

M I N U T E S  
Renton School District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, August 25, 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  
   David Merrill  
   Lynn Desmarais  
   Al Talley

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

MEMBER EXCUSED:                    Joy Poff

INTRODUCTION NEW  
ADMINISTRATOR

Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Kay Hermann introduced newly hired, Ed Crow, Assistant Principal at Renton High School. Ed earned his Bachelors degree in 1996 at University of Washington and his Masters degree in 1998 at Seattle University. He taught in the Seattle School District from 1999 to 2003 and served in Administrator Internship position in Edmonds School District from 2003-04 and in the Bellevue School District during 2004.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The Transportation Department has received a 100 percent passing rate on a recent bus inspection by the Washington State Patrol. Every bus was inspected for safety and operational readiness. Some of the areas inspected include:

Brakes  
Exhaust system  
Lights  
Air quality systems

Stop paddles  
Mirrors  
Windshields  
and more

- More than 140 new teachers have been hired in preparation for the new school year. Some are fresh out of college; others enter the teaching profession after years in other industries.

*Interesting facts about some of our newly-hired teachers:*

Several new teachers attended school in the Renton School District and have now returned to teach. (Some of these teachers will now work along the same teachers who taught them. One new teacher attended Hazelwood Elementary School when Vera Risdon was principal in the 1990s. That teacher's mother was also a student in Vera's class in the mid-60s.)

A new Physics/Chemistry teacher recently completed a NASA internship at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

A new elementary school Reading Specialist has taught in Hong Kong for the past nine years.

A new Dimmitt math teacher has taught in Africa for the past 10 years.

A new sixth-grade teacher taught high school in Thailand.

A new high school French/Spanish teacher has studied abroad in both France and Spain.

Teaching runs in the family for one new teacher: her father and sister were teachers in Renton.

A new high school Construction/Manufacturing teacher has made a career change: his previous profession was as a custom cabinet maker.

A new fifth-grade teacher has worked for the past eight years as a television news anchor and reporter in Portland, Oregon and Seattle.

- Kathy Mahowald, school nurse at McKnight Middle School, and Susan Lander have been nominated to be honored at the American Red Cross Hero's Breakfast on December 2 at the Washington State

Convention & Trade Center in Seattle , honoring individuals whose extraordinary acts of courage or kindness make them someone's hero. Kathy was nominated because of her swift action and the use of a defibrillator to save a co-worker's life at McKnight last school year. Susan was nominated for spear-heading the efforts to place defibrillators in schools. If selected, Kathy and Susan will be presented awards along with others in several categories, such as Fire, Police, Workplace Safety, Adult & Youth Good Samaritan, and Animal, Nature & Medical Rescue.

- More than 70 teachers attended the "40 Assets" training at Dimmitt Middle School on Tuesday. The evening's event played host to more than 50 families.

- Renton High School hosted a successful "Shooter Drill" on Wednesday, where local police, fire and medical professionals responded to a fictitious call for help. The event was part of a training effort between the district and emergency response organizations to ensure proper communication and coordination in the event of a real emergency. The training will continue next month when the groups involved will review lessons learned and continue the scenario to include linking students up with parents, media and other communication and command and control responsibilities.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-E w/addendum  
Approved

By motion of Desmarais and second by Merrill the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-E with addendum. The addendum included the resignation of Wanda Williams Brown, Lakeridge Elementary principal, effective 9/10/04; approval of one year only interim principal position for Ginny Knox at Lakeridge Elementary, effective 8/27/04; one year only interim assistant principal position for Greg Domingos at Dimmitt Middle School, effective 8/26/04.

Vote 4-0

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the August 11, 2004 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 202374-202374 inclusive-\$225,000.00  
Nos. 202375-202416 inclusive-\$2,058,190.06

2. General Fund
  - Nos. 138848-139015 inclusive -\$324,755.11
  - Nos. 139016-139178 inclusive -\$315,408.02
3. Associated Student Body Fund
  - Nos. 423818-423821 inclusive - \$598.28
  - Nos. 423822-423843 inclusive - \$8,503.00

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

D. Contracts and Agreements

1. New Agreements for Services with Renton Collections Inc.
2. Amendment to Agreement for Services with Efcem.

E. Approval of Architectural Firms

1. McGranahan – contract for Kennydale Elementary
2. Bassetti – contract for Renton Park Elementary

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS FROM  
THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence to be read or any delegations from the floor.

RESOLUTION 28-03/04 TO  
APPROVE 2004/2005 BUDGET  
Approved

Assistant Superintendent Rich Moore presented the 2004/2005 Budget at a Public Hearing, August 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The motion to approve the budget was moved by Talley and seconded by Desmarais. Vote 4-0.

RECOMMENDATION REFUNDING  
1996 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
Approved

The District sold the referenced bonds on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 through a negotiated sale with Banc of America Securities LLC serving as underwriter. A. Dashen & Associates served as financial advisor on the issue. The District postponed the original refund of the 1996 Bonds in March, at which time the total debt service savings was less than \$400,000. The result of refinancing now is a total debt service savings of over \$747,000, which has a present value of about \$616,000. This is an excellent refunding for the District. The motion to approve the 1996

General Obligation Bond was made by Talley seconded by Merrill. Vote 4-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND  
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons attended the New Teacher's Breakfast.

Merrill attended the New Teacher's Breakfast, "40 Assets" workshop, and a Construction Advisory Meeting.

President Maxwell attended a Highlands Neighborhood Picnic, Blue Ribbon Council Meeting and a Chamber Resource Meeting.

Desmarais attended the Gear-Up Luncheon at University of Washington, PTA President and Principals' Breakfast and served on the Interviewing Committee for Dimmitt's Assistant Principal position.

Talley attended the Blue Ribbon Council Meeting and the "40 Assets" workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:40 p.m. Desmarais moved and Merrill seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 8, 2004 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary	President