



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Carolyn Barclift at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009 at Madison Elementary School, 1125 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Directors Mark Campeau, Eileen Thomson and Frank Wilson, Student Representative David Hoekje and Superintendent Bill Lahmann were also present. Director Allen Miller joined the meeting in progress.

President Barclift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOCUS ON MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gayle Mar-Chun, Principal of Madison Elementary School, welcomed the Board, introduced staff members, and narrated a PowerPoint presentation representative of Madison's students, teachers, perspectives, programs and goals. Staff members followed with various Madison stories and statistics, and Mrs. Mar-Chun noted three Madison themes: 1) an exemplary reading model, 2) a small school, and, 3) an incredible community.

Student Representative David Hoekje noted that he is a Madison alum and very appreciative of the staff and programs.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009, PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING. DIRECTOR CAMPEAU SECONDED; FOUR AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

There were no audience members who indicated an interest in speaking regarding agenda items or under community comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR CAMPEAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING ADDENDUM I. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. FIVE AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, March 16, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (2009-2010 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Monday, March 23, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, ORLA
- Thursday, March 26, 6:30-8:30pm, **Study Session (Leadership)**, Knox Center CR301
- Monday, April 20, 6:30pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:30pm, **Study Session (Leadership)**, Knox Center CR301
- Monday, April 27, 6:30pm, **Study Session (2009-2010 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 11, 6:30pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 18, 6:30pm, **Study Session (2009-2010 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Thursday, May 21, 6:30-8:30pm, **Study Session (Leadership)**, Knox Center CR301
- Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Lincoln ES

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved one leave of absence and two new contracts:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Howe, Sarah – Block at Jefferson Middle School. Approved a childcare leave of absence beginning April 3, 2009 through the remainder of the school year.

NEW CONTRACTS

Bakala, Rich – Elective at Jefferson Middle School. Approved a .20 FTE one-year contract beginning January 26, 2009 through the remainder of the school year.

Mettler, Bryant – Special Education at Capital High School. Approved a .40 FTE one year contract beginning February 10, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report of February 23, 2009.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip request:

- **OHS** – Sea-Tac, WA; Pacific Northwest District Annual Key Club Convention; meetings, workshops designed to build leadership skills; 16 students, 1 teacher, 2 parent chaperones; March 27-29, 2009.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved cancelled warrants totaling \$163,611.57, and the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 31027 through 31047, in the total amount of \$45,547.86; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 10129 through 10141, in the total amount of \$84,082.00; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 144062 through 144220, in the total amount of \$974,838.48.

8.2 Gifts to the District (added by Addendum I)

The Board approved the following gifts:

December 2008, gifts of \$8,245.62 and \$1,750.00 to Boston Harbor Elementary School from the Boston Harbor PTA for the purchase and installation of a climbing wall.

February 2009, a gift of \$1,000.00 to Centennial Elementary School from Wells Fargo Bank for educational purposes.

February 2009, a ten-foot tall carving in cedar of a bear to Olympia High School from Mr. and Mrs. Groth for installation in the Commons.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 RESOLUTION 450, IN SUPPORT OF HB 1817 & SB 5607

The Board will consider Resolution 450, to establish its support of House Bill 1817 and Senate Bill 5607, designed to establish ample state funding of Basic Education.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Crawford took the Board through a short PowerPoint which offered additional background and explanation for the bills being considered for support by the Resolution.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 450 AS PRESENTED. PRESIDENT BARCLIFT SECONDED. FOUR AYES, ONE ABSTENTION; MOTION CARRIED.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:11 p.m.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 UPDATE ON ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Alice Burman, Assessment Services Coordinator, reported to the Board on Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn's proposed changes to the state assessment system.

4.2 SCHOOL DATA MINING

Alice Burman, Assessment Services Coordinator, reported to the Board on using the Superintendent of Public Instruction School Report Card to find school-specific demographic and assessment data, walking the Board through the process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Superintendent Lahmann invited the Board to attend the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) regional meeting in Centralia on March 11th, suggesting they notify his office if they would like to attend.

Superintendent Lahmann informed the Board of an invitation he received to join a national Superintendent's Roundtable which meets twice a year, and noted that he would like to be part of a trip the Roundtable is making to China this summer.

Director Wilson suggested the Board schedule a special meeting to meet with Olympia Education Association (OEA) representatives. President Barclift suggested a combination meeting could provide an opportunity to meet with OEA, as well as have a discussion about other items that have come up, such as extended school and outdoor school alternatives to Cispus.

Director Wilson thanked Ron Morsette for providing him an opportunity to see behind the scenes of Technology. He said he also had a chance to observe the LEAP program at Centennial Elementary School, and was pleased to take part in a Culminating Project review at Avanti High School. Director Campeau said he was able to observe the Study and Survey crew at work at McLane Elementary School and was excited about the work being performed as a result of the grant the District received from the state.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

Carolyn M. Barclift, President

A full recording of the Board meeting is available on the OSD website: <http://osd.wednet.edu>. Click on "Board of Directors," then on "Board Meeting Podcast," and follow the instructions for downloading the appropriate meeting.