



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02 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 PRESENTATIONS Celeste Brady, Hazen High School Spanish teacher, shared the background of the sister city relationship between Renton and Cuautla, Mexico. As part of the education, economic, and professional exchange that accompanies a sister city relationship, a 12-member delegation from Renton visited Cuautla at the end of August 2005. Members of the delegation included the Mayor, members of the Renton-Cuautla Sister City Committee, business representatives, community volunteers and educators. All delegates were responsible for their own expenses and many stayed with residents of Cuautla. Delegations traveled to Cuautla in 2002 and 2005 and residents of Cuautla visited the City of Renton in 2003.

This Sister City partnership will enable citizens of both communities to gain a mutual awareness and appreciation of the cultural differences and allow citizens from each community to participate in the educational, economic and professional exchanges that accompany a Sister City relationship. Ms. Brady shared a slide show depicting the town of 3,000 and many of its residents. She encouraged involvement in pen pal activities, sharing curriculum and donating books to their new library.

Executive Director Matheson presented Board member Talley a framed copy of a recent newspaper article in which Mr. Talley was honored as Renton Citizen of the Year. Mr. Matheson praised Talley for his relentless efforts and services to the community and schools.

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Two Tiffany Park Elementary School teachers, Valerie Budinich and Sharon Taylor are presenting at the 44th Annual Northwest Mathematics Conference in Portland this week. Both teachers attended their first math conference last year as part of Tiffany Park's participation in the Math Helping Corps grant. The teachers returned from the conference and immediately began using the newly-learned ideas in their classroom. Now, they will share their own classroom experiences and ideas at the conference. Their presentation is designed for primary teachers, offering hands-on, practical ideas for teaching math fluency.
- Andrew Lumpe, a director in the district's curriculum department, recently had an article published in the book *Exemplary Science in Grades 5-8*. The book offers success stories in standards-based education. Andrew's chapter is titled Do you see what I see? The Relationship Between a Professional Development Model and Student Achievement. The book is published by the National Science Teachers Association.
- Pam Teal, a very involved parent and member of the district's Boundary Review and Citizens for Renton Schools committees, recently had a chance to sing the district's praises at 35,000 feet. While returning from New York, Pam struck up a conversation with a flight attendant. After a brief conversation, Pam learned that the flight attendant's daughter attended a Renton school and she was apprehensive about sending her child on to middle school. She also was curious about the new principal at the middle school. Pam eased her concerns and told the attendant that two of her own children had attended the middle school and gave the new principal “two big thumbs up.” Pam said being involved in schools helped her be prepared to talk about the good things happening in Renton Schools, even while 3,000 miles away.

- Students and staff throughout the district have raised more than \$10,000 for hurricane relief efforts.

More than fifty Hazen High School student volunteers and teacher Celeste Brady participated in "Racing to the Rescue," a fundraiser to assist members of the horse communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. The event took place at Emerald Downs and was part of a nationwide fundraising effort at major racecourses across the country. The Hazen group helped Emerald Downs raise \$5,500.

- Renton Rotary has selected the Teachers of the Month for October. The teachers selected are honored at a Rotary luncheon and presented \$100 to be used for supplies, classroom improvements or instructional materials. October's teachers of the month are:

Lawrence Mosko, science at Lindbergh High School. Lawrence earned his Bachelors degree in biology from Loyola University in Chicago. He began working in the Renton School District in 2002.

Rhonda Hebert, an occupational therapist at Hillcrest Special Services and Thomson Early Childhood Center. Rhonda earned her bachelors degree in classical studies from University of Washington and a bachelors degree in natural science from University of Puget Sound. She earned her masters degree in occupational therapy from University of Washington and began working in the Renton School District 2001.

Sharon Miller, first grade teacher at Sierra Heights Elementary School. Sharon earned her bachelors degree in early childhood education from Central Washington University. Sharon began working in the Renton School District in 2000.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-I

Approved

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

- A. Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of the September 28, 2005 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund

Nos. 203399-203420 inclusive - \$1,101,491.32

Nos. 203421-203456 inclusive - \$3,624,213.57

2. General Fund

Nos. 150235-150341 inclusive - \$175,737.56

Nos. 150342-150473 inclusive - \$168,839.96

Nos. 150474-150538 inclusive - \$330,948.92

Nos. 150539-150730 inclusive - \$164,804.03

Payroll Ending September 30, 2005 - \$7,328,307.68

Warrant Nos. 45999-46525 - \$2,005,123.98

Direct Deposits \$3,238,506.87

Unissued Warrants - \$2,084,676.83

3. Associated Student Body Fund

Nos. 425904-425927 inclusive - \$25,719.15

Nos. 425928-425949 inclusive - \$27,155.43

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. Jo-Dell Haag, Lisa Behmer and Celti Hanson-Benedict to the 2005 Teachers Teaching with Technology Regional Conference in Port Moody, British Columbia on October 20-21, 2005

2. Sheryl Dunton and Linda Butts to the MicroSociety Schools Research Forum on December 1-3, 2005 in Las Vegas, NV

3. Sheryl Dunton to MicroSociety Schools Principals' Retreat, December 4-5, 2005, Las Vegas, NV

E. Student Travel

1. Dimmitt Middle School Students to King County's South Wastewater Treatment Facility in Renton, WA on November 29 and December 2, 2005

F. Distribution of Funds from Renton Community Foundation/Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center Community Support Fund - \$26,095.60

G. Additions and Changes to Board Approved Instructional Field Trip List & Master List of Co-Curricular Activities for 2005/06

