



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Kohlwes Education Center, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Joy Poff. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Poff called a recess for an executive session on legal matters for 30 minutes. The regular meeting of the Board will reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m. 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

OATH OF OFFICE

Dr. Gibbons administered the oath of office to Marcie Maxwell as the returning elected School Director for Position #5 and returning School Director for Position #2, Al Talley.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2006

Maxwell moved and Talley seconded the nomination of Lynn Desmarais as Board Vice President. By roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Merrill moved and Desmarais seconded the nomination of Al Talley as Board President. By roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

President Talley announced the following committee assignments for the year 2006:

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Director</u>
Budget and Audit	Maxwell/Merrill
Employee Relations & Awards	Poff/Desmarais
City of Renton Ethics	Poff
Construction Advisory	Merrill
Communities in Schools	Talley/Desmarais
Renton Tech. Coord. Council	Talley/Merrill
I-728 Ad Hoc Committee	Poff/Desmarais
Legislative Representative	Maxwell
Disciplinary Appeal Council	Poff/Desmarais/Merrill (Alternates: Maxwell/Talley)
WIAA Liaison	Desmarais

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Janet Regge, a professional development coach at Cascade Elementary School, recently obtained National Board Certification in Early Childhood Education. As part of the certification, Janet’s teaching skills were measured against high and rigorous standards including teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and analyses of her teaching and student learning. Janet also completed a series of written exercises that explored the depth of her subject-matter knowledge and her understanding of how to teach those subjects to students. As a National Board Certified teacher, Janet symbolizes professional teaching excellence.
- Hazen High School senior Anna Wolz won this year’s Follow-A- Leader essay contest sponsored by the Seattle Times, Macy’s and KING 5 television. The contest asked students to choose a community leader to shadow for a day and explain how education will help them achieve their future professional goals. Anna’s essay was selected from more than 800 essays and presented her eloquent reasoning on why she shadowed the CEO for YouthCare, an organization dedicated to bettering the lives of homeless youth. Anna’s prize was a \$1,000 savings bond, \$5,000 for Hazen and her essay and picture ran in the Dec. 8 edition of the Seattle Times. Hazen senior Michelle Vu was also selected as the one of the 21 winners in the essay contest.

- 30 Black River students and a Dimmitt Middle School eighth-grader were recently announced as winners of the Wells Fargo, Ready, Set, Goals essay contest. More than 1,700 essays were received. The theme of the contest was “getting along with others, developing study skills, and pursuing education.” Essays were judged based on strict grade-level appropriate writing standards. The winning students received tickets to a recent Seattle Seahawks football game.
- Connie Baker, librarian at Hazelwood Elementary School, working with PTSA parent Crissandra Fry, recently received an \$800 grant for Hazelwood's library from the City of Newcastle. The grant will be used for the "Pair-It" books program which provides students with high-interest, non-fiction books.
- Lindbergh High School recently hosted a family information night at a local apartment complex to create awareness about new statewide and district graduation requirements for the Class of 2008. The event was made possible by a \$1,000 grant from Partnership for Learning and the Association of Washington School Principals. The district's other high schools are being urged to apply for their own grant to host similar presentations.
- Kennydale Elementary School fifth-grader Nisha Sinthusan has been selected to participate in the 52nd annual All-State Honor Choir hosted by the Washington Music Educators Association. Nisha will sing soprano, joining 1,100 other students from across the state in the concert event.
- Students on Renton High School's Speech and Debate Team brought home seven more trophies from a recent tournament. Four of the awards were first place awards in the Duo Interpretation category. Teacher Rebecca Shepherd manages the team which has already won 26 trophies. Four students have qualified for state competition. At this point last year, no students had qualified for state.
- Dimmitt Middle School eighth-grader Kris Ringer is this year's winner of Dimmitt's 2nd annual Geography Bee. More than 30 students entered this year's competition which is managed by resource teacher Charles Ward. Kris will take a qualifying test to advance to the state level competition.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-O w/addendum
Approved

By motion from Merrill and second by Maxwell, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-O with addendum. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the November 16, 2005 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
 - Nos. 203541-203586 inclusive - \$792,370.18
 - Nos. 203587-203617 inclusive - \$2,814,258.91
2. General Fund
 - Nos. 151843-152073 inclusive - \$344,136.56
 - Nos. 152074-152341 inclusive - \$481,097.45
 - Nos. 152342-152377 inclusive - \$45,174.14
 - Nos. 152379-152680 inclusive - \$369,336.64
 - Payroll Ending November 30, 2005 - \$7,968,557.57
 - Nos. 47015-47505 inclusive - \$1,859,882.70
 - Direct Deposits - \$3,817,979.96
 - Unissued Warrants - \$2,290,694.91
3. Associated Student Body Fund
 - Nos. 426187-426235 inclusive - \$62,684.91
 - Nos. 426236-426263 inclusive - \$18,961.38
 - Nos. 426264-426315 inclusive - \$35,649.54
 - Nos. 426316-426354 inclusive - \$23,068.89

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. Lori Dunn, Joe Carchedi, and Mary Trettevik to AAHPERD National Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, April 25-29, 2006

E. Student Travel

1. Thomson Preschoolers to Costco Stores in Tukwila and Issaquah; January 10-11, 2006
2. Talbot Hill Elementary Fifth Graders to "If I Had a Hammer" at Wood Construction Center at Seattle Central Community College on February 17, 2006

3. Third Grade Lakeridge Elementary Students to Tacoma Museum of Glass on February 9, 2006

F. Contracts and Agreements

1. 2005-2006 Categorical Program Grant Applications: Highly Capable and IDEiA (Individual with Disabilities Education Improved Act of 2004)
2. 2005-2006 Agreement between Puget Sound ESD Head Start Program and Renton School District
3. Agreement with Renton Professional Technical Association for 2005-2006
4. Extension of Contract with Strategic Listening to August 31, 2008 (**addendum**)

G. Resolution 03-05/06 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants

H. Approval of Annual Affirmative Action Report

I. Award of Bid for Kennydale Elementary Furnishings

J. Award of Bid for Renton Park Elementary Furnishings

K. Approval of Easement at Renton Park Elementary with Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

L. Approval of Easement and Bill of Sale Requests for Hazelwood Elementary with Coal Creek Utility District

M. Acceptance of Completed Contract to Auburn Mechanical, Inc. for Lindbergh High School Domestic Water Pipe Upgrades

N. Change Orders

1. Change Order No. 10 Relating to the Benson Hill Elementary School Replacement Project; Berschauer Phillips - \$41,625.00
2. Change Order Nos. 12, 13 and 14 Relating to the Hazen High School Phase 3.B Renovation Project; Commercial Structures, Inc. - \$159,177.90
3. Change Order No. 4 Relating to the HoneyDew Structural Upgrade Project; Quinn Construction Co. - \$59,187.36
4. Change Order No. 7 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Commons Addition; CDK Construction Services - \$39,749.94

5. Change Order No. 1 Relating to the Renton Park Elementary School Replacement Project; John Korsmo Construction - \$52,544.00

O. Donations

1. Set of American Heritage History Books for H.O.M.E. Program Library (estimated value \$50.00)
2. \$22.50 from Washington Mutual Matching Gift Program (parent Allison Lee) to Hazen High School Music Program
3. \$900.00 from the Renton Park Elementary PTA to Renton Park Elementary Library
4. \$3,000.00 from City of Renton to McKnight Middle School: \$2,000.00 to Powerful to Be Me and Beautiful to Be Me and \$1,000.00 for the Reading Club
5. \$49.98 from Robert Burnett (matched by Microsoft Giving Campaign) to McKnight Middle School Drama and \$150.00 from Eric Charbonneau (matched by Microsoft Giving Campaign) to McKnight Middle School General Fund
6. \$3,000.00 from British Dance Academy to Thomson Early Childhood Center
7. \$150.00 from Greater Renton Kiwanis and \$50.00 from Anna Fern for Turkey Basket Donations at Hazen High School
8. \$150.00 from Eric Charbonneau and \$100.00 from Kimberly McCallum (both matched by Microsoft Giving Campaign) to Hazelwood Elementary Staff Development
9. \$1,000.00 from Hazen High School PTA to Hazen High School Science Department
10. \$100.00 from Marcie Maxwell and \$50.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Edlund for the Hazen DECA Program
11. \$446.00 from McDonald's for the Bryn Mawr Elementary McTeacher Night Event
12. \$1,000.00 from Barbara Smith and Mark Oberle (with a matching gift from Amsted Industries) to Lakeridge Elementary
13. \$283.16 from Target "Take Charge of Education" to McKnight Middle School
14. Assorted Musical Instruments from Rosario Parker (valued at \$3,465.00) to the Sierra Heights Music Program (**addendum**)

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

A Hazen High School parent expressed concern that teachers were supplementing their classroom supplies with personal funds. She stated teachers rely heavily on grants to purchase items needed for classroom instruction. There was discussion about district-wide budget cuts and the necessity for lab fees. Dr. Fantasia has met with concerned parents and will continue to pursue further options to assist teachers.

Mr. Vinson Latimore of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship stated the church has a congregation of over 700 and meets twice every Sunday at Renton High School's IKEA Performing Arts Center. The Fellowship wants to build a strong relationship with the school district and share a commitment to students. Dr. Gibbons has met with staff from the church and thanked them for their support of education.

A Nutrition Services staff member questioned if there is a policy regarding serving food to students that may cause an allergic effect. Dr. Gibbons stated the district tries to protect individual students with known health issues and the specific schools involved make a conscientious effort to accommodate these students.

GEAR-UP PROGRAM
PRESENTATION

Career and Life Skills Director Leviton gave a brief update on the GearUp project. He is excited to report that the project has come to conclusion with many positive experiences for students, staff and families throughout the Renton community. He thanked Barb Fujita, GearUp coordinator, for her hard work and commitment during this project.

