarded a Partners in the Community Elementary School Reading Program grant from Starbucks Coffee Company and University of Washington. The school was recognized at the Huskies football game on Sept. 17. The grant will allow teachers to purchase new books for students; offer gift certificates to students to purchase half-price books at book fairs; purchase food for a "Family Reading Night" that includes a book swap; purchase paper, ink and/or printing costs to create a "Wall of Fame" supporting the Accelerated Reading Program and more.
- Renton High School Jazz Band members recently joined 22 homeschool students for a workshop hosted by Grammy-award winning musician Poncho Sanchez. Sanchez along with his trombone player, Francisco Torres, instructed the students in the hour-and-a-half-long workshop, demonstrating various rhythms and styles. At the end of the presentation, several students came on stage to play keyboards and assist with the sound check for an evening performance.
- Anne Rittenhouse, Hazen parent, Chair of the Citizens for Renton Schools committee, and many other education-related activities, was recently awarded the 2005 Diamond Award from the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce. Anne was recognized for her tireless work as an advocate for education.

- Bryn Mawr Elementary School was recently awarded nearly \$7,000 in books from the Page Ahead Reading is Fundamental Project. The gift means that each student at the school will receive three new books to take home. The Page Ahead program provides new books and promotes reading activities for children to enrich their lives and strengthen communities. Since 1990, Page Ahead has placed over 1.5 million new books into the hands of 450,000 children.
- Former Lindbergh High School ASB president Lindsey Jex has just published her first children's book *I Choose You*. Lindsey will sign copies of her book at the Tukwila Barnes and Noble on October 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2 p.m. and at Beehive Books and More at 10213 24th St. East in Edgewood from 3 to 5 p.m. Lindsey also attended Benson Hill Elementary and Nelsen Middle School. Lindsey's mother, Catherine Jex is a teacher at Cascade Elementary School.
- Students in Jane Sawyer's yearbook class at Hazen High School received a national award for last year's annual. In its evaluation of the yearbook, the Columbia Scholastic Program said the annual had great layouts and was a great example to teach students the value of publications and teamwork.
- Hillcrest school has teamed up with Renton Technical College to offer English classes to parents and community members. The beginning ESL classes are offered Monday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Wizards of the Coast donated bags of games, electronics and computer software to teachers in schools throughout the district. Late last school year, Wizards offered teachers a chance to send in a "wish list" of items they'd like to have in their classroom. Employees at the company that publishes games, collectables and more chose from the list of teacher requests and purchased items out of their own pockets. Each year, employees at Wizards makes Christmas wishes come true for students and families at Hillcrest.

RECESS

At 7:33 p.m. President Poff called a 15-minute recess to allow Board members to visit with parents and students and enjoy refreshments. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-K w/addendum  
Approved

By motion from Maxwell and second by Talley, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-K with addendum. (See asterisked items.) Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the September 14, 2005 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 203323-203398 inclusive - \$3,242,205.49
2. General Fund  
Nos. 149824-149911 inclusive - \$247,769.06  
Nos. 149912-149969 inclusive - \$56,422.99  
Nos. 149970-150137 inclusive - \$270,388.02  
Nos. 150138-150233 inclusive - \$136,719.15
3. Associated Student Body Fund  
Nos. 425835-425854 inclusive - \$34,088.51  
Nos. 425855-425903 inclusive - \$65,603.94
4. Private Purpose Trust  
Nos. 700321-700323 inclusive - \$664.00

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. Larry Dobson and Jami Rees to Leadership Training in Support of CSR Grant in College Station, TX, October 11-12, 2005
2. Susanna Epler to Next Steps Institute in Pittsburgh, PA, October 19-22, 2005

\*E. Student Travel

1. Tiffany Park Fifth Graders to *Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust* Educational Program on Tiger Mountain, October 5-6, 2005 (**addendum**)

- F. Contracts and Agreements
  - 1. Transportation Agreement for Special Education Student for 2005-06
  - 2. Renton Educational Support Personnel (RESP) Contract Agreement for 2005-2008
  - 3. Sopris West Training Contractual Agreement to Provide Training for Special Education Staff
  - 4. Agreement with Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory for Third Party Evaluation Services to Black River High School under the Comprehensive School Reform Grant for 2005/06
  
- G. Permission to Bid Furniture and Equipment for Kennydale Elementary and Renton Park Elementary
  
- H. Approve Project Scope and Request Permission to Bid Hazen High School Portable Classroom Improvements
  
- \*I. Approval of District Instructional Materials Committee Members **(addendum)**
  
- J. Change Orders
  - 1. Change Order No. 7 Relating to the Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures, Inc. - \$3,768.49
  - 2. Change Order No. 4 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$58,348.73
  
