

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

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 Al Talley. 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:

- A senior at Hazen high School has been named a semifinalist in the 40th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. Only 14 students in Washington State, and 1,600 students across the country, were named for the honor. These students have an opportunity to compete for up to \$2,500 in scholarships. To be considered for the scholarship, the student must advance to the finalist level of the competition by having a record of consistently high academic performance and be recommended by his high school principal.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition for black high school students. It honors scholastically promising black youths and increases their opportunities for higher education. National Merit Scholarship Corp. operates the program as well as the National Merit Program.

- Renton Rotary has named their Teachers of the Month. These educators will be honored at a luncheon hosted by the Renton Rotary and be presented with a check for \$100 to be used for supplies, classroom improvements or instructional materials. The recipients are:
 - **Kim Magnuson**, physical education teacher at Hazelwood Elementary School. Kim earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development

at Central Washington University. Kim began working in Renton in 1992.

- **Christine Wienker**, Language Arts at Hazen High School. Christine began working in Renton in 1986. She holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and English from the University of Washington.
- **Maxine Gruber**, 2nd grade teacher at Cascade Elementary School. Maxine earned her bachelor's degree in Education from Western Washington University and her master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction from City University. She began working in the Renton School District in 1964.
- Thanks to the efforts **Lindbergh High School students** along with energetic support from the City of Renton, the Rotary Club of Renton, and many other committed Renton Food Bank volunteers, the Salvation Army, Renton food bank collected more than \$602 in donations and over 4,500 pounds of nutritious food staples.
- Students from Highlands Elementary School recently assisted their bus driver, **Judy Heskin**, when she took decisive action to aid a child who was choking after swallowing a marble. After a first-grade student swallowed the marble and started choking, Judy Heskin, a six-year veteran, stopped the bus and began the Heimlich maneuver on the student. When that failed to dislodge the marble, Judy called 911. The student started vomiting and crying which meant he was able to breathe. Judy removed the student and kept him comfortable until the aid car arrived.

A fifth-grader maintained radio contact with the district's bus dispatcher to keep them informed. Four other fifth grade students kept the other students calm. The student was transported by aid car to Valley Medical Center, where the marble was removed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Transportation Manager Debra Holmes congratulated bus driver Judy Heskin and thanked her for her quick action in responding to the safety of the Highlands student. President Talley and the Board of Directors presented Ms. Heskin with a Certificate of Appreciation for her commendable performance. Dr. Gibbons pointed out the student was back to school the next day!

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS A-J

Approved

By motion of Maxwell and second by Poff, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-J, with corrected personnel exhibits. Vote 5-0.

- A. Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of the September 24, 2003 Regular Meeting
- B. Warrants
 - 1. Capital Projects Fund
 - Nos. 201717-201751 inclusive - \$412,431.03
 - 2. General Fund
 - Nos. 123046-123121 inclusive - \$147,997.92
 - Nos. 130215-130315 inclusive - \$76,087.26 (03/04)
 - Nos. 123122-123176 inclusive - \$361,980.66
 - Nos. 130316-130449 inclusive - \$267,673.83 (03/04)

 - Payroll ending September 30, 2003 - \$6,319,346.90
 - Nos. 439731-440255 inclusive - \$1,754,697.34
 - Direct Deposits - \$2,859,361.84
 - Unissued Warrants - \$1,705,287.72
 - 3. Associated Student Body Fund
 - Nos. 421933-421990 inclusive - \$55,186.41
 - Nos. 421991-422020 inclusive - \$38,904.81
 - 4. Trust
 - Electronic transfer for Trust Flex - \$379.98
 - Electronic transfer for Hazen Script - \$469.90
- C. Personnel Exhibits as presented, a copy of which is attached as a part of these minutes.
- D. Student Travel
 - 1. Campbell Hill Fifth Grade Students to "Forest and Fins" Program at Tiger Mountain
 - 2. Thomson Preschool classes to Meydenbauer Theatre and Newcastle Beach Park
- E. Staff Travel
 - 1. Dolores Gibbons and Rich Moore to San Francisco, CA to Meet with Bond Rating Agencies
- F. Contracts and Agreements
 - 1. Contractual Agreement for Educational Services with New Horizon School for 2003-2004
 - 2. Contractual Agreement for Educational Services with Gayle Burditt and Associates, Inc. for 2003-2004

