

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 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

INTRODUCTION

President Maxwell introduced 41st Legislative District representative Judy Clibborn and welcomed her to the Board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lindbergh High School principal Tres Genger presented the 12 outstanding seniors for the class of 2003-2004. The students introduced their parent(s) and their most inspirational teacher. The Board congratulated the seniors and wished them success in their future endeavors. Mr. Genger stated the schools and community were the beneficiaries of the work of these excellent scholars and role models.

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Seven district bus drivers, under the coaching of Duane Carpenter, recently performed well at the regional School Bus Safety Competition, also known as the school bus ROAD-E-O. Forty-nine drivers from ten districts competed for top honors. Renton received the second-place team award. Also winning individual awards were:

- Mary Morgan earned the 3rd place rookie award.
- Janine Hendrickson earned third place over all and will represent the district and the ESD at the state competition in June in Pasco.
- Sharon Kullberg, Benson Hill Elementary School physical education teacher, is asking district staff who eat one of the new Go Active adult Happy Meals at McDonalds to donate the “toy” that comes with the meal for a student exercise program. The toy is really a pedometer/step counter, a device that counts the number of steps the wearer takes throughout the day. Sharon’s health, nutrition, and education program will have students using math skills to calculate how far they walk during the school day and, correspondingly, how much fat they burn by using walking in their daily exercise program.
- A Dimmitt Middle School seventh-grader recently received an award from the University Bookstore’s Annual Bookmark Art Contest. She was one of the 18 winners chosen from over a thousand entries. Her now famous bookmark will be passed out all year long at the University Bookstore in the U District.
- About 30 students in Dimmitt Middle School’s drama department recently performed “Friday Night Fever” to a packed house. The song and dance presentation was directed by Dimmitt drama teacher John Helgeson.
- Members of the Renton Education Support Personnel (RESP) union have awarded eight scholarship recipients for this year. Each recipient was recently honored at a reception held at McGowan's restaurant. The beneficiaries will receive \$1,000 towards their continuing education.

RECESS

At 7:47 p.m. a recess was called for 15 minutes to congratulate the Lindbergh High seniors and their parents. The meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-L

By motion of Poff and second by Desmarais, the

Approved

Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-L.
Unanimous vote.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the May 12, 2004 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the May 12, 2004 Public Hearing

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
Nos. 202174-202203 inclusive - \$408,524.93
2. Transportation Vehicle Fund
Nos. 920010-920010 inclusive - \$155,135.84
3. General Fund
Nos. 136363-136526 inclusive - \$296,574.24
Nos. 136527-136715 inclusive - \$381,795.59
4. Associated Student Body Fund
Nos. 423224-423266 inclusive - \$15,307.01
Nos. 423268-423330 inclusive - \$65,848.21
5. Private Purpose Trust
Nos. 700221-700227 inclusive - \$400.00
6. Trust
Electronic transfer for Hazen Script - \$2,300.53

C. Personnel Exhibits (a copy of which is attached as part
of these minutes)

D. Staff Travel

1. Angela Kurlle to Stanford University for AP
Statistics Training
2. Jo-Dell Haag to AP Statistics Training in Honolulu,
Hawaii

E. Staff/Student Travel

1. Jane Sawyer and Two Students to Yearbook Camp
at Western Washington University

F. Contracts and Agreements

1. Designated Fund Agreement between Renton
School District/Renton IKEA Performing Arts
Center and the Renton Community Foundation
2. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Newcastle and
Renton School District Regarding Future Mitigation
3. Agreement with Bob Moawad as Keynote Speaker
at Administrative Retreat on August 20, 2004
4. King County Pool Use Agreement with Renton
School District for 2004-2005

- G. Permission for Hazen and Lindbergh Girls Fast Pitch Teams to Participate on Sunday, May 30, in the Event of Rain
- H. Approval of Work Site Learning Sites
- I. Resolution #20-03/04 Intent to Construct Project – Hazelwood Elementary
- J. Resolution 21-03/04 Acceptance of Bid for Benson Hill Elementary Replacement to Berschauer Phillips Construction - \$12,254, 019.97
- K. Contract Award to Berschauer Phillips Construction for the Benson Hill Rebuild
- L. Acceptance of Donations
 - 1. \$551.50 from the Highlands Elementary PTA to Highlands Elementary for Patrol Party to Wild Waves
 - 2. \$100.00 from GSG Corporation for the Renton Invitational Track Meet
 - 3. Cardio Glide Exercise Machine (Valued at \$75,00) from Jim and Donna Taylor to Sartori Education Center
 - 4. HON Filing Cabinet (Valued at \$50.00) from Computer Bank Charity to Sartori Education Center
 - 5. Summer School – Middle School Donations
 - a. \$200.00 from GSG Corporation (Freddie's Club)
 - b. \$200.00 from Good Chevrolet
 - c. \$200.00 from CPA & Associates

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Several Renton High School students and parents expressed their dissatisfaction that the number of allotted graduation tickets for each senior has been reduced to six with an option to purchase only two additional tickets. They were concerned not all family members of students would be able to attend the graduation ceremony. The Board encouraged students to request for additional tickets direct from the school if there was a need or if they could not afford additional tickets.

