

MINUTES
RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 23, 2004
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 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
 Al Talley

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: David Merrill

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Superintendent Gibbons presented the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Community Leadership Award to Bjorn Bayley, co-owner of Renton IKEA. She stated Bjorn exemplifies the spirit of civic involvement proving time and again that he is a friend to education. When called upon, Bjorn shows exceptional community leadership, making significant and notable contributions for the betterment of students and staff in the Renton School District and the greater community.

A prime example of Bjorn's commitment came two years ago when he pledged \$500,000 to the community's effort to raise \$1.5 million to turn the Renton High School auditorium rebuilding project into a community performing arts center. Another notable contribution by Bjorn is his commitment to helping Renton's citizen campaign to pass school levies and bond measures. During bond elections in 2002 and 2003 and a levy election in 2003, Bjorn had 20 phones installed in various meeting rooms at IKEA to allow Citizens Committee members to run phone banks for 30 days to make direct contact with 17,000 voters during each election. This

selfless act saved the citizens group about \$30,000 each election and was the single most significant factor to the success of the elections.

Dr. Gibbons thanked Mr. Bayley for his commitment to the students and community of Renton.

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- A number of scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors throughout the district. Students are granted scholarships in recognition of their hard work, leadership and community service. This year, more than 170 students received scholarships totaling over \$1.5 million. According to high school counselors, many students this year are deciding to attend public universities, which traditionally offer less scholarship money than private universities. Another trend this year is more students are attending community colleges which reflects the increased cost of four-year universities, and the increased difficulty to get into Washington’s four-year schools.
- The Renton PTA Council has awarded scholarships to district graduating students. More than 20 applications were submitted for the scholarships that total \$1,200 per student. Selections were made based on letters of recommendation from teachers and staff, transcripts, and school and community activities and involvement.
- A group of Lindbergh students, led by two students who are earning Boy and Girl Scout Eagle Merit badges, recently completed a project to renovate two large courtyard areas at the school. The students solicited materials for the project from local businesses. The procured lumber to build tables, planted flowers, painted planters, and spread beauty bark.
- Third-grade students at Sierra Heights Elementary School recently capped months of science-related learning activities as they studied the amazing world of insects. Students showed off their skills in research, critical thinking, use of expository text, and communication and presentation design in a presentation called Insect Extravaganza.

- A home-schooled student who takes graphics art and video production classes at Renton High School, was recently seen in the full-length feature film "Max Rules" screened as part of the Seattle International Film Festival. The student has acted since he was six-years-old and hopes to direct his own feature films.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-K

Approved

By motion of Talley and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-K. Vote 4-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 9, 2004 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
Nos. 202247-202268 inclusive - \$196,243.14
2. General Fund
Nos. 137165-137342 inclusive - \$274,890.47
Nos. 137343-137520 inclusive - \$207,231.34
3. Associated Student Body Fund
Nos. 423432-423498 inclusive - \$40,005.76
Nos. 423501-423569 inclusive - \$34,750.65
4. Trust
Electronic transfer for Hazen Script - \$2,687.36

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

D. Staff Travel

1. Jay Leviton to US Department of Education Gear-Up Annual National Training in Washington, D.C.
2. Mitch Keres to Cisco Networkers 2004 Full Conference in New Orleans, LA
3. Sue Beeson, Cathy Ames and Leslie Gilbert to Model Schools Conference in Washington, D. C.
4. Sally Boni to MicroSociety Conference in St. Petersburg, FL.

E. Staff/Student Travel

1. Sally Turnell and Four Students to Yearbook Camp at Central Washington University in Ellensburg WA.

- F. Contracts and Agreements
 - 1. Agreement with University of Idaho for Cooperation in a Clinical Experience Program for 2004-2005 Academic Year
 - 2. 2004/2005 Categorically Funded/Compensatory Special Programs Grant Applications:
 - a. Title I (Public Schools)
 - b. Title I (Private Schools)
 - c. Title V (Public Schools)
 - d. Title V (Private Schools)
 - e. Learning Assistance Program
- G. Permission to Exercise Renewal Option for Milk and Dairy Products
- H. Acceptance of 2002-2003 Washington State Audit Report
- I. Distribution of Funds from Renton Community Foundation/Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center Community Support Fund - \$10,085.00
- J. Resolution #25-03/04 Intent to Construct Project – Benson Hill Elementary
- K. Acceptance of Donations
 - 1. \$500.00 from Tod Clisby to the Lindbergh High School Art Department
 - 2. Ten 6-packs of Root Beer (valued at \$126.00) from Coca-Cola Bottling to the SADD Program at Lindbergh High School
 - 3. \$2,500.00 for the Fifth Grade Camp Seymour Field Trip and \$1,300.00 for Transportation from Bryn Mawr PTA to Bryn Mawr Elementary
 - 4. \$250.00 from Wal-Mart Foundation to the CEDARS Program at McKnight Middle School
 - 5. \$170.00 from Box Tops Education to Bryn Mawr Elementary School
 - 6. Books for McKnight Library
 - a. Four books (value \$65.00) from Parent of Michael Chodykin
 - b. Four books (value \$25.00) from Janet Bredl

