

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 10, 2003**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olympia School District was called to order by President Barcliff at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003, at Rogers Elementary School, 2001 26th Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington. Present were: President Barcliff, Directors Keeffe, Lehman, McGee and Parvinen, and Superintendent Lahmann.

McKenny Elementary School Third Grader Jacob Hacker led the flag salute.

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DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED AND DIRECTOR KEEFFE SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2003, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED, with Director McGee abstaining.

PRESENTATION

Director of Communications Shelley Carr presented this year's designers of the Creativity Festivity poster. McKenny Elementary School third grade students Mark Abou-Rachad, Joedy Brassfield, Tanner Depert-Lahey, Jessica Greenwell, Jacob Hacker, Nick Larsen, Brian Morris, Destinee Murray and Simon Tran each made two dolls as a community service project to raise money for Family Support Services. They got to keep one doll, and the other will be sold. The dolls will be displayed at various businesses around town during Arts Walk. Ms. Carr also introduced McKenny teacher Signe Feeney and recognized the students' parents and other McKenny staff members present, as well as Principal Patsy Prutzman. Students presented the Board members with a signed copy of the poster. Ms. Carr presented Certificates of Award to each student.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Mr. Chris Hawkins, Climate Solutions Transportation Programs Coordinator, gave a presentation on "Smart Moves." He said Smart Moves promotes energy conservation, and has a Washington schools activities book. He said there is now a second edition which is tied to the Essential Academic Learning Requirements. He presented a slide show, and spoke about air quality, pollution, energy usage, car pollution, school transportation challenge, and solutions (bicycling, walking, busing, carpooling). Director Lehman thanked Mr. Hawkins for his presentation, and asked if he has done a survey to find out why parents drive their students to school and what the alternative might be. Mr. Hawkins said the closest thing done was a household travel survey in 1999. He said they did not really address motivations or reasons for choices. He said some comments were on the length of time students are on buses, and high school drivers are a cultural thing--students want to drive and be cool. He said transit rides take students away from having to depend on mom and dad. Director Lehman asked if a survey is something that could be done through a grant or in combination with the district. Mr. Hawkins said he thought this would be a great idea. Director Lehman said, regarding traffic and safety issues, that the district is an awkward situation because of some of the streets student cross and the district does not have jurisdiction. He asked what would be appropriate to go beyond school boundaries. Mr. Hawkins said that Jefferson Middle School is difficult, that there is need for trained adults to monitor crosswalks. He said the city is prioritizing walking to schools, and a letter of support to the city would help. He said the schools need to educate students about walking/biking to schools safely. He also said that school site councils are working on transportation issues.

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ITEMS BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Director Barcliff commented that the recent Legislative Conference went well. She said she was surprised at how many legislators misunderstood some of the bills, particularly regarding charter

schools. She said they also had discussion on public schools already having technical and alternative schools. She said she was happy to be able to give them additional information.

Superintendent Lahmann commented on the meeting regarding use of the old Madison Elementary School. He said Terry Zander organized the meeting and the president of the neighborhood association, Olympia City Council Member Matt Green, and representatives from Olympia Parks and Recreation were in attendance. Superintendent Lahmann explained the district's responsibilities and how the appraisal is done. He said the building has not been marketed in order to see what might materialize. President Barclift said a realtor who was present was asked if this appraisal was high. The realtor said he thought it was conservative. Superintendent Lahmann said Mr. Zander noted that this has been talked about for two years and said people needed to decide what they were going to do. He asked if someone would be willing to take a proposal to the City Council with the thought of creating a community/art center. Superintendent Lahmann said that once the building is on the market, it must be sold for at least 90 percent of the appraised value for the first year. After the first year, it may be sold for 75 percent of the appraised value. He said the administration would like to wait until August to see if any proposals come forward. If there are none, then the recommendation is to put it on the market. President Barclift said another discovery was that, in addition to the \$1.8 million to buy the property, in order to bring the building up to code, the cost could be more than \$3 million. Superintendent Lahmann noted that there were concerns about traffic, parking and noise. Director Lehman said it would be helpful to have discussion some time before August on the legal responsibilities or options for old Madison.

President Barclift said she had asked Superintendent Lahmann about a way to collect information on activities/events in the district to be made available to Board members. Superintendent Lahmann said schools send out newsletters on a regular basis. He commented that Shelley Carr, Webmaster Luke Bowerman and Recille Crosby have been working to develop a master calendar. He said Luke has been entering the dates on the calendar on the website.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR KEEFFE MOVED AND DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED.

1. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, March 17, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Public Forum on Initiative 728, Roosevelt Elementary School, 1417 San Francisco Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington.
- Monday, March 24, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Hansen Elementary School, 1919 Road Sixty-Five NW, Olympia, Washington.
- Monday, April 21, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Rogers Elementary School, 2001 26th Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington.

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2. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

Leave of Absence

Todd Fulton - Special Education at Olympia High School, a full-time (1.0 FTE) leave of absence effective February 8, 2003, through February 7, 2004.

New Contract

Nathan Hamilton - Special Education at Olympia High School, a .462 FTE contract effective February 8 through June 18, 2003 (84 days @ 1.0 FTE).

2.2 Executive Session

An Executive Session was requested for personnel and legal matters.

4. PUPILS AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials

The Board adopted the following list of instructional materials: Thinking Maps Software, Our Only May Amelia, Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie, and The Tortilla Curtain.

8. FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved General Fund Voucher 121286 in the amount of \$21,125.10, General Fund Vouchers 121287 through 121547 in the amount of \$241,248.98, Capital Projects Fund Vouchers 6924 through 6934 in the amount of \$402,204.31, and ASB Fund Vouchers 23645 through 23709 in the amount of \$31,546.14, dated March 10, 2003, and warrants were issued in their payment.

8.2 Facility Use--Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church

The Board approved the facility use application by Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church of Olympia to extend its use of Garfield Elementary School on Sundays through March 2004.

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1. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Proposed 2003-04 School Year Calendar

Director of Personnel Dr. Rick Wilson said the proposed 2003-04 school year calendar included the provisions of the teachers' collective bargaining agreement. He said it was discovered that spring break conflicted with the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) test time, so a change was made. President Barclift asked about North Thurston and Tumwater. Superintendent Lahmann said the district tried to coordinate spring break, and because of the WASL, it is now the week before it was last year. He noted that Olympia is the only district with a mid-winter break. Director Keeffe said spring break was changed because of the Narrows League and spring sports. Dr. Wilson said we may have games during spring break.

DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED AND DIRECTOR KEEFFE SECONDED ADOPTION OF THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

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3. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Employees Week Proclamation

Director of Communications Shelley Carr said that March 10 through March 14, 2003, is Classified School Employee Week, and read a proclamation by Governor Locke urging all citizens to join him in observance. Director of Personnel Dr. Rick Wilson said the employee group presidents were invited to the Board meeting, and he introduced Mr. Ken Hall, representative for the Maintenance and Teamsters Group.

5. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

5.1 Name for Baseball Field

Superintendent Lahmann said that Policy No. 8600, Management Support--Naming School Sites, Public Space Within and Public Areas, and procedures, are recommended for the future. Director McGee commented on appointing an advisory committee to make recommendations to

the Board. He said the last time the Board named a school, the School Board was the advisory board. He said he really enjoyed this, and wanted to think more about the Board's part of this. He said he would not want to deprive future boards on this.

Superintendent Lahmann commented that the Board received a request to name the Olympia High School baseball field, and the Board had requested information on the process used. He said the Board received this from Principal Matt Grant. Director McGee asked if there had been a hearing. Coach Todd McDougall said no, but that each group had been addressed separately. Director Lehman asked if the school had a sports hall of fame. Mr. McDougall said not yet, but there is one in process. Director Lehman asked if Olympia High School retires jerseys. Mr. McDougall said no. Director Lehman asked if there was any opposition to the proposal. Mr. McDougall said no, that coaches, site council members and department heads approved it. Director Keeffe said he was not at all opposed to approving this, that OHS graduate Bruce Crandall is an amazing person. Director McGee reiterated his concern about the school being sensitive to the timing for a dedication. He said he does not want a misunderstanding on what this is about.

DIRECTOR MCGEE MOVED AND DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED APPROVAL TO NAME THE OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD AFTER 1951 OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND RETIRED COLONEL BRUCE CRANDALL. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Board Member Comments

Director Lehman asked when the topic of nutrition would be on an agenda. Superintendent Lahmann said Supervisor of Food Services Paul Flock has been asked to be at the May 12 Board meeting to give a presentation. President Barclift commented that the nutrition bill did not come out of committee, that legislators felt it should remain in the jurisdiction of school districts. Director Lehman said the bill was for a study committee to give school boards a model policy.

Director Lehman spoke about the Conger/Division situation. He said there are mini-traffic jams mostly in the mornings, but in the afternoons as well. He noted that volunteers are out helping students get across the street. He said that, at a meeting about this issue, the City said it would put up beacons and lights. He said the City will not spend money on a live person. He said he has suggested the district consider using paraeducators at Jefferson Middle School and/or

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10. Board Member Comments (continued)

Capital High School at those intersections for 20 minutes before and after school. President Barclift asked even when the beacons are in? Director Lehman said yes. President Barclift said she has heard a lot of opposition about using both. She said students have to be taught to be safe pedestrians and use beacons or how to follow adults. She said she has been told that it is not good to use both with middle school students. Mr. Lehman said the Highway Transportation Commission is more expert on this. He commented that Garfield Elementary and Washington Middle School use a staff person. He asked why it is possible to do this at some schools and not others. Superintendent Lahmann said that at Washington Middle School, Principal Joni Butler takes the time out of her paraeducator allocation. Jefferson Middle School Principal Michael Cimino would have to take it out of paraeducator time which means taking the paraeducator out of the classroom. He said with the district looking at cuts in the budget, this is hard to do. President Barclift said something else the City will* to consider is the number of incidents there have been, and it has been almost totally non-existent. Director Parvinen said she is concerned about students depending on adults for decision on when to go. She said the need to learn skills with beacons. Director Lehman said implementation has been delayed already and asked when it would be implemented. Director of Facilities and Operations Bob Wolpert said it depends on the city's traffic safety commission and when it can allocate funds. He said we are probably looking at next year before anything is put in place. Director Lehman asked if Capital High School is in the equation. Superintendent Lahmann said a lot of time would be lost using a paraeducator

because of the time it takes to get back and forth from the intersection and the school. President Barclift said this is a different problem as well. She said people do not want to wait 15 minutes to get out of the parking lot. Director Keeffe said most of it is parents in the morning who are going to work. Director Parvinen suggested posting signs saying that fines are higher in school zones. *Amended per 3/24/03 Bd. Meeting.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Student Representative on the School Board
- Nutrition
- National Board Certification Program -- 3/24/03

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President