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Student Representative

William V. Lahmann, Superintendent

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Rich Nafziger at 6:33 pm on Monday, March 26, 2007, at L.P. Brown Elementary School, 2000 26th Avenue NW, Olympia, Washington 98502. Also attending were Vice President Carolyn Barclift, Directors Russ Lehman, Michelle Parvinen and Bob Shirley, Student Representative Rachel Reclam, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

President Nafziger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOCUS ON L.P. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Maureen Spacciante, principal of L.P. Brown Elementary School, welcomed the Board and introduced staff members who were present. She spoke to the Board about their mission statement, provided a glimpse of their school improvement process, and talked about their leadership structure. Beth Swift spoke about their reading, writing and math programs and the steps to success they have put into place. Charleen Hayes addressed the schools key activities in Science, Providing a Safe and Nurturing Environment, and Partnering with Our Community. Spencer Olmsted provided information on their use of technology in the classroom to enhance student learning.

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2007. VICE PRESIDENT BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

There were no audience members who indicated a desire to speak to agenda items or under Community Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Superintendent Lahmann asked to amend the certificated and classified personnel reports to provide for the hiring of John Johnson head football coach at Capital High School, with a teaching position in the District to be determined. Following discussion the motion was amended accordingly: **FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, March 27, 7:00pm, **Thurston County School Directors' Assn.**, New Market Skills Center
- Saturday, March 31, 9:00 am, **Strategic Plan Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 2, 6:30 pm, **Joint Meeting w/Olympia City Council**
- Monday, April 16, 6:00 pm, **I-728 Public Hearing**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 16, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Thursday, April 19, 6:30 pm, **Strategic Plan Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, April 23, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (2007-08 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 14, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (2007-08 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm, **Strategic Plan Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, May 21, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Garfield ES

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board accepted two retirements and two resignations, and approved three leaves of absence, two reductions in contract and one new contract:

RETIREMENTS

Elder, Jay - Science at Olympia High School. Effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

O'Connor, Frank - Math at Washington Middle School. Effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Lee, Jennifer – Elementary Teacher (last assignment and location was Grade One at Boston Harbor Elementary School). Resignation accepted effective March 5, 2007.

Olsen, Amy – Elementary Teacher (last assignment and location was Kindergarten at Garfield Elementary School). Resignation accepted effective March 14, 2007.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Hallett, Kelly – Grade Four at Centennial Elementary School. Approved a one-year .80 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .20) effective the 2007-08 school year.

Johnston, David – English at Capital High School. Approved a one-year .60 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .40) effective the 2007-08 school year. The leave is for the purpose of Mr. Johnston continuing as .60 FTE President of the Olympia Education Association (OEA). Mr. Johnston will continue to be paid by the District as a 1.0 FTE employee, with OEA reimbursing the District for all costs related to the .60 FTE OEA President assignment.)

Ramey, Kristi – Pre-school at McKenny Elementary School. Approved a one-year 1.0 FTE leave of absence effective the 2007-08 school year.

REDUCTIONS IN CONTRACT

Holder, Sue – Kindergarten at Roosevelt Elementary School. Approved a continuing .20 FTE reduction in contract (from .50 to .30) effective the 2007-08 school year.

Samson, Kelli – English at Capital High School. Approved a continuing .40 FTE reduction in contract (from 1.0 to .60) effective the 2007-08 school year.

NEW CONTRACT

Johnson, John – Teaching assignment to be determined. Approved a provisional 1.0 FTE contract be issued effective the 2007-08 school year.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated March 26, 2007, as amended to include the hiring of a head football coach at Capital High School.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trips

The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

- ❑ **CHS:** Anaheim, CA, Disneyland Resort; Marching Band and Wind Ensemble; CONCERTS AND PARADE MARCHES IN DISNEYLAND AND CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE PERFORMANCE VENUES; 106 students, one teacher, 26+ parents; April 10-13, 2007.
- ❑ **CHS:** Camas, WA, Camas High School; State Knowledge Bowl; COMPETE IN STATE KNOWLEDGE BOWL TOURNAMENT; four students, one teacher; March 23-24, 2007.
- ❑ **CHS:** Lloyd Center, Portland, OR; Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA); COMPETING AGAINST OTHER SPORTS MEDICINE STUDENTS; eight students, one teacher, one parent; April 26-28, 2007.
- ❑ **CHS:** Orlando, Florida; DECA International Career Development; CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND COMPETITION; three students, one teacher; April 26 to May 2, 2007.
- ❑ **CHS&OHS:** Renton & SeaTac; All-State Music Festival; 2.5 DAYS OF REHEARSAL IN STATE HONOR GROUPS, WITH CONCERT SUNDAY AT UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND FIELD HOUSE; 36 students, three teachers, unspecified parents; March 22 – 25, 2007.
- ❑ **OHS:** Honolulu, HI; National Academic Decathlon Tournament; 8 students, one teacher, one parent; April 25-28, 2007.
- ❑ **OHS:** Bellingham, WA, Western Washington University; Thespian Conference; COMPETITION AND WORKSHOPS; 15 students, two teachers, three parents; March 15-17, 2007.
- ❑ **OHS:** Portland, OR, Key Club Convention; LEARNING LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ENCOURAGING CLUB SPIRIT; eight students, one advisor; April 13-15, 2007.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Electrical Utility Easement – Reeves Middle School

The Board approved an electrical utility easement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for primary electrical service to Reeves Middle School. The easement will allow PSE to service and maintain the underground line from Jasper Street to the new transformer that will be installed on the south side of the school building.