7. Miscellaneous Supplies and Equipment (valued at \$188.00) to Sartori Education Center from Shirley Long

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Community member Von Tresckow Patu urged the school board to consider changing the coding of South Pacific Islanders to their own individual category in state reporting documents. He indicated there is a growing population of South Pacific Islanders in Renton and they are very proud of their heritage. President Maxwell thanked Mr. Patu for addressing the Board and commented the district and community will work together to assure all students receive a quality education.

POLICY 3245 STUDENTS
AND TELECOMMUNICATION
DEVICES

Approved – 2nd Reading

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the second reading of Policy No. 3245 regarding possession and use of personal telecommunication or other related electronic devices while on school property. Vote 4-0.

UPDATE ON FACILITIES
USE PLANNING

Superintendent Gibbons stated the Executive Committee has been digesting all of the information gathered from the focus groups. They will meet again on July 1 and develop the action plans.

REVISED CURRICULA
ADOPTION FOR BASIC
ALGEBRA

Approved – 1st Reading

Curriculum Director Dianna Coile presented the new Basic Algebra curriculum for adoption. The new materials are more rigorous and align more closely to the higher standards set by the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The curriculum includes the use of a software program called “Cognitive Tudor” which allows for more personalized individual student plans. By motion from Desmarais and second by Talley, the Basic Algebra curriculum was approved for the first reading. Vote 4-0.

CURRICULUM ADOPTION
FOR LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT PILOT

Approved – 1st Reading

Hazen High School Assistant Principal Jacquie Monks shared the history on developing the pilot class for Leadership Development at Hazen High. Teacher Susan Dunfield and student representatives shared experiences they encountered in the pilot class and claimed through the leadership class they gained immense leadership knowledge and skills to benefit them for a lifetime. By motion from Talley and second by Poff, the Leadership Development pilot was approved for the first reading. Vote 4-0.

OVERVIEW ON I-405
CORRIDOR PROJECT

Architect Calvin Gasaway from Greene Gasaway introduced representatives from the Department of Transportation who gave an update on the I-405 corridor project in relation to Kennydale Elementary. The representatives explained several years ago they met with City of Renton staff and local dignitaries and reviewed the future economy, mobility and environmental issues around the I-405 corridor and the Renton area. They assured the Board all construction on the NE 30th interchange next to Kennydale will not impact the school and that pedestrian safety and safe sidewalks are a priority in their conceptual drawings. They reviewed the future timelines of the project and indicated they will be going back to local neighborhoods frequently.

Superintendent Gibbons told the DOT staff she appreciated their considerations and responsiveness and reminded them to keep the district abreast of any changes.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Superintendent Gibbons announced Talbot Hill Elementary was recently awarded the 21st Century Schools Achievement Award for “Innovative Use of Technology.” The grant from Intel and Scholastic Books includes a \$10,000 cash prize plus software, hardware, licensing and staff training valued about \$120,000. She stated the award was a wonderful salute to the district.

Talley had his weekly mentoring at Kennydale and McKnight. He also attended graduation ceremonies at

Renton, Hazen, Black River, Dimmitt and Sartori. He attended Dianne Coile's retirement party, the first year teacher mentor dessert and a ribbon cutting for a new Valley Medical Center facility.

Desmarais mentored at Nelsen and attended graduation ceremonies at Lindbergh, Black River and Sartori. She went to the Lindbergh All School BBQ and dance and the 8th grade awards ceremony at Nelsen.

Maxwell was also present at the graduations for Hazen, Renton, Black River, Sartori and McKnight. She also attended a Renton City Council meeting held at the new Renton Fire Station in the Highlands. President Maxwell was at the first annual Campbell Hill graduation ceremony held at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. She thanked Lindbergh High School teacher Geof Newing and his class for making the board members new nameplates.

Poff also attended several graduation ceremonies in addition to retirement parties for departing staff. She enjoyed the Renton City Band concert and the first year teacher celebration.

Dr. Gibbons reminded the Board and audience of the IPAC birthday bash on July 9.

RECESS

At 8:38 p.m. a recess was called for 30 minutes for an executive session on legal, personnel and negotiation matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:10 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 July 14, 2004 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary

President