

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
February 27, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm, Monday, February 27, 2006, at Reeves Middle School, 2200 Quince Street NE, Olympia, Washington 98506. Also attending were Vice President Rich Nafziger, Directors Carolyn Barclift, Michelle Parvinen and Bob Shirley, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Lehman.

FOCUS ON REEVES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Martha Roth, principal of Reeves Middle School, welcomed the Board and introduced staff members who were present. Mrs. Roth and several members of the Reeves staff presented information on the current programs they have initiated toward meeting their four action goals and the progress they are seeing as students pursue and achieve their academic goals.

President Lehman called for a motion on the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2006. Director Barclift asked for the minutes to be amended to reflect her request to address the proposal to appoint a Select Committee as a regular agenda item, and the subsequent addition of item 1.3 to the regular agenda.

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006, AS AMENDED. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

There were no audience members who wished to address the Board regarding agenda items.

President Lehman asked for community comment.

KATIE WOODLAND – BRIDGES – Ms. Woodland stated the intention of their organization that all children in special education receive a basic education. She delivered a written statement accompanying a budget recommendation package provided to each Board member.

The members of the Board were provided an opportunity to bring up any items.

Director Barclift requested discussion on the process for the pending disciplinary action. It was agreed that item 1.4 would be added to the agenda for that purpose.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, March 13, 2006, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 9:00 am, **Board Retreat**, Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), 1021 8th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501
- Monday, March 20, 2006, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

- Monday, March 27, 2006, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Olympia High School, 1302 North Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, April 3, 2006, 6:30 pm, **Joint Meeting: Olympia City Council**, Knox Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, April 17, 2006, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Thursday, April 27, 2006, 6:30 pm, **Public Hearing on I-728**, Knox Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Issuance of 2006-07 Certificated Contracts

The Board granted approval to issue 2006-07 contracts to provisional and continuing certificated employees, as determined by the Superintendent.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated February 27, 2006.

4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Instruction Materials Committee Request

The Board acknowledged the list of instructional materials available for review. The materials will be available for study in the K-12 Teaching & Learning office for a period of two weeks.

4.2 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip request.

- **Olympia High School** – Woodwind Ensemble; Corvallis, Oregon, and Ellensburg, Washington; PARTICIPATE IN WIND ENSEMBLE FESTIVALS AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY; 48 students, one teacher, four parent; March 2-4, 2006.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Call for Bids, Capital High School Furniture & Equipment, Phase II & III

The Board granted approval to call for bids to purchase and install new furniture and equipment for the CHS Modernization & Additions project, to be completed in two phases.

6.2 Approval of Dedication Deed, Washington Middle School Modernization & Additions

The Board approved a dedication deed for street frontage improvements along Boulevard Road at the WMS site.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 27902 through 27958, in the total amount of \$41,928.46; Capital Projects Fund Voucher Nos. 8481 through 8511, in the total amount of \$315,226.31; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 134962 through 135100, in the total amount of \$345,128.12.

8.2 Financial Report – January 2006

The Board approved the January 2006 Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, Debt Service, General, and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

Regular Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Revision to Policy 1410, Closed or Executive Sessions, Second Reading

Proposed revisions to Policy 1410 are recommended for approval. Director Shirley introduced a formatting revision to the revised policy in order to provide better reference to the points of the policy.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY MOVED TO APPROVE REVISED POLICY 1410. DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY MADE A MOTION TO AMEND REVISED POLICY 1410 TO GIVE EACH UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH CONTAINED IN THE AMENDMENT A LETTER DESIGNATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.2 2006-07 School Year Calendar

Beth Scouller, Human Resources Director, asked for the Board's approval of the proposed 2006-07 School Year calendar.

A brief discussion ensued regarding revising mid-winter break to a shorter period of time, the concerns of the community, and the possible impact on academic performance. It was agreed that mid-winter break would continue to be considered in contract negotiations for future years.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.3 Televising West Side Boundary Committee Public Forum

Peter Rex, Communications & Community Relations Director, has researched the potential for televising this forum, slated to be held in late March. In Mr. Rex's absence, Superintendent Bill Lahmann presented his findings.

The timeline of the forum was discussed, as related to recommendations made through the forum to the committee, and then the committee's recommendation to the Board. the preferred location was stated to be on the west side, in general, and in the Capital High School Commons, in particular. In response to a question from Director Parvinen, Superintendent Lahmann stated the expenditure could be managed within the current budget if the Board chose to proceed. Use of the District website to inform and to collect public input was also discussed. Director Barclift recalled an event recorded by students six years previously, asking what capabilities we might have, and that we look into the potential services of The Evergreen State University.

VICE PRESIDENT NAFZIGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RECORDING AND TELEVISIONING OF THE WEST SIDE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS MEMO DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2006. DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.4 **Determination of Appeal Process**

Director Barclift asked the Board to consider the process by which an appeal to a disciplinary action would be heard by the Board.

Superintendent Lahmann stated that the Board essentially had three options, noting that best practice has generally utilized Option B:

Option A – the appeal would be decided by reviewing the record, with no testimony being taken and determination based on a review of the records.

Option B – would involve a review of records and allow simple statements from the parties, or simple statements plus rebuttal.

Option C – also known as **de novo** – would disregard the current record and start from scratch, as if no other process was in place, including taking testimony from all parties and allowing cross examination.

After discussion of the three options, the Board agreed to hold essentially a pre-conference on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm, in order to make a decision as to which option they would follow, with the goal of then moving directly into the option of choice.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 **Math Task Force Update**

Matt McCauley, Executive Director, K-12 Teaching & Learning, provided an update on the progress of the District's Math Task Force, which has been reviewing K-12 alignment, surveying staff for input, and identifying and prioritizing adoption needs, and will include an overview of their work to date and current thinking in terms of budgetary needs. A recommendation will be made to the Board in April.

In response to a Board member request, a ten minute recess was called at 9:15 pm; the meeting reconvened at 9:22 pm.

8 FINANCES

8.1 **Qwest Property Tax Settlement**

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal & Operations, briefed the Board on a property tax refund settlement granted to Qwest Communications, and options for paying OSD's share of the refund, \$162,000.

VICE PRESIDENT NAFZIGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF OSD'S SHARE OF THE REFUND, THAT IS, TO REPAY THE PROPERTY TAX REFUND USING THE REFUND LEVY MECHANISM OFFERED BY THURSTON COUNTY. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

8.2 **Budget Status Update**

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal & Operations, provided the Board with an update on the 2005-06 year-to-date General Fund budget.

There were no items brought up by persons present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Superintendent Lahmann noted that the Board would be meeting in joint session with the Olympia City Council on April 3rd, and that the City Council has some issues they want to talk about, including the School Resource Officer program. He asked the Board to please notify President Lehman or himself of issues they would like to have on the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Highly-Capable Program Update** – Spring 2006
- **Outdoor School Options** – Spring 2006

President Lehman recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:40 pm, with no action anticipated. The meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President