Renton High School grandparent Beatrice Clark expressed disappointment that the school district did not recognize the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board decision. She feels it is an important part of history that students should have knowledge.

RESOLUTION #19-03/04
BUDGET EXTENSION
2003-2004
Approved

Assistant Superintendent Rich Moore reiterated this resolution authorizes an increase to the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 General Fund budget. The requested budget revision will increase the level of approved expenditure capacity from \$92,687,330 to \$95,290,075. The required public hearing was held on May 12, 2004.

The General Fund budget revision reflects the finalized negotiation settlements for bargaining units, staffing expenditure increases due to higher than anticipated enrollment, and grant awards that have been received during the current year. By motion from Merrill and second by Desmarais, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 19-03/04.

CURRICULA ADOPTION FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE,
GRADES 7-8 AND K-5 GENERAL
MUSIC AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC SURVEY
Approved - First Reading

Director Dianna Coile stated the new science curriculum is revised and aligned to the EALR's (Essential Academic Learning Requirements). It is more "user-friendly" than the current curriculum and includes three hands-on science kits. The curriculum will address all subjects included in the new science WASL.

Director Coile explained the current K-5 General Music and Middle School Music Survey classes have been used since 1991. Replacement materials are not available any longer. She stated the new curriculum is aligned to the EALR's and only minor revisions were made to the curriculum guide.

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, Curricula Middle School Science, Grades 7-8 and K-5 General Music and Middle School Music Survey were approved by the Board for the first reading. Vote 5-0.

CURRICULA ADOPTION OF
FRENCH 1-6 AND FRENCH 7-8

Approved – First Reading

Executive Director Pappas presented the new curricula requested for adoption. He stated the school district has an arrangement with the University of Washington, so students have the opportunity to receive college credit in their fourth year of French. By motion from Desmarais and second by Poff, French 1-6 and French 7-8 were approved by the Board for the first reading. Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION 22-03/04
SUPPORT OF I-884

Approved

The Board discussed I-884, the Education Trust Fund Initiative. The petition is being filed to go on the ballot in November to voice to the legislature that state funding needs to be enforced. By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board unanimously approved support of Initiative 884.

RESOLUTION 23-03/04
PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS
UNFUNDED SPECIAL EDUCATION

Approved – with edit

President Maxwell indicated she would like to take this approved resolution to the fall WSSDA Legislative Conference sharing the district's support of the state fully funding special education. After discussion, the resolution was reworded to state "100%" funding rather than "adequate funding." By motion from Merrill and second by Poff, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 23-03/04 Proposal to Address Unfunded Special Education.

RESOLUTION 24-03/04
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING

Approved

The Board reviewed resolution 24-03/04 in support of the state legislature providing adequate funding for transportation that would account for cost differentials based upon geography, congestion, safety and other factors. Further, the board supports a funding model that would not be dependent upon once-per-year student rider count and would provide for the funding of bus monitors for high-need special education students. By motion from Poff and second by Talley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 24-03/04 Student Transportation Funding.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons had the opportunity to attend a Prepared Response “preplanning tactical” mapping meeting for Cascade Elementary. She was totally impressed with the coordination of the police, fire and emergency contacts to work together to develop the map.

Superintendent Gibbons shared the district recently had its exit audit interview. The auditors claimed our audit was one of the best they had ever seen. She congratulated the business office for a job well done.

Dr. Gibbons also distributed notebooks to the Board with all of the summary information from the recent focus groups. The Executive Team has met with professional forecasters and will continue to analyze and set goals.

Merrill participated in a Construction Advisory Committee meeting, was in the audience at a student performance at Lindbergh and was present at the W.A.V.E. reception.

Talley visited his weekly mentees, attended a PTA Council meeting and a Custodial Advisory Committee meeting. He was also present at the W.A.V.E. reception.

Desmarais attended the middle school mentor field trip, in addition to her weekly mentoring. She participated in the Lindbergh High auction and the W.A.V.E. reception. She was also in the audience at a play at Nelsen and was present at the audit exit interview. She reminded the Board and audience of the robotics competition the next day.

Poff was included in a Diversity Advisory Committee meeting. She commented the Board shall review the letters received by Ms. Clarke regarding the Brown vs. Board decision and its place in curriculum.

President Maxwell praised the executive board and business office for the wonderful audit results the Renton School Board annually receives. She attended a meeting with economic forecasters for the region and met with legislative candidates at a recent round table

discussion on education. She also participated in fundraisers for Renton Rotary and Renton Technical College. She was present at the Puget Sound Energy Community Leaders luncheon and Principal Budde's retirement party. She told the Board and audience there would be a speaker from Olympic Pipeline at the May 27 Highlands Community meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:35 p.m. Poff moved and Desmarais seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Kohlwe Education Center.

Secretary

President

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