

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2003
Kohlwes Education Center, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Al Talley. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Talley stated the Board would take a recess for an executive session for sixty minutes regarding legal matters with no action following.

At 7:00 p.m. the regular meeting of the Board of Directors reconvened. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Talley 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:

Al Talley, President
Marcie Maxwell, Vice President
Lynn Desmarais
David Merrill
Joy Poff

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

“GOOD NEWS”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Four district high school students are semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Three students are from Hazen High School and one is from Lindbergh High School.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT and by meeting other entry requirements. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements.

- The Renton PTSA Council has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four district students. The scholarships are given each year to one student at each comprehensive high school, and one student from either Black River or Sartori. The scholarships are funded by the proceeds from the auction at the annual PTA Founder's Day Dinner.

- Bryn Mawr elementary staff visited the homes of incoming 1st graders and all new students before the beginning of school. The visits totaled about 125 students. The staff went in groups of two to three adults and brought backpacks with books, supplies, and information about the school. They told families when school would begin and encouraged families to become a part of the school. Families were very receptive and appreciative.

Hazen High School recently hosted a "New Parent Orientation" night designed to bring in parents of ninth-grade students to inform them of the high school processes. The meeting covered the student handbook, activities, athletics, the EXCEL program, graduation requirements and more. A parent panel also provided answers questions for parents new to high school. About 70 families attend.

- KUDOS to Renton High School students. Following the first few weeks of Renton High assemblies in the IKEA Performing Arts Center, the theatre has been left spotless. The general public, who have been in the theatre several times now, have required several ushers to pick up lost belongings, trash, and other items. The Renton High students are very respectful of the theater and show a tremendous amount of pride in the new building.
- McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. has donated \$1 million worth of English as a Second Language (ESL) books and materials to schools throughout the Puget Sound through the Lynwood and Renton Rotaries. Renton School District was one of the first to respond to the distribution of the materials and were able to secure several pallets of the materials.

Tim Casey, ESL Resource Teacher said while receiving the materials that it felt like Christmas. Kay Hermann, Executive Director, Special Services, will work on the distribution of the materials.

- Hazen High School hosted a press conference today to introduce a new statewide high school facilities mapping system for emergency response personnel. The mapping system provides fire, police and rescue workers with 3D images depicting the interior and exterior of schools to help them plan fire or rescue services within a 15 minute

timeframe. It also allows 24-hour access to critical facility information needed to address emergencies.

Other aspects of the program include:

- Viewing of critical site information en route to emergency
- Access building safety plans specific to crisis
- Create and manage Incident Command System plan
- Communicate locally, regionally or nationally through real-time, secure Internet connection

The system was used in the Spokane shooting on Monday. Police were on site and had a plan for where to move through the building in place within 15 minutes.

The state has provided funds for mapping of 400 high schools statewide. Hazen is one of the first schools locally to get the technology.

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-M

Approved

By motion of Maxwell and second by Merrill, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-M, as presented. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the September 10, 2003 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund
 - Nos. 201683-201716 inclusive - \$1,096,791.92
2. General Fund
 - Nos. 122700-122819 inclusive - \$371,701.27
 - Nos. 130089-130112 inclusive - \$17,069.85 (03/04)
 - Nos. 122820-123045 inclusive - \$586,112.19
 - Nos. 130113-130214 inclusive - \$170,821.88 (03/04)
3. Associated Student Body Fund
 - Nos. 421886-421896 inclusive - \$27,430.00
 - Nos. 421897-421932 inclusive - \$90,206.59
4. Private Purpose Trust
 - Nos. 700177-700182 inclusive - \$7,600.00
5. Trust
 - Electronic transfer for Trust Flex - \$5,159.00

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

D. Contracts and Agreements

1. Agreement with CRU Institute for Conflict Mediation Training at Cedars
 2. Interagency agreement with Atlantic Street Center for 2003-2004
 3. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Puget Sound ESD for Relife School for 2003-2004
 4. Agreement with Horizon Resources for Recovery for Services to Sartori Education Center students for 2003-2004
 5. Interdistrict Agreement for Special Education Non-District Enrollment with Highline School District for 2003-2004
 6. Contract with Fairfax Hospital for Educational Services for 2003-2004
 7. Interagency Agreement with Central Youth and Family Services for 2003-2004
 8. Interagency Agreement with Odessa Brown Children's Clinic for 2003-2004
- E. Approval of Equipment Maintenance Contracts for 2003-2004
- F. Agreement with Renton Education Association for Released Services of Phyllis Silling for 2003-2004
- G. Agreement with United Classified Workers Union for Released Services of Debbie Vasser for 2003-2004
- H. Resolution 4-03/04, Certification for Completion of "D" Form Process for Benson Hill, Kennydale and Renton Park Elementaries
- I. Resolution 5-03/04, Certification for Completion of "D" Form Process for Hazelwood Elementary
- J. Resolution 6-03/04, Approve and Adopt Study and Survey Dated September 2003 by APRA (Advanced Planning and Research Architecture)
- K. Architectural Modification #8 Relating to the Renton High School Modernization Project; Northwest Architectural Co. - \$11,088.55
- L. Change Orders
1. Change Order Nos. 92 and 93 Relating to the Renton High School Remodel Project; Levernier Construction, Inc. - \$131,644.00

