

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111  
May 9, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen at 7:03 pm, Monday, May 9, 2005, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also attending were Vice President Russ Lehman, Director John McGee, Student Representative Joe Anderson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Directors Carolyn Barclift and Rich Nafziger were unable to be present.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Parvinen.

**PRESENTATION**

Rick Wilson, Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, reviewed the Staff Recognition award process and introduced the awardees for 2004-2005. The categories and winners were:

- The Champion of Differences: Celