

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 28, 2004  
Hazelwood Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Marcie Maxwell. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Maxwell 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:                    Marcie Maxwell, President  
   Joy Poff, Vice President  
   Lynn Desmarais  
   David Merrill  
   Al Talley

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS            Dr. Gibbons read a letter from The Boeing Company awarding the application request from Renton School District for a Science Flight to the Future grant. Dianne Coile, Curriculum Director, stated the grant was for \$25,000 for support of the Inquiry/Systems & Design program. The application was prepared by Ms. Coile and science resource teachers, Jerry Kent and Susanna Epler. The funds will be used for staff development for science teachers to assist with improving science WASL scores.

Principal Mary Ford welcomed the Board and audience to Hazelwood. Grade level student performances entertained the group with their songs and artwork. Fifth graders produced a Power Point presentation thanking the School Board for all that they do for Renton students and the community.

RECESS                                    At 7:30 p.m. a 10-minute recess was called to allow parents, students and staff to visit and enjoy refreshments.

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS                    President Maxwell and Board members read the following “good news” announcements:

- A Hazen senior has been selected as a candidate for the US Presidential Scholars Program by the US Department of Education. The award honors some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. She was chosen based on her accomplishments in many areas including academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community. A letter sent to the student from the Department of Education connotes her "excellence in education" and her "promise of greatness as an American youth." Scholars selected for the award are invited to Washington DC in June to participate in National Recognition Week. Only 141 seniors nationwide are selected for the prestigious award.
- A Lindbergh High School sophomore has won 1st place in the regional Skills USA competition in Computer Maintenance Technology. He is a member of the Networking Technology program at Sartori. He will compete at the state competition in April to try for a chance to go to National competition. A Hazen student won second place and will also compete at the state level.
- Teachers and staff at the Hillcrest Special Service Preschool program offered parents of their 65 children a chance for a free night out. Each year Hillcrest staff give parents of special needs preschool children a chance to take a small break from the physical and emotional challenges of raising children with developmental and physical disabilities.
- Dimmitt Middle School staff members Nicole Wehrli, Ginny Fulmer and Mel Cooley, along with 20 Dimmitt students, recently participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the University of Washington. The event promoted self-esteem, cultural awareness, as well as educating students on the importance of attending college and making good choices while in high school. Students attending the event were motivated to begin thinking critically about their education and their future. Students were also encouraged to write an essay about why they feel it is important to celebrate the life of Dr. King. Dimmitt students Amanda Simington

and Inger Norfolk won the essay contest and were awarded a \$100 gift certificate to the UW bookstore.

- Talbot Hill Elementary School's MicroSociety program has a new sub-group known as Community Helpers. Under the direction of Bev Stinde and Margie Zeigle, students in the program are learning about the rewards of volunteering. Recently the students collected a truckload of clothing for the Renton Clothes Bank. The group also collected about \$148 in pennies for the Clothes Bank shoe fund.
- The district's GEAR UP program, under the direction of Barbara Fujita, was approved to receive funding for another year. Congress has approved a final year of funding for the program.
- The Renton Retired School Employees Association has awarded 14 mini-grants to area teachers. Teachers often spend their own money on materials to enrich the curriculum in their classroom. These mini-grants are designed to help teachers with that cost. Members of the Renton Retired School Employees Association remember their own years working in the schools and raised the money by holding luncheons, silent auctions, and donations. The group's members are from all levels of school employees.

Fourteen teachers at seven different schools each received a \$50 grant

- Students from each district high school recently competed in the local level of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition. DECA programs are organized to improve student educational and career opportunities in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. DECA competition winners can also tap into \$250,000 of awards and scholarships from major U.S. corporations.

Twenty Renton High School students participated in the competition, about 40 Hazen students participated and more than 20 Lindbergh participated. Many of those students will continue to the state competition.

Washington's DECA programs currently have over 10,400 members in 144 chapters across Washington, the third largest state association in the nation.

APPRECIATION FOR  
SCHOOL BOARD  
RECOGNITION MONTH

Superintendent Gibbons shared with the Board cards of appreciation that were made by several elementary school students. In the cards students and staff expressed their appreciation of the Renton School Board members for all that they do for the schools.