M. Acceptance of Donations

1. \$150.00 from Kirk E. King to Lindbergh High School for Custom Athletic Mouthguards
2. \$55.00 for T-shirts for the Lindbergh High School Volleyball Team from Robert Stewart
3. Three Oscillating Fans to Maplewood Heights Elementary from the Livengood Family
4. One Case of Crayola Crayons to Maplewood Heights Elementary from the Nipert Family
5. \$76.46 from Target to Maplewood Heights Elementary to Support Activities and Purchase Materials
6. IMAC Computer from Evalyn Sroafa to Cascade Elementary School
7. \$703.00 from Washington Mutual's WaMoola Program to Renton High School
8. \$88.80 (Microsoft Giving Campaign) from Kimberly McCallum to Hazelwood Elementary for Staff Development
9. \$1,132.80 (Microsoft Giving Campaign) from David Burrell to Hazelwood Elementary for Staff Development
10. Volleyball Warm-ups to Lindbergh High School from Robert Stewart
11. Five Sets of American Girls History Books for the H.O.M.E. Program Library from Barbara Phillips
12. \$400.00 from Audrey Adams to the Hazen Booster Club to Purchase a Cello for the Hazen Orchestra
13. \$20.00 from Severino Rabang to the Lindbergh High School Volleyball Team
14. \$131.05 to Lindbergh High School from Target Stores

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence for reading or any delegations from the floor.

APPROVAL OF POLICY
4302 – NOTIFICATION OF
THREATS OF VIOLENCE
OR HARM

Approved – 2nd Reading

By motion from Poff and second by Desmarais, Policy 4302 Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm was approved for the second reading. Vote 5-0.

PRESENTATION ON THE
SCHEMATIC DESIGN OF
BENSON HILL ELEMENTARY

Approved

Bassetti Architect Rick Huxley presented the new schematic design for Benson Hill Elementary. The architects have met with staff and community members on numerous occasions to receive input. He stated there will be separate drop off areas for parents and busses to alleviate traffic congestion. The schematic reflects a fire lane completely around the whole building, as well as wiring and room for three portables. The plan takes advantage of the existing fields and have located the gymnasium in that area. He also stated the front administrative portion of the building can be locked off from the rest of the facility. By motion from Merrill and second by Maxwell, the Board of Directors approved the schematic design as presented. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Tom Morris, third grade teacher at Highlands Elementary, read a letter he prepared stating his dissatisfaction with opportunity for staff input in new building designs. Executive Director Stracke stated several meetings have been held including staff, PTA, and community members to receive considerations for the Benson Hill design. The current schematic is the sixth revision to the original proposal to staff and revisions can still be made.

Board member Poff requested a list of some of the changes that have come about from the basic plan to now.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons attended the AASA Conference in Phoenix, AZ where No Child Left Behind was a main topic. She shared some of the new ESL books the District received from McGraw-Hill through the partnership with our local Rotary organization. She attended the REA/RSD "Shindig" and commented on the good communication between the groups. She stated the recent Board reports requested will be scheduled throughout the year at various Board meetings. She expressed excitement for the new geo-mapping project that is coming to Hazen and indicated a short presentation on the software program will be given at a future Board meeting.

Desmarais attend the WSSDA legislative conference and back-to-school nights at Nelsen and Lindbergh.

Merrill also attended the Lindbergh back-to-school night. He indicated he would like to have more Board discussion around the newly required culminating project and graduation requirements.

Vice President Maxwell attended the WSSDA legislative conference, a PTA Council meeting, and Rotary Youth of the Month interviews. She was present at the legislator/administrattor meeting that was held at Dimmitt recently and enjoyed the Renton High School all-class reunion.

President Talley attended the Career and Life Skills Advisory Committee Kick-off, the Campbell Hill Elementary open house, the REA/RSD Shindig and a Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:43 p.m. Poff moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 8, 2003 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary

President