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Board of Directors

Carolyn Barclift

Russ Lehman

Bob Shirley

Frank Wilson

Adam Buchholz,
Student Representative

William V. Lahmann, Superintendent

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 24, 2008

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, March 24, 2008, at McKenny Elementary School, 3250 Morse-Merryman Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Vice President Bob Shirley, Directors Russ Lehman and Frank Wilson, Student Representative Adam Buchholz and Superintendent Bill Lahmann attended.

President Barclift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Scott Schoengarth, addressed the Board on behalf of **Entertainment Explosion**, an entertainment group of individuals 55 years and up, who held two concerts this year to raise money for homeless programs. He said the funds donated are to provide for the kids—shoes, clothes, food...whatever the need. He presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Sue Paluh, Homeless Coordinator for the District. He spoke about the growth of their program since last year, as this year \$6,000 went to Community Youth Services, and \$2,000 each to North Thurston, Olympia, Rainier, Rochester, Shelton, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm School Districts. Scott closed by providing the dates for next year's **three** performances, to be held at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts on February 21st and 22nd.

McKenny Elementary School Principal Brendon Chertok welcomed the Board and introduced McKenny staff members. He provided McKenny's vital statistics, and reported on their School Improvement Plans, both 2007 scores and progress on 2008 goals, in Reading, Math, Writing, Science and Technology. He also talked about School Climate and Building Community efforts in the areas of Lifeskills, Trainings, PTO-sponsored events, Diversity, and more.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED, AND DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATED MARCH 10, 2008. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

One person indicated a desire to speak to the Board regarding Agenda Item 1.2 and will be recognized at that time.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Mike Snodgrass, commented on the difficulty he and his son had in understanding a math question while they were trying to help his daughter with her homework. He also thanked Student Representative Adam Buchholz for his maturity, dignity and intelligence.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Barclift noted the omission of an April 2, 2008, Special Meeting, to be added to the Board's Meeting Schedule under Consent Agenda Item 1.1. Director Shirley requested the removal of Voucher No. 141212 from the Consent Agenda under Item 8.1, to be considered at the end of the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION AND DELETION NOTED ABOVE. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 pm, **Special Meeting (Director Selection)**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 14, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 21, 6:00 pm, **I728 Public Hearing**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 21, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 pm, **Public Forum (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 pm, **Public Forum (Budget)**, Marshall MS
- Monday, May 12, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 19, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Avanti HS (Knox Center)
- Monday, June 2, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Thursday, June 5, 4:00 pm, **Retirees' Ice Cream Social**, Olympia HS
- Thursday, June 5, 6:30 pm, **Public Hearing (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Monday, June 9, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 pm, **Capital HS Graduation**, St. Martin's Pavilion
- Wednesday, June 11, 7:00 pm, **ORLA Graduation**, Indian Summers Country Club
- Thursday, June 12, 6:00 pm, **Avanti HS Graduation**, Knox Center Auditorium
- Monday, June 16, 7:00 pm, **Olympia HS Graduation**, St. Martin's Pavilion
- Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved three retirements, two resignations, one leave of absence and two increases in contract:

RETIREMENT – Effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Barber, Patricia – Business at Olympia High School.

Nardolillo, John – Music at Capital High School.

Williams, Michael – Secondary Teacher on leave of absence. (Last assignment was Physical Education at Capital High School.)

RESIGNATION – Effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Sikorski, Richard – Elementary Teacher on leave of absence. (Last assignment was Grade 4/5 at Lincoln Elementary.)

Smith, Rhyan – Elementary Teacher on leave of absence. (Last assignment was PATS Teacher at McLane Elementary.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Matheny, Marvin – Special Education Teacher on leave of absence. Approved extension of leave of absence through August 18, 2008.

INCREASES IN CONTRACT

McCartan, Daniel – Speech and Language Pathologist with Student Support. Approved a one-year .2 FTE increase in contract (from 1.0 to 1.2), beginning March 3, 2008. (To cover 1.0 FTE vacated by a contract employee.)

Smith, Vicki - Speech and Language Pathologist with Student Support. Approved a one-year .2 FTE increase in contract (from .6 to .8), beginning March 3, 2008. (To cover 1.0 FTE vacated by a contract employee.)

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated March 24, 2008.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

- CHS** – Track Teams, Track & Field Competition, Eugene, OR; 40 students, three coaches, six parents; April 25-26, 2008.
- OHS** – FBLA State Conference, Bellevue, WA; competition, workshops, meetings; 23 students, one teacher, one parent chaperone; April 10-12, 2008.
- OHS** – Track Meet at Pasco, WA; track and field event competition; six students, two teachers; April 18-19, 2008.
- RMS** – ALKI Program trip to Portland, Oregon; focus on urban learning experience, mass transit, urban development, history—part retreat, part experiential education; 50 students, two teachers, 16 parent chaperones; May 20-23, 2008, - OR - May 27-30, 2008. Dates depend on transportation options, to be determined. See request and attachments.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved cancellations totaling \$106,313.27, and the following expenditures: Private Purpose Trust Voucher Nos. 12 and 13 in the total amount of \$317.48; Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 30260 through 30313, in the total amount of \$70,331.78; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 9781 through 9800, in the total amount of \$63,533.92; General Fund Voucher Nos. 141209 through 141373, in the total amount of \$488,575.14, *except Voucher No. 141212 in the amount of \$5,934.00*; and, Transportation Vehicle Fund Voucher No. 66, in the amount of \$85,249.79.

