

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SPECIAL MEETING Public Hearing on Proposed Use of I-728 Funds For 2006-2007

Wednesday, April 26, 2006  
Kohlwes Education Center – 6:00 p.m.

The special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 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  
David Merrill, Excused  
Joy Poff

Dr. Dolores J. Gibbons, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board

#### PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED USE OF I-728 FUNDS FOR 2006-2007

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Kathryn Fantasia, reviewed the allowable uses of I-728 funds:

- Reduce class size in grades K-4
- Make selected class size reductions in grades 5-12
- Provide extended learning for students in K-12
- Provide additional professional development for educators
- Provide early assistance for children who need pre-kindergarten support
- Provide improvements or additions to school facilities which are directly related to class size reductions and extended learning opportunities

Dr. Fantasia explained the intensive committee process that involved representation from board members, community, administrators, staff, teachers and associations. The committee developed the 2004-05 final report and developed recommendations for the 2006-07 expenditure plan. This year the committee had a “brainstorming” session where ideas for use the I-728 funds were generated. The resulting list was then reviewed and by the Department of Instruction Directors, the Executive Committee and on separate occasions, by the I-728 committee.

The I-728 Committee recommendations include:

1. Roll-over of current staff on I-728 (\$2,666,508)
2. New Class size reduction (\$894,010)
3. Professional Development Coaches (\$279,378)
4. Read Right (\$150,000)
5. MAPS Assessment (\$125,000)
6. Instructional Materials (\$157,388)
7. Site Plans (\$80,000)
8. Summer School, Extended Learning, Student Learning Plans (\$266,258)
9. Staff Development K-12 (\$60,457)
10. Library Materials (\$37,000)

Dr. Fantasia stated a plan for the use of Professional Development Coaches as part of the Renton School District educational reform efforts has been an on-going discussion since the spring 2005. The proposal for expanding Professional Development Coaches is reflected in the District Improvement Plan submitted to OSPI. She explained the complexities of I-728 funding requirements.

Renton School District has used a significant amount of the I-728 funds for class size reduction. Comparisons to the State show that Renton is above the State average use.

#### BOARD QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

Board members discussed teachers’ utilization of professional development opportunities and

the advantage of Professional Development Coaches to do “demonstration presentations” to teachers in the classrooms.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/  
COMMENTS

REA President Phyllis Silling applauded the efforts of the Professional Development Coaches in the district this year. She shared concerns, however, of increasing Professional Development Coaches in lieu of spending those monies on reduced class size. She is concerned about incorporating additional training into “teaching” time and the future of the Professional Development Coaches.

Uniserv Representative Penny Pfeister complimented the district on their strong teaching staff. She stated a recent REA survey indicated teachers felt there needed to be more help in class size. Two teachers shared their support for more reduced class size.

(A complete copy of the I-728 presentation is attached to the original minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Desmarais moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn the public hearing. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Secretary

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President

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