

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 12, 2004  
Kohlwes Education Center, 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 PROCLAMATION            President Maxwell read a proclamation for National  
School Nurse Day, May 12, 2004.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS           Executive Director Randy Matheson introduced CEO  
of King and Kitsap Counties American Red Cross, Jim  
Hamilton, who presented an award to Renton School  
District nurse Kathy Mahowald. Kathy's fast thinking  
orchestrated several McKnight Middle School staff  
members to perform CPR and initiate the use of a  
defibrillator to save fellow staff member Wendy  
Aguilar's life. Mr. Hamilton stated the American Red  
Cross and Renton School District have been in  
partnership since 1990 and Renton is the most  
successful district in the country regarding staff and  
student training.

Ms. Aguilar gave an emotional thank you to her  
friends and fellow staff members who worked as a  
team to save her life.

Jennifer Volpe of the American Heart Association  
presented Ms. Mahowald with a "Heart Saver Award."

RENTON HIGH  
SENIORS 2003-2004

Renton High School principal Kathryn Hutchinson presented 12 outstanding seniors for the class of 2003-2004.

The students introduced their parent(s) and one of the most influential teachers in their lives. The Board congratulated the seniors and wished them success in their future endeavors.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Six Lindbergh High School seniors will receive scholarships from the Lindbergh Memorial Scholarship Committee.

The Safeway Corporation recently conducted a Charity of Choice coin drive in cooperation with Dollars for Scholars, netting about \$32,000 statewide. The LHS scholarship committee has been awarded \$1,200 from that amount to be used for scholarships for this year’s graduating seniors.

- Two Renton students, one from Hazen High School and the second from Renton High School have won a scholarship from the Washington State Workforce Training Board. The scholarship was created by the Washington state legislature to annually recognize and reward students who excel in vocational-technical education. The students will receive two-year grants to pay tuition at a state public or private college.
- Nelsen Middle School students, under the direction of math teacher Bert Wheatley, recently placed first in the eighth-grade portion of the Washington Mathematics League contest. The Nelsen team also placed third overall out of the 18 teams participating. Students answered 40 multiple choice questions including orders of operations, applied story problems, and logic.

- Anita Bieker, a Japanese language teacher at Lindbergh High School has been selected to participate in a summer program sponsored by the Japanese Foundation. Anita will join 20 of her peers in a four-week program designed to enhance language instruction. The group will spend the first week in Los Angeles and the remaining three weeks in Japan.
- A Hazen senior recently placed second in the clarinet category of the W.I.A.A. State Solo contest. She qualified for this event by winning the regional contest in February. At the state level, the 22 best musicians on each instrument compete against each other before a panel of judges. Two other regional contest winners from Hazen received all "Superior" ratings for their performances.
- A Lindbergh High senior has been awarded a \$2,000 Best Buy Children's Foundation scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to students who volunteer time to their communities, excel in academics, participate in extra-curricular activities, and are entering or attending an accredited U.S. university, college or technical school.
- Tiffany Park Elementary students personally donated more than 3,600 used books for the school's summer reading program. Shari Mann, second-grade teacher at Tiffany Park, will read to students and provide a fun literacy-based activity every Wednesday at lunchtime during the summer program. The book drive was held to create a collection of books that adults and children could borrow and take home to read. The response to the drive was overwhelming. The expectation was to collect only 500 to 1,000 books.
- Lindbergh High School students recently sponsored a "Wellness Week" for the student body. During both lunches, students manned an information booth outside the cafeteria with different topics each day. Topics presented included Depression/Stress, Partying, Raving and Club Drugs, Eating Disorders, and Teen Pregnancy. These topics have been

researching and preparing their topics since February.

- Renton Rotary has selected the Teachers of the Month. The recipients are:

**Mary Nassif**, a psychologist at Hillcrest Special Services Center and Hazelwood Elementary School. Mary earned her Bachelors degree in Psychology at Southern Methodist University and her Masters degree in Special Education at University of Iowa. She has worked in the Renton School District since 1986.

**Diane Rademacher** teaches eighth-grade math at Nelsen Middle School. Diane earned her Bachelor degree in Economics at Western Washington University and her Masters degree in Teaching at City University. She has worked in the Renton School District since 2000.

**Carvil "Dutch" Day** teaches Language Arts and Social Studies at Renton High School. Dutch earned his Bachelors degree at Western Washington University. He has worked in the Renton School District since 1987.

**Tammy Lee Rayburn** teaches third grade at Talbot Hill Elementary School. Tammy earned her Bachelors degree at the University of Arizona and her Masters degree at City University. Tammy began teaching in the Renton School District in 2000.

#### "BUSINESS COMMITTED TO KIDS" AWARD

Director Jay Leviton presented community leader King Parker the Communities in Schools of Renton "Business Committed to Kids" award. He praised King & Bunny's Appliances for their continuous support of students and schools in Renton.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR  
INTRODUCTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Kay Hermann introduced the District's three new elementary principals: Mona Boyer, Highlands Elementary; Vickie Damon, Kennydale Elementary; and Shannon Harvey at Cascade Elementary. Ms. Hermann gave a brief scenario of each of the principals' professional background.