3. Interagency Agreement with Renton Area Youth and Family Services for 2003-2004
4. Memorandum of Understanding of Concerning VEBA III Plan with:
 - a. Renton Professional-Technical Association
 - b. Renton Educational Support Personnel
 - c. Service Employees International Union
 - d. Renton Education Association
 - e. United Classified Workers' Union
 - f. Renton Assistant Superintendents
 - g. Renton Executive Directors
 - h. Renton Directors
 - i. Renton Principals Association
 - j. Renton Classified Managers
 - k. Renton Confidential Assistants
- G. Situation Recommendation Concerning Increase in Health Care Authority Contribution Benefit Pool with:
 1. Renton Professional-Technical Association
 2. Renton Educational Support Personnel
 3. Service Employees International Union
 4. United Classified Workers' Union
 5. Renton Principals Association
- H. Approval of 2003-2004 Special Pay Schedule
- I. Change Orders
 1. Change Order Nos. 94 Relating to the Renton High School Remodel Project; Levernier Construction, Inc. - \$22,191.00
- J. Acceptance of Donations
 1. Funds for McKnight Middle School Fundraiser
 - a. Jeffrey & Susan Andreini \$30.00
 - b. Dennis Blansett \$ 5.00
 - c. Teri Isaacson \$30.00
 - d. William and Eydie Kooiman \$30.00
 - e. Cynthia and Brian Morris \$15.00
 - f. Mark and Grace Nagamatsu \$61.00
 - g. Walter and Carol Sippel \$30.00
 - h. Robert and Stephanie Sloan \$30.00
 - i. Michael and Pam Teal \$60.00
 - j. Susan Thornton \$30.00
 - k. Mike and Mary VanNuland \$20.00
 2. Two Nextell Computer 466 Packages to Benson Hill Kindergarten Class
 3. 109 T-shirts for Link Crew at Hazen High School by Josten's (Valued at \$1,500.00)

4. Towels for Hazen's Girls/Dive Team from Bank and Office Interiors
5. \$25.00 from Gilbert Hernandez to the Lindbergh High School Volleyball Team

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE
AND DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

Beatrice Clark, Renton High School grandparent, stated she was unhappy with the responses she has received from administration in reply to her concerns. She requested the Board of Directors respond to her directly. President Talley said they would reply to her shortly.

REVIEW FROM FINANCIAL
ADVISOR REGARDING
UPCOMING BOND SALE

Assistant Superintendent Rich Moore introduced District financial advisor Al Dashen. Mr. Moore indicated the District utilizes the assistance of a financial advisor prior to a bond sale to ensure the funds are sold as wisely as possible and that the sale is structured for optimal district advantage. A preliminary official statement has been reviewed by staff and is complete. Mr. Dashen stated he has met several times with Dr. Gibbons and Mr. Moore to review the strategy in the upcoming bond sale. \$100M will be sold in October of 2003 and the remaining \$50M are projected to be sold in 2006. He stated Renton School District has very strong bond ratings and the recent trip to bond rating agencies in San Francisco could possibly raise the ratings. The bonds are anticipated to be sold on October 21 and will mature in just under 20 years.

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

Approved – Final Reading

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

PRESENTATION FROM
PREPARED RESPONSE
SOFTWARE COMPANY ON
INFRASTRUCTURE
MAPPING

Marti Wagner from Prepared Response, Inc. shared that Washington State has recently allotted \$3.6 million to implement emergency/safety planning in high schools

across the state. Renton School District is the first in King County to be selected to receive the mapping services of Prepared Response under the new state funding. Prepared Response assists communication during a crisis between the district, the local fire departments and police by collecting data and having it immediately available to assist in ensuring student safety. Using the Rapid Responder software and a laptop computer, emergency personnel can immediately access critical site-specific information. She indicated Renton high schools are anticipated to be complete within six months.

PRESENTATION ON THE
SCHEMATIC DESIGN OF
HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY

Tom Morrison of McGranahan Architects presented a model of the new Hazelwood Elementary to the Board and audience. He indicated it has been a challenge determining the exact site for the new school due to wetlands and bedrock in the area. The terrain of the site is unlike other new building projects in that it is hilly and a lot of shrubbery and trees will need to be removed. The architects have held a community meeting and met with staff several times to receive input. Space will be maximized to increase parking and bus access. The building capacity is 650 students and there is additional space for future building additions. By motion of Poff and second by Merrill, the schematic design of Hazelwood Elementary School was approved by the Board. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations or correspondence from the floor.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

Dr. Gibbons and the Board agreed to have a special board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2003 to approve the sale of bonds. She indicated over 60 staff members recently received flu shots at KEC. Superintendent Gibbons joined City of Renton staff to host the Cuautla visitors from Mexico for a dinner in their honor. She stated the recent legislator's visit was very successful with two legislators wanting to come back for an additional tour of specific programs.

Desmarais also attended the Cuautla sister city dinner, was present at the legislators' visit and mentored at Nelsen.

Merrill visited the Emergency Coordinator Center and the Benson Hill open house.

Poff attended the legislator event at Dimmitt.

Maxwell also was present at the legislator function and found it very informative. She attended the back-to-school night at Kennydale, the first official concert at the IKEA Performing Arts Center and the Hazen homecoming game.

President Talley mentored at Kennydale and McKnight and attended a Communities in Schools of Renton Board meeting. He shared that Rotary member Bob Thompson is offering a free health care clinic on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Renton Technical College to provide health care to local families and friends.

President Talley and Superintendent Gibbons will get together and draft a response from the Board regarding Mrs. Clark's concerns.

RECESS

At 8:34 p.m. a recess was requested for 20 minutes regarding legal and personnel matters with no action following. The executive session convened at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:58 p.m. Poff moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn the executive session and regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 22, 2003 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

Secretary

President

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