

MINUTES

Renton School District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SPECIAL MEETING

Public Hearing on I-728 Plans for 2004-2005

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

Kohlwes Education Center

The special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:04 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

Dr. Dolores J. Gibbons, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

MEMBER ABSENT:

Al Talley

PROPOSED USE OF I-728 FUNDS FOR 2004-2005

Assistant Superintendent Fantasia advised the Board and audience the I-728 Committee met four times this year to develop recommendations for the anticipated I-728 funds. (A copy is attached as part of these minutes.)

Dr. Fantasia stated Renton School District has used the I-728 funds to support student achievement through class size reduction, extended learning opportunities and staff development. These are the same areas that are proposed in the 2004-2005 plan.

The state allocation for 2004-2005 is based on the average annualized FTE for the previous

school year. The revenue is expected to be \$254 per student FTE. The Renton 2004-2005 plan is based on this amount, but has reserved a significant portion in a contingency category. In prior years, the anticipated revenue was cut late in the school year. Since funding is dependent on lottery sales, the committee felt it was important to plan for the possibility of a cut in revenue. The \$375,000 contingency will be reviewed in January and March.

The proposal for the District 2004-2005 I-728 Plan allocates the funds to three areas. These are:

- Staffing Support 82.8%
- Site Plans 5.4%
- K-12 Educational Support 11.8%

The committee also recommends a roll-over of the 2003-2004 staffing and that buildings develop their specific site plans in the fall after enrollment patterns are verified.

BOARD QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS

Director Merrill asked if there was an elementary average amount of what the funds buy. Dr. Fantasia stated the funds are spread thinly over the district. She indicated if the contingency is cut, the summer school program would be tuition-based.

There being no further business, by motion from Merrill and second by Desmarais, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Secretary

President