- K. Donations
  - 1. \$300.00 from CD Danza Salon/Piazza Renton for Musical Instruments
  - 2. \$1,180.00 (value of Husky tickets) from Betty Jacobsen for Renton High School General Fund
  - 3. \$150.00 from Eric and Sharon Charbonneau (plus \$150.00 match from Microsoft Giving Campaign) to Hazelwood Elementary for Staff Development
  - 4. \$100.00 from Kimberly McCallum (plus \$100.00 match from Microsoft Giving Campaign) to Hazelwood Elementary for Staff Development
  - 5. Trombone (valued at \$600.00) from Larry Richter to Lindbergh High School Music Department
  - 6. \$82.05 from Albertson's to Lindbergh High School ASB Fund
  - 7. \$1,700.00 from Dr. J. Scott Petett to Lindbergh High School for the ASB Athletic Holding Fund

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

Hazen High School parent Diane Mitchell shared her frustration with the current stadium policy regarding entrance/exit to sports activities. Dr. Gibbons will research her concerns and respond.

RESCIND OLD POLICIES  
IN THE 4000, 5000 AND 6000  
SERIES

Approved

Due to the new policies that have been Board approved and are in place, old Policy Series 4000 (Personnel), 5000 (Students) and 6000 (Instruction) were approved to be rescinded. By motion from Talley and second by Merrill, the policies were rescinded. Vote 5-0.

RESCIND UNNECESSARY  
NEW BOARD ADOPTED  
POLICIES

Approved

The following policies are covered in other policies or not necessary any longer due to changes in statutes or duplication:

- Policy 2104 Federal and/or State-Funded Special Instructional Programs
- Policy 2106 Program Compliance
- Policy 2108 Remediation Programs
- Policy 2130 Character Development
- Policy 3205 Safety and Civility in Schools

By motion from Talley and second by Desmarais, the above policies were rescinded. Vote 5-0.

UNITED STREAMING  
PRESENTATION

Maplewood Heights third grade teacher Kalisa Amparo showcased the vast possibilities of utilizing the United Streaming teaching software. The software allows teachers to download videos on demand to enhance their teaching and provides excellent modeling skills for student behavior. Subjects can be integrated and the curricula presentation is more meaningful in the classroom. Students are encouraged to research and learning exercises are available along with quiz centers. Tests can be automatically graded and it is a useful tool for teachers for assessment and tracking. Staff are very enthusiastic about the software capabilities and can share lesson plans with their peers in the building or district-wide.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COACHES PRESENTATION

Directors Sheppard and Lumpe provided some history of the development of the professional development coaches. During the 2004-05 school year, multiple district groups independently recommended the implementation of a building-based coaching model. Using recent research on effective professional development, district needs assessment data, and feedback regarding the impact of the Title I Coaches assigned to five school buildings, the Staff Development Advisory Committee recommended that each building be staffed with a Professional Development Coach.

The role of the professional development coach includes:

- Facilitate building-level Professional Learning Communities focused on student learning
- Provide mentoring support for new teachers
- Co-teach and model instruction
- Facilitate training and coaching for building staff in language arts and mathematics
- Assist in the analysis of student performance data and data-driven decision making strategies to improve instruction
- Support the school improvement team in the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan
- Assist with the design and implementation of building level professional development activities in language arts and mathematics.

To date, the coaches have participated in their own training, facilitated and led LID day activities, participated in SIP activities, mentored new teachers and modeled instruction. Building and maintaining effective and positive relationships is critical for effective coaching.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND  
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons had the opportunity to attend the Dimmitt kick-off celebration on academic improvement. She indicated she will be busy with her fall site visits and Board members are welcome to join her.

Merrill attended a RTCC meeting. He also visited Benson Hill, Nelsen and the new middle school alternative

program, Renton Park at Honey Dew and the H.O.M.E. Program. He attended the Lindbergh open house.

Maxwell attended a PTA Council meeting and a Chamber Blue Ribbon Council meeting. She was in the audience at a presentation at the Chamber on taxing in Washington State. She enjoyed the Communities in Schools of Renton Founder's Day dinner and the City of Newcastle Diamond Awards. She also participated in a 3-day WSSDA Legislative Assembly.

Poff attended the CISR Founder's Day dinner.

Desmarais attended the Dimmitt kick-off celebration, the Lindbergh High open house and several Lindbergh parent meetings.

Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight and presented treats to the McKnight staff as part of his Appreciation Patrol. He was present at a RTCC meeting and Chamber Blue Ribbon Council. He also attended the Dimmitt kick-off celebration luncheon.

RECESS

At 8:45 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes for an executive session on personnel matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:25 p.m. Maxwell moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 12, 2005 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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