8.2 Financial Report – February 2008

The Board approved the February 2008 Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, Debt Service, General, and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

8.3 Declaration of Surplus

The Board approved a declaration of surplus for the following:

- Desks, chairs, bookcases, file cabinets, moveable stage
- Rowing machine, stair stepper, stationary bikes
- TV stands, tables, TVs, VCRs, overhead projectors
- Office machines and other miscellaneous items
- Cleaning equipment

All items are surplus to the educational and operational programs of the District, or are beyond functional usefulness.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Consolidated Program Review

Assistant Superintendents Hans Landig and Matt McCauley reported on the recent audit by OSPI, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, of our federally-funded programs. While there were areas requiring attention and corrective actions, many of our programs received high marks and were considered exemplary.

1.2 Proposed New Policy 4130, Parent Involvement – 1st Reading

Assistant Superintendent Hans Landig presented for first reading a required policy outlining the District's responsibility to involve parents in the education process for their children. The proposed new procedure, 4130P, is included for reference. Dr. Landig stated that this is a required policy, and one that was noted in the report of the Consolidated Program Review.

Mark Campeau said, in reading Policy 4130, he understood the reasoning behind the policy and commented that it would be nice to go beyond the requirements of Title 1 to apply this policy to all parents.

The policy will be returned to the Board for second reading and approval at the April 21, 2008, Board meeting.

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Superintendent's Contract

The Board was to consider a motion to allow the Superintendent's present contract to continue toward its expiration date of June 30, 2010.

**DIRECTOR LEHMAN MOVED TO EXTEND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2011.
DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED.**

Director Lehman said he has voted against this for six years and thinks it is bad policy to obligate the taxpayers to what is essentially a very large severance package, noting that there is no equivalent even within state agencies with very large budgets. He said he would remain consistent and vote against extending the contract. Director Shirley said a three year contract is of no benefit to the District, and he was ready to speak about his disappointment in the performance of the Superintendent. Superintendent Lahmann asked that any performance discussion be done in executive session; President Barclift affirmed the request and noted that the current discussion was the extension of the Superintendent's contract for another year.

Director Wilson asked if the contract would continue to its June 30, 2010, date if the Board takes no action. Provisions of the contract were discussed, noting that it has been extended an additional year each January since 2002.

As to the motion: **FOUR NOES; MOTION FAILED.**

A five-minute break was called at 8:00 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 IMC Review

The Instructional Materials Committee has submitted a list of recommended materials for the Board's review. Director Shirley said the reason he asked to have the item pulled from the consent agenda at the last meeting was because he did not recall any items of such a large amount. He asked why this large amount of money was being spent on reading now, and if the expenditure was contemplated in the funds budgeted last June. Director of Curriculum Debbi Hardy responded that these programs are already in use in the District to address the needs of very small groups of children, and they are considered by many outside sources to be a gold standard for reading intervention. She asked for the approval of the programs so they can be on the District's list of approved instructional materials. Superintendent Lahmann stated that the initial reading materials were purchased as a pilot program by Special Education for a small group of kids, and students who used the materials were very successful. Mrs. Hardy reviewed the list and discussed funding sources.

In response to a question on Science review from Director Lehman, Mrs. Hardy said they have been reviewing research, talking about a community outreach grant, locating a professional development grant, and talking about how we measure the success of our Science programs. She said the work they've done has been sent out to the members of the task force to share with their constituents, seeking feedback. She said next year they would look at programmatic goals, and once OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) comes out with its new standards, the task force will look at the scope and sequence of the standards.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Budget Process Timeline Update

Assistant Superintendent Jim Crawford provided an update on the Budget process timeline in response to Board feedback from the recent Budget Study Session, including review of several dates set for input from the community and additional study sessions with the Board.

8.2 Consideration of General Fund Voucher No. 141212 (moved from Consent Agenda)

Director Shirley explained that this voucher was for services rendered by Perkins Coie for legal services, and he has made a request to Perkins Coie for clarification of their charges. He asked for no action on this invoice and for the voucher to be held over for the next Board meeting, where he would share the information he receives.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

Superintendent Lahmann reported on a communication he had received from the Thurston County School Directors’ Association (TCSDA) seeking input on whether member school boards wanted to continue the association or allow it to dissolve. President Barclift offered an explanation of their request. Copies of the request were passed to the Directors for their direct response. Superintendent Lahmann reminded the Board that the annual filing with the Public Disclosure Commission is due by April 15th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Barclift reminded the Board of the need to decide when to meet with the Olympia Education Association (OEA) and the Olympia Principals’ Association (TOPA).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Wilson encouraged the other Directors to go out into the schools, as they can’t wait to show you what’s going on in their classrooms and buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

Carolyn M. Barclift, President