Linda Pappas-Stallman and Terri Zurra, co-presidents of Renton Education Support Personnel, presented each of the Board members with a small token of their appreciation and a plaque denoting their thanks for all of their support.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-H  

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Approved

By motion of Poff and second by Talley, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-H, as presented. Unanimous vote.

- A. Minutes
  - 1. Minutes of the January 14, 2004 Regular Meeting
  
- B. Warrants
  - 1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 201913-201928 inclusive - \$172,908.78
  - 2. General Fund  
Nos. 132954-133087 inclusive - \$261,165.11  
Nos. 133088-133311 inclusive - \$484,234.09
  - 3. Associated Student Body Fund  
Nos. 422508-422536 inclusive - \$8,205.52  
Nos. 422538-422586 inclusive - \$33,579.64
  - 4. Trust  
Electronic transfer for Trust Flex - \$8,981.90  
Electronic transfer for Hazen Script - \$389.51
  
- C. Personnel Exhibits as presented, a copy of which is attached as a part of these minutes.
  
- D. Staff Travel
  - 1. Rick Stubrud to ASCD National Conference in New Orleans, LA

2. Tim Casey, Lauri DeWitt, Nanci Davis, Janet Fawcett, Wanda Williams-Brown, Sabrina Richardson and Alisa Vinson to Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Training (SIOP) in Pleasanton, CA

E. Contracts and Agreements

1. 5-year Contract with SBC (Southwestern Bell Corporation) for Dial Tone Services
2. Contract for Educational Services with King County Work Training (YouthSource) for the 2003-2004 School Year
3. Agreement with University of Washington for BEACONS Outreach Three-Year Project with Benson Hill, Bryn Mawr and Sierra Heights Elementaries

- F. Snow Make-Up Days Designated as May 28, 2004 and June 21, 2004

- G. Change Order No. 10 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Modernization Project; G. C. Finn Construction - \$79,374.00

H. Acceptance of Donations

1. \$100.00 from the Boeing Gift Matching Program to Hazen High School for the Girls Basketball Program
2. \$1,000.00 from the Boeing Gift Matching Program to Hazen High School for the Hazen Library
3. \$872.69 to the Talbot Hill Library from the Talbot Hill PTA

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

A Maplewood Heights parent, clarified comments that were reportedly made by her and mentioned in correspondence from Superintendent Gibbons. She stated she feels she is being retaliated against because she requested a 504 meeting at her son's school. Ms. Koenig indicated tension with the staff is difficult for her son.

A Maplewood Heights parent expressed his displeasure and disappointment that the Renton School District administrative team did not decide to make changes to Procedure 4200 regarding parent classroom visitations. He will be requesting various

documents. He hand delivered a request for public records to the Superintendent.

## INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons gave the Board an update on the absentee ballot count for the February 3, 2004 Maintenance and Operations levy.

The superintendent shared information she received at the recent 11<sup>th</sup> Annual OSPI Conference in Spokane. She indicated key decisions will be coming from the state in response to the difficulty school districts across the state are having being compliant with the new No Child Left Behind Act.

Poff also attended the OSPI Conference and praised the principal workshops. She felt it was an especially good conference. She attended the Renton Community Foundation's Circle of Giving awards ceremony and a Renton Community Foundation Board meeting.

Merrill attended Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations at Nelsen and Highlands and commented how wonderful they were. He attended a Renton PTA Council meeting, and a Lindbergh PTA meeting. He enjoyed judging a science fair at the H.O.M.E. Program.

Dr. Gibbons attended a press conference for all the superintendents in Pierce and King counties where they all signed a statement calling for funding from the state for basic education. She said the two most underfunded programs are transportation and special education.

Talley attended Martin Luther King, Jr. performances at Dimmitt and Cascade. He also mentored at Kennydale and McKnight.

Desmarais was present at a Budget Advisory Committee meeting. She also mentored at Nelsen and attended the MLK assembly at Nelsen.

President Maxwell attended a Kennydale Neighborhood Association meeting and a joint meeting of the Renton Chamber of Commerce and Renton City Council. She was also at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting and the Renton PTA Council

meeting. She participated in the Rotary Youth of the Month interviews and helped host the Circle of Giving awards. She has been actively working with our local legislators letting them know the concerns of educators.

RECESS

At 8:40 p.m. a recess was called for 20 minutes for an executive session on legal and property matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:56 p.m. Poff moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the executive session and the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 11, 2004 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary

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President

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