H. Change Orders

1. Change Order No. 2 Relating to Honeydew Structural Upgrade Project; Quinn Construction Co - \$29,026.77
2. Change Order No. 5 Relating to Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$18,448.32
3. Change Order No. 15 Relating to Hazelwood Elementary School; Berschauer Phillips Construction Co. - \$45,676.00
4. Change Order No. 8 Relating to Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures, Inc. - \$91,381.84

I. Donations

1. \$262.70 to Bryn Mawr Elementary from Washington Mutual for the ASB Fund
2. \$29.33 from Target "Take Charge of Education" to Bryn Mawr Elementary for the ASB Fund
3. \$2,000.00 to Bryn Sutton and Hazen High School from Scholarship America for Science Classes
4. \$22.50 from Washington Mutual Employee Giving Program – Alison J. Lee to Hazen High School Music Program
5. One Case Each of Crayola Crayons to Maplewood Heights from:
 - a. The Nipert Family
 - b. The Matthew Family
6. \$1,000.00 from Starbucks Coffee Company and University of Washington Athletics Department for the Partners in the Community Elementary School Reading Program Grant
7. \$10.00 from Jack & Leiana Smith to McKnight Middle School Clubs
8. \$50.00 from Micheal & Pam Teal to McKnight Middle School Afterschool Clubs
9. \$10.00 from James & Jo Ann Beaumont to McKnight Middle School Clubs

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence to be read or delegations from the floor.

REVISED SUPERINTENDENT
GOALS FOR 2005-06
COMPENSATION COMPONENT

Approved

By motion from Maxwell and second by Desmarais the *revised* Superintendent Goals for 2005-06 Compensation Component were approved. Vote 5-0. (A copy is attached as part of these minutes.)

DISTRICT K-12 PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND PEP GRANT
PRESENTATION

Lori Dunn, physical education resource teacher, presented the highlights of the Physical Education for Progress (PEP) Project Goals. She stated the goals of the grant are to increase student activity, meet state standards in Physical Education (known as Health/Fitness in Washington) and improve the PE program curriculum and teaching strategies. Students will learn to develop personalized fitness plans that will assist them throughout their lives. In 2004-05 the "Fitness for Life" program has identified physical education values and beliefs, written a PE philosophy and mission statement, prioritized program content and organized and selected content based on time and program goals. Goals for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include sequence content across the grade and within grade levels and design instruction unit plans. She stated the PE instructors have received heart rate monitors for each student and are learning to individualize each student's fitness plan. The PE teachers are enthusiastic about the in-depth possibilities available with the grant funds.

KINDERGARTEN READING
PROGRAM – 1st Reading

Approved

Director Sheppard stated early in the 2003-04 school year a large committee was assembled to begin the examination of the elementary reading program. The committee was composed of elementary teachers of various grade levels, librarians, psychologists and principals. In their research, the committee came to the understanding that, based on research, an effective elementary reading program should contain systematic instruction over the course of grades K-5 in five areas:

- Phonemic Awareness – the ability to recognize and manipulate speech sounds
- Phonics – decoding and encoding
- Fluency – reading with speed, accuracy and proper expression
- Vocabulary – word meanings
- Comprehension – understanding what is read

After various publishers made presentations to the committee, a decision was made to hold off on the recommendation of materials for the core instruction program until one publisher's new reading program was ready. The committee further recommended that the chance to "jump start" the process would include implementing the kindergarten program materials in the 05-06 school year and allow more students to read earlier. Upon approval by the Board, it is anticipated that the remainder of the elementary curriculum would be implemented in the 06-07 school year. By motion from Talley and second by Maxwell, the Board approved the Kindergarten Reading Program *Reading Street* by Scott Foresman for the first reading. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons shared correspondence she received from Nishiwaki that the Renton students had arrived safely and were enjoying their visit. She attended the Career and Life Skills "Kick-Off" meeting, the WASA Fall Conference and the WSAME (multicultural) Conference. She distributed materials for the Board to review on earlier Board action regarding boundary changes. More information has been received since spring and potential enrollment patterns appear to be shifting. She asked the Board to consider the consequences of implementing prior Board approved boundary changes and consider a possible delay. Three areas to consider include:

- Wait to change the Renton High School service area
- Postpone reopening Honeydew
- Postpone any decision on K-2, 3-5 partner schools

Dr. Gibbons suggested they think about the processes and possibly schedule a study session to review in detail.

Merrill joined the superintendent at Kennydale, Tiffany Park and Hazelwood site visits. He also attended an I-728 meeting.

Maxwell attended a WSSDA Legislative Committee meeting, a Chamber Legislative Committee meeting and a Kennydale Neighborhood Association gathering. She also was present at a Republican "listening tour."

President Poff went on site visits with Dr. Gibbons to Tiffany Park and Cascade. She did her weekly mentoring at Talbot Hill

and attended the Hazelwood Elementary open house. She was also present at an I-728 meeting.

Desmarais attended a Homeland Security Conference, did her weekly mentoring and was present at several Lindbergh High School parent meetings.

Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight, joined Dr. Gibbons on site visits to Dimmitt, Nelsen and McKnight. He had his "appreciation patrol" at Campbell Hill and was the grand marshal at the Hazen homecoming parade. He was present at a CISR Board meeting and a 100-year celebration of a former Renton School District teacher. He witnessed an incident at a recent football game and complimented district administration and security for acting professionally and promptly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:37 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 26, 2005 at the Black River High School.

Secretary	President