Mr. Leviton stated the GearUp solution was to provide support services to low income students and families in the 6th and 7th grade which included:

- Academic Enhancement
- Attendance
- Educational Planning
- Family Readiness

Objectives included staff development in curriculum and instruction strategies for teachers and increase opportunities for students to be engaged in rigorous coursework. Improving parent's knowledge of and comfort with preparing their children for college – academically and financially – was an

important factor. Mr. Leviton said the increased post-secondary education enrollment rates for the students involved were dramatic. Improved collaboration and the strengthening of community partnerships increased opportunities for college enrollment for all students.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Director Helt presented an update on the assessment practices within the district.

- Grades 4 and 7 continue tests in Reading, Writing, Math and Science
- Grade 10 continues test in Reading, Writing, Math (new meeting standard is a graduation requirement) and Science
- Grades 5 and 8 continue Science Tests in addition to the adding Reading and Mathematics Tests
- Reading and Mathematics assessments at Grades 3-8 and 10 (Federal requirement for 2006)
 - New testing areas this year for grades 3, 5, 6 and 8

The district continues to monitor progress in grades K-5 for pre-reading and early reading skills using Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), one of the state approved assessments for the development of pre-reading and early reading skills. Over 6,000 students are currently being monitored.

Mr. Helt stated preparation for the 2006 WASL is in progress. Letters to parents of students in grades 9, 11 and 12 about options for taking the spring WASL are going out in December. In January, on-line pre-registration is available and workshops will be held for training test proctors.

The number of students taking WASL tests has increased from just over 3,000 in 2003 to over 7,000 in 2006. The district is looking at what can be done to be ahead of the game and best serve our students aside from the mandated requirements. It will be important to lobby legislators to increase funding to supplement these new mandates.

STUDENT LEARNING PLANS PRESENTATION

Director Sheppard stated the Certificate of Academic Achievement Student Learning Plan was part of House Bill 2195 and designed by legislators to help assure continued progress in academic achievement and to assure that all students are on track for high school graduation. Each school district in the State of Washington shall provide a plan for

each student (or a group of students with similar academic needs) that is not successful on any or all of the content areas of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

Students who did not meet one or more standards of the 4th, 7th, and 10th grade WASL are required to have a plan. The plan must include actions/interventions to help students improve skills and knowledge, parent strategies and annual review with parents. Yearly updates of individual plans are required until the student meets standard in all required subjects. Large group, small group and individual interventions are a major component of the student learning plans. There is software available that assists in physically producing the plans and tracks the yearly test results.

RESOLUTION 04-05/06
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
AGREEMENT

Approved - **addendum**

Business Manager Tracy Steffenson explained the intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement between the Renton School District and the Everett School District allows each participating district to purchase directly from a third party vendor while satisfying quote and bid requirements established by Washington State Laws.

There is an identified need to install a point of sale system throughout the district not only to improve internal controls with cash handling, but to consolidate business practices with technology. She stated district bookkeepers write approximately 90,000 receipts annually.

The selected vendor is HD Baker Point of Sale Systems. It will cost between \$50,000-\$60,000 for complete installation in three high schools, three middle schools and the district Business Office. The target date to be completely installed and operational is February 15, 2006.

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Superintendent Gibbons is continuing to work with City of Renton and Metro Transit representatives regarding the Transit Center in downtown Renton. Metro has agreed to consider changing some bus schedules.

Dr. Gibbons thanked out-going President Poff for her commitment to the district during her term as president. She congratulated Maxwell and Talley on their new terms and welcomed them to another tour of duty.

Poff stated it was a pleasure to serve as Board president. She thanked everyone for their well wishes regarding her recent foot surgery. She attended the annual Rotary "crab feed," and the WSSDA Conference.

Merrill was present at a Construction Advisory Committee meeting.

Desmarais attended a Lindbergh High School parent/teacher conference, several Lindbergh High School parent meetings and gymnastic meets. She was present at a Budget Advisory Committee meeting and the WSSDA Conference. She also did her weekly mentoring.

Maxwell attended Governmental Affairs of King County Association of Realtors, Blue Ribbon Council, Diversity Advisory Committee, PTA Council and Budget Advisory Committee meetings. She was at the WSSDA Conference and the Chamber of Commerce auction event. On Thanksgiving she assisted Rotary members serving dinner to senior citizens and interviewed students for the Rotary Student of the Month.

Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight and enjoyed the Chamber auction. He was present at Blue Ribbon and Ad Hoc Committee on Human Services Funding Criteria meetings. He also attended a Communities in Schools of Renton Diversity meeting. He enjoyed the musical programs at Nelsen and Maplewood Heights and the annual Rotary crab feed. He attended the WSSDA Conference and was a representative at the City of Renton Park Board meeting for the possible naming of a new east Renton park to "Bev Barfield Park." He observed teachers at McKnight, Nelsen, Lindbergh and Renton using the new Basmati program.

Mr. Talley regretfully read a letter of resignation from Superintendent Gibbons effective the end of her contract on June 30, 2006. She will work with the Board and Executive Committee for a smooth transition with the new superintendent. Her resignation will be an action item at the January 11, 2006 Board meeting.

RECESS

At 8:55 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes for personnel matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:41 p.m. Poff moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn the executive session and regular meeting of the Board. Vote 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 11, 2006 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary	President
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