6.2 Call for Bids, Reeves Middle School – Student Lockers, Furnishings & Equipment

The administration granted permission to call for bids to procure approximately 400 half-height student lockers, furnishings, and equipment for the newly modernized and expanded Reeves Middle School.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the cancellation of various warrants dated 3/14/07 and 3/16/07 in the total amount of \$84,672.54, and the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 29150 through 29223, in the total amount of \$65,192.05; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 9174 through 9190, in the total amount of \$77,543.69; General Fund Voucher Nos. 13802 through 138437, in the total amount of \$372,241.41; and, Transportation Vehicle Fund Voucher Nos. 62 through 64, in the total amount of \$228,017.70.

8.2 Financial Report – February 2007

The Board approved the February 2007 Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, Debt Service, General, and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

8.3 Approval of Gifts Received

The Board approved acceptance of gifts received since October 2006, for a variety of specified and unspecified purposes in the District.

8.4 Disposition of Vehicles

The Board approved the disposition of six vehicles which have exceeded their life expectancy and have been replaced.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Student Representative to the Board

The Board discussed the provisions of Policy 1000.1 as it relates to the Student Representative position, the need to increase student awareness of the position to the student body, and whether the current election process allows equitable opportunity for representation from all District high schools. It was noted that Student Representative Rachel Reclam was elected without opposition; she recommended making the role more visible to students.

The Board considered various alternatives to the current process, including running an “at large” election, providing for a student alternate who could be a “fill in” when the student representative was out of town or otherwise unable to attend a Board meeting or study session, the reasonableness of the time commitment and the adequacy of a .5 credit for service on the Board. Also discussed was the possibility of two students, one from each of the primary high schools, sharing the position, or student liaison positions from each of the high schools to increase the levels of input to the Board and interaction between the student representative and all the high schools.

It was agreed that Superintendent Lahmann, Student Representative Reclam and Director of Communications and Community Relations Peter Rex would meet to consider the options discussed and make a recommendation to the Board at its April 16th meeting.

4 K-12 TEACHING & LEARNING

4.1 OSD Technology Plan 2007-2010

Ron Morsette, Technology Coordinator, presented an outline of the District's Technology Plan for 2007-2010, as required by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), including school-specific Building Level Plans and a District-wide Plan, tied to School Improvement Plans and to the OSPI Plan. He spoke of today's common technologies that didn't exist even ten years ago, and emphasized the urgency of preparing OSD students for a globalized future. The 2007-2010 Technology Plan is designed to coincide with planning for use of funds to be generated from the 2006 Tech Levy. The plan includes installation of new hardware and software across the District, provides staff training, and sets achievement goals for staff and students.

It was noted that large programs with tracking capabilities exist, and the District has looked at some and is looking at others. Student Representative Reclam asked if the District knew how many students did not have computer access at home, and Mr. Morsette said the District is working from an assumption that approximately 80% of our students do have computers in the home. He said his office has had conversations about ways of providing one-to-one computers for students, and will continue to watch other districts and explore opportunities, but does not currently have a plan. He also noted that continued success for students in the classroom is almost less about technology than about supporting teachers to success in embracing technological tools.

Mr. Morsette will seek approval of the 2007-2010 Technology Plan at the April 16th Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

Superintendent Lahmann informed the Board of a Thurston County School Directors' Association meeting being held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at New Market Skills Center. He noted the meeting was being held to determine if there is adequate interest to continue to exist as an organization.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Shirley noted that a public hearing, on the proposed boundary adjustment between Olympia and Tumwater in the North Street/Carlyon Street area west of Olympia High School, will be held at the Tumwater School District Board Room on Tuesday evening, March 27, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

Following discussion it was agreed that a portion of the May 7, 2007, regular Board meeting would be devoted to a review of the curriculum process, how it worked during the recent deliberations on the math curriculum, and the lessons learned. Director Lehman noted his intention to bring to the Board a draft policy regarding athletic facilities at the high schools, focusing on equity between the schools. Student Representative Reclam reminded the Board of a student survey she conducted and said she would like to bring the results to the Board at the April 16th meeting.

President Nafziger asked the administration for a future discussion on strategic interventions and the extent to which the District can offer packages to those students who are individualized learners, and gearing teaching strategies to the learning pace of the student. Superintendent Lahmann will speak with Joy Walton about the work she is doing through the Olympia Regional Learning Academy to create online opportunities for options for students at our three high schools.

President Nafziger recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:05 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:25pm. With no action or further discussion following Executive Session, Vice President Barclift immediately moved to adjourn, President Nafziger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

Rich Nafziger, President