RECESS

At 8:17 p.m. a recess was called for 15 minutes to congratulate the Renton High seniors and their parents and to enjoy refreshments. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-L w/deletion  
Approved

By motion of Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-L, with deletion. The deletion was Hazen High students going to Leavonworth, WA. Unanimous vote.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the April 28, 2004 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the April 28, 2004 Public Hearing

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 202130-202173 inclusive - \$1,529,806.10
2. General Fund  
Nos. 135935-136127 inclusive - \$337,351.41  
Nos. 136130-136362 inclusive - \$134,794.46  
Payroll April 30, 2004 - \$6,626,286.08  
Nos. 443145-443620 inclusive - \$1,669,413.39  
Direct Deposits - \$3,161,009.45  
Unissued Warrants - \$1,795,863.24
3. Associated Student Body Fund  
Nos. 423156-423174 inclusive - \$12,198.75  
Nos. 423175-423223 inclusive - \$39,039.89

C. Personnel Exhibits as presented, a copy of which is attached as a part of these minutes.

D. Staff/Student Travel

1. Lindbergh High School German Students to Leavonworth, WA

2. Black River Horticulture Students to Kalaloch, WA
- E. Contracts and Agreements
  1. Overlake Hospital Medical Center Specialty School Contract for Educational Services for Remainder of 2004
  2. Northwest Regional Data Center/WSIPC Fee Increase for 2004-2005
- F. Appointment of Construction Advisory Committee Member
- G. Permission to Bid Bread and Baked Goods
- H. Permission to Bid Gas and Diesel Fuel
- I. Resolution 18-03/04 Acceptance of Bid for Hazelwood Elementary Replacement to Berschauer Phillips Construction - \$13,377,178.69
- J. Approval of the Schematic Design for the Hazen High School Phase 3B
- K. Change Order No. 14 Relating to the Lindbergh High School Modernization Project; G. C. Finn Construction - \$1,076.00
- L. Acceptance of Donations
  1. \$100.00 from Brooks Sports, Inc. for Renton Invitational Track Meet
  2. Educator Laminator (Valued at 1,026.50) to Hazelwood Elementary from the Hazelwood Elementary PTA
  3. Large Quantity of Binders to Maplewood Heights Elementary School from the Patterson Family
  4. \$300.00 from Beads and Beyond to the Hazen High School Goals Program
  5. \$5,000.00 from the Hazelwood PTSA to the Hazelwood Reading Express Program
  6. Donations from Renton Rotary Club:
    - a. \$2,000.00 to support scholarships at Black River High School

- b. \$2,000.00 to support scholarships at Sartori Education Center
  - c. \$1,200.00 to support student participation at Business Week
  - d. \$2,000.00 to support post-elementary school to career activities
7. Computer and Related Peripherals (Valued at \$1,500.00) to the Networking Technology Program at Sartori Education Center from Margie Rosbach
8. Two Computers and Related Peripherals from Sherman Stapleton to the Networking Technology Program Located at Sartori Education Center

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence or delegations from the floor.

CURRICULA ADOPTION  
FOR CAREER AND  
LIFE SKILLS  
Approved – Final Reading

By motion of Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the following curricula for the final reading.

- Career Choices 1, 2
- Traffic Safety
- Cosmetology/Esthetician/Manicurist
- Leadership in Family & Employment (L.I.F.E. 101)

CURRICULA ADOPTION  
FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WORLD  
GEOGRAPHY & CULTURES  
Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Desmarais and second by Merrill, the Board of Directors unanimously approved curricula adoption for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade World Geography & Cultures for the final reading.

UPDATE ON FACILITIES  
PLANNING

Dr. Gibbons stated there have been over 20 different focus group meetings with staff and community. The input received is prioritized by order of comment and will be shared with the executive team and consultants. The professional enhancements groups will meet with the executive team on May 25.

PRESENTATION ON

BLACKBOARD.COM

Director Dianna Coile and technology resource teacher Lew Jones gave the Board a brief overview of the capabilities of the Blackboard.com software. Teachers may use the program in a variety of ways to assist in communicating with students and parents. There is access to curriculum courses and professional development opportunities, as well as the capability to conduct survey/assessments with students and parents. Eventually it is hoped to be able to integrate grading software with the Blackboard.com product.

Director Coile indicated of the 300 that have attended training, so far only about 10% are taking advantage of the software. The new and faster technology equipment purchased with the bond funds should make it easier for teachers to take advantage of the program in the fall.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND  
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons attended a Technology Alliance luncheon sponsored by the City of Renton Marketing Group and a Salvation Army Soup Kitchen luncheon.

Merrill was at the Ahead of the Class awards (along with all fellow Board members and the Superintendent) and the Communities in Schools of Renton banquet. He also attended one of the facilities focus group meetings.

Poff was at the CISR banquet and the Highlands Elementary dedication.

Maxwell was also present at the Highlands dedication and the CISR banquet. She attended the City of Renton Volunteer banquet and a Renton Community Foundation fundholder's meeting. She participated in a Eastside Legislative Directors meeting and distributed materials she received for Board members to review regarding Board support for legislative proposals and initiatives.

Desmarais attended the Lingbergh/Nelsen grades 6-12 orchestra festival and assisted in the party patrol for some 20-year district employees. She was present at a Lindbergh High School PTA meeting, the All-City Track meet, the Salvation Army luncheon and a Gifted Advisory Committee meeting. She went to her weekly mentoring and participated in one of the focus groups.

Talley did his weekly mentoring at Kennydale and McKnight and attended the CISR banquet. He enjoyed the Highlands dedication and was present at a CISR board meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:21 p.m. Desmarais moved and Poff seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 26, 2004 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary

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President