

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111  
February 28, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 pm, Monday, February 28, 2005, by President Michelle Parvinen at Hansen Elementary School, 1919 Road Sixty-five NW, Olympia, Washington 98502. Also attending were Director Rich Nafziger, Student Representative Joe Anderson and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Vice President Russ Lehman, and Directors John McGee and Carolyn Barclift were unable to attend.

President Parvinen announced that, given the absence of a quorum, the meeting would be limited to the Hansen presentation, community comment, comments from members of the Board, and a report regarding email communications between Board members.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Parvinen.

Mr. Ernie Rascon, Principal of Hansen Elementary School, welcomed the Board, particularly Student Representative Joe Anderson, a former Hansen student, and introduced those Hansen teachers who were present. Mrs. Judy Theine, English as a Second Language Teacher, and Mr. Joe Munoz, English Language Learner Para Professional, shared information about the English Language Learning Program at Hansen. Several past and present students of various cultural backgrounds, who have immigrated to the United States, presented memorable stories about their origins and their transition into society in Washington State.

President Parvinen called a recess at 7:42 pm, for a reception. The meeting reconvened at 8:02 pm.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Stacia Hollar, a parent with children in Hansen's alternative program, expressed her concern about growth and the impact it is having on the school, particularly with respect to Hansen's alternative program. She stated that the overall impact of increased enrollment affects the whole school and puts greater demand on the school's resources, putting the "squeeze" on the program. She commented further that if the District truly believes in the alternative program, and she said she believes it does, it must address the issue or the program will dissolve through attrition.

**ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

President Parvinen said she had attended the beginning of the TOGETHER! meeting earlier in the evening and enjoyed an opportunity to see former Board member John Keeffe, who was being honored at the event.

<b>Regular Agenda</b>
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**1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**1.1 Board Email Communications**

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, presented a review of legal requirements and standard practices with regard to email communications.

Under the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) there are certain events, other than those which are commonly recognized, which could be deemed a "meeting". Washington's OPMA does not specifically address electronic media, but the Board should be aware that, under certain circumstances, emails could be subject to violation of the OPMA. He suggested that the Board would want to pay particular attention to how and when emails are transmitted within the Board, noting that the distribution of information would not be a violation, but a discussion of the information involving a quorum of the Board would be.

Mr. Crawford stated that the Board could receive informational emails from staff and others, and can communicate between the members about matters unrelated to Board business, but a quorum of the Board exchanging emails discussing official District business should be avoided.

Discussion ensued related to online open forums available to the Board and to the public, electronic access to information, acknowledging that it would be necessary to find a way of fulfilling public notification requirements in order to exercise these options.

There were no other comments offered by persons present or by members of the Board.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Student Representative Responsibilities

President Parvinen recessed the Board to Executive Session at 8:28 pm. The Board reconvened and immediately adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

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Secretary

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President