

**Minutes of a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
March 14, 2005**

PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, March 14, 2005, at 6:32 pm, a public hearing was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen to consider the proposed adjustment of two service area boundaries on the Westside of Olympia: McLane Elementary School and Hansen Elementary School. The hearing was held at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. In attendance were Directors Carolyn Barclift and John McGee, Student Representative Joe Anderson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

Mr. Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the background and rationale for the proposal, including a review of known new and proposed residential development. President Parvinen asked for public input.

Mr. Mark Duncan, father of a 2nd grade special needs student at McLane Elementary School, spoke to the need for consistency in his daughter's education, as adjustment to change in her school environment is very difficult, whether it be changing rooms or teachers, or adjusting to losing or gaining students in the classroom.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen at 7:03 pm on Monday, March 14, 2005, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. In attendance were Vice President Russ Lehman, Directors Carolyn Barclift and John McGee, Student Representative Joe Anderson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Director Rich Nafziger was unable to attend.

The pledge of allegiance was led by A. J. Davies, a Boy Scout with Troop 266, and a 6th grader at Jefferson Middle School. AJ attended the Board meeting to fulfill a requirement of a merit badge, Citizenship in the Community.

Superintendent Bill Lahmann presented awards to each school in the District in recognition of their improvement in student achievement as measured by last year's (2003-04) Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The awards represent a 10% increase in the number of students passing the WASL at each school.

The approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2005, were tabled to the next regular Board meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT RUSS LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2005. DIRECTOR MCGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. THREE AYES; TWO ABSTENTIONS; MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Winifred Olsen, School Retirees Association, drew the Board's attention to the fact that March 21-27, 2005, has been declared School Retirees Appreciation Week. Mrs. Olsen remarked that 81 years ago in December, she moved into Washington School, the building now known as the Knox Administrative Center and Avanti High School, as a 3rd grade student. She spoke briefly of the history of the District and of the legacy of exceptional leadership in the District.

Bill Fleming stated he was here as president of the Lincoln Elementary School Site Council and to deliver a petition for the return of transportation for the alternative programs. He said he does not ascribe to the rationale that because they are programs of choice they are ineligible for transportation; that he believes they should be looked at as basic educational programs. He added that there are programs of choice that do receive transportation. He also stated that the denial of transportation leaves the impression that students should live in the service area of the school offering the program in order to be fully welcomed. He stated that the District has created magnet programs that are for the benefit of students from throughout the District, and therefore the whole District becomes their service area.

Director Barclift asked Mr. Fleming how he explained the fact that there are waiting lists for the programs if the impression is being conveyed that students from outside the service area are not welcome.

Vice President Lehman asked Mr. Fleming to bring forth some hard data on the number of people who are not at Lincoln because there is no transportation available, and he asked to what degree we should subsidize, or can afford to subsidize, programs to provide availability across the District. He also asked Mr. Fleming for his recommendation as to where those funds might be found in the budget.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Director McGee noted the passing of Bob Bigelow who was his predecessor on the Board, and served on the Board for 20 years. He stated that he was always a gentlemen and served the Board and the community very well.

Director Barclift noted that she attended the Legislative Conference and is available to talk in depth to any of the Board members if they would like additional information.

Superintendent Lahmann read a proclamation from the Governor declaring March 14-18, 2005, as Classified School Employees Week in Washington state. He also read the Governor's proclamation declaring March 21-27, 2005, as Washington State School Retirees Association Appreciation Week in the state of Washington. He noted that we are fortunate to have many retired educators serving as volunteers in our schools.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED THAT THE OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMALLY CONCUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 21-27, 2005, AS WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL RETIREES APPRECIATION WEEK, AND MARCH 14-18, 2005, AS CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK, AND THAT WE EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF THE OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE GREAT WORK THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR DISTRICT. DIRECTOR MCGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

**DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 The following **Board Meeting Schedule** was acknowledged:

- Monday, March 21, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, March 28, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Public Hearing on Eastside Boundaries**, Washington Middle School, 3100 Cain Road SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, March 28, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Washington Middle School, 3100 Cain Road SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, April 4, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Joint Meeting with Olympia City Council**, City of Olympia Main Fire Station, 100 Eastside Street NE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, April 18, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Public Hearing on I-728**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way, SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, April 18, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, April 25, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Curriculum, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.

1.2 2005-06 School Year Calendar Revision

The Board approved a revision to the 2005-06 school year calendar, extending winter break by one day to Monday, January 2, 2006, a federal holiday, and extending the school year by one day to Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved one resignation and three leaves of absence:

RESIGNATION

Farr, Peter – LEAP teacher at Centennial Elementary School. Resignation effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Barnes, Tamara – Social Services Coordinator with Special Services (assigned to Washington Middle School). One-year .30 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .70) effective the 2005-06 school year.

Fulton, Todd – Special Services at Olympia High School. Adjustment in contract compensation to reflect a ten-day military leave effective February 28-March 11, 2005.

Woods, Dana – Teacher assigned to L. P. Brown Elementary School. One-year 1.0 FTE leave of absence effective the 2005-06 school year.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated March 14, 2005.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 26713 through 26755, in the total amount of \$28,910.13; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 7916 through 7932, in the total amount of \$113,419.74; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 132224 through 132363, in the total amount of \$314,124.06.

Regular Agenda

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Award of Bid – Relocation of Portables, Capital High School

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities & Operations, provided the Board with an overview of relocation plans for current school projects, including a recommendation for Board approval of an award of Bid No. 597 to Pacific Mobile Structures in the amount of \$206,507 for the relocation of six existing portable classroom buildings at Capital High School to accommodate the additions and modernization project scheduled to begin this spring. He also reviewed the projected timing on contract recommendations for Capital High School, Washington Middle School and L. P. Brown Elementary School.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE AN AWARD OF BID NO. 597 TO PACIFIC MOBILE STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,507 FOR THE RELOCATION OF SIX EXISTING PORTABLE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS AT CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE EYES; MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY PERSONS PRESENT

Donna Pallo-Perez read a statement from Karla Barkas, MAP parent, on the reinstatement of transportation for students in alternative programs. It stated, in part, that their family chose the MAP program because their son needed a fresh start and the MAP program seemed like a good place for him, but being a MAP parent requires a significant investment of both time and resources, and anything the District can do to assist would be appreciated.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

It was noted that a date has been set for a Board Retreat: April 29, 2005, 9:00 am to 3:00.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Representative Responsibilities – Superintendent Lahmann will get together with Student Representative Joe Anderson to review and analyze.

President Parvinen adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Secretary

President