

**Minutes of a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111  
March 28, 2005**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

The Olympia School District Board of Directors held a public hearing to consider the proposed adjustment of two service area boundaries on the Eastside of Olympia: Pioneer Elementary School and Centennial Elementary School. President Michelle Parvinen called the hearing to order at 6:32 pm on Monday, March 28, 2005, at Washington Middle School, 3100 Cain Road SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also attending were Vice President Russ Lehman, Directors Carolyn Barclift, John McGee and Rich Nafziger, Student Representative Joe Anderson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, provided an overview of the proposed boundary adjustment, which could provide a potential increase in enrollment at Pioneer Elementary School of 94 students, bringing it up to a three track status, in line with Centennial Elementary.

**Julie Frank**, spoke to the potential for additional student count when the property is fully built out in all phases. She also asked about a letter she had heard of that had gone out to the community suggesting further re-districting of neighboring developments, particularly the development known as The Farm. Mr. Crawford stated that full build-out might add another 20 students. It was noted that no other re-districting was intended, including The Farm, and the District had not generated, and was unaware of, the mentioned letter.

**Dan Penrose**, representing the Carlyon North Neighborhood Association, commended the District and the Board for addressing this issue in advance. He then drew the Board's attention to the jagged boundary line between Tumwater and Olympia that exists in the area south of Carlyon Avenue and north of North Street, and stated that they hope to work with all impacted agencies in the two jurisdictions to make adjustments to those boundaries.

**Wendy Eisler**, also addressed the Tumwater/Olympia boundary issue in the Carlyon neighborhood, stating that they are working on petitioning for change. Superintendent Lahmann noted that the district has attended meetings with the neighborhood, and that a formal process will require submission to ESD 113's Boundary Review Committee.

**Ryan Hall**, a parent with a kindergartner at Pioneer, stated that it was imperative that Pioneer undergo a remodel program in order to accommodate additional students.

Vice President Lehman asked if the boundary adjustment being sought by the neighborhood association, which could add another 17 students to Pioneer, would impact the current proposal. Superintendent Lahmann noted that the District has had conversations with Tumwater School District and the issue is whether there could be a mutually acceptable boundary change agreed upon by the two districts, and he also stated that the ESD 113 Boundary Review Committee is somewhat reluctant to change boundaries. He indicated that any potential for change is likely several years off, and does not impact the recommendation for adjustment currently being recommended.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

President Parvinen called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Medha Chundururu, a student from Capital High School.

Joni Wolpert, principal of Washington Middle School, welcomed the Board and introduced those Washington Middle School (WMS) teachers present. In beginning a presentation on the WMS School Improvement Plan, she noted parts of the plan they have emphasized this year, particularly, their Family/Community Involvement goal and the work the staff has done in this area, including coordinating efforts with Reeves Middle School and Olympia High School. She also noted they are working in many areas, particularly with reading and math. She referenced the research that notes the differences in the way boys and girls learn and comprehend, and stated that they will continue to explore those differences in order to identify ways to maximize skills for all students. Ms. Wolpert provided an in-depth look at many features of the WMS programs and plans.

The District will once again participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Free Day on Friday, April 22, 2005. Brittin Witzenburg, OSD's Resource Conservation Manager, outlined the District's plans for participation in this annual event, and introduced Kris Fransen of InterCity Transit and Tiffani Jensen from the YMCA Earth Service Corps, sponsors of the event.

**DIRECTOR NAFZIGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005. PRESIDENT PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THREE AYES; THREE ABSTENTIONS; MOTION CARRIED.**

**DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2005. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Chelsea Kuhnle**, a student at Capital High School, addressed the Board on behalf of herself and 12 to 14 other Capital students, requesting a course in Calculus 2. She stated that it is a class that is offered at Olympia High School and at other high schools in the area, and is highly desirable for moving into college programs.

Discussion ensued, during which Superintendent Lahmann agreed to meet with Teri Poff and explore the options for Calculus 2 next year, and respond back to the Board and the students. He also noted that the District currently has a math task force looking at math curriculum across the District.

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

In response to a question from Director Nafziger, Superintendent Lahmann stated that a high school nutrition policy was in the works and should be before the Board in May. Director Lehman noted that the Board Student Representative, Joe Anderson, had been accepted at top academic institutions in the nation, and offered scholarships, as well. The Board offered their congratulations for his success. Director Barclift asked about the process for student election, and Shelley Carr reported that it is in process.

A brief recess was called at 8:05 pm; the meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

**DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
DIRECTOR LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda
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**1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**1.1 Board Meeting Schedule**

- 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, 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** (tentative), Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Thursday, April 28, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Public Forum on I-728**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way, SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Friday, April 29, 2005, 9:00 am, **Board Retreat**, Association of Washington School Principals, 1021 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501 (phone 357-7951).
- Monday, May 2, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, May 9, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, May 23, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

**2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**2.1 Certificated Personnel Report**

The administration recommends the acceptance of one retirement and two resignations, and approval of one leave of absence.

*ALL OFFERS FOR NEW CONTRACTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND DISTRICT POLICY.*

**3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

**3.1 Classified Personnel Report**

The administration recommends approval of the Classified Personnel Report dated March 28, 2005.

**8 FINANCES**

**8.1 Approval of Vouchers**

**8.2 Financial Report – February 2005**

Board members are in receipt of the February 2005 Revenue and Expenditures Report for the General, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Associated Student Body and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

**8.3 Interagency Agreement with Tumwater for Special Education Services.**

The administration recommends the approval of a contract with the Tumwater School District for services to Tumwater students with disabilities.

## Regular Agenda

### **1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

#### **1.1 WIAA Enrollment & Delegation of Authority**

The administration recommends approval of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association renewal. Jeff Carpenter, Coordinator of Health, Fitness and Athletics, provided information on the potential for WIAA high school reclassification, based on an amendment currently under consideration. Director McGee requested an update on timelines and key dates, and Director Lehman asked for a report on ways the Board might provide input to the deliberations.

**DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE WIAA ENROLLMENT RENEWAL FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR. DIRECTOR NAFZIGER SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

### **6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION**

#### **6.1 Capital High School Bid Award**

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, recommended the bid for construction of the Phase II additions and modernization to Capital High School, OSD Bid No. 585, be awarded to Berschauer Phillips in the amount of \$17,491,953, including the base bid and alternate bid M-2.

**DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BID AWARD TO BERSCHAUER PHILLIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,491,953, AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Superintendent Lahmann pointed out a memo provided to the Board in their packet related to Student Internet Safety, as earlier requested by Director Barclift. He also noted that the Board was slated to meet with the City of Olympia City Council on April 4th, and also included in their packet was a list of “successful partnerships” to show the scope of projects that currently exist as a result of joint efforts between the two entities.

Superintendent Lahmann asked for clarification from the Board on the appropriateness of taking action on non-policy items at the same Board meeting where they are first presented. Director Barclift suggested the Board consider the topic at a retreat.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Student Representative Responsibilities

President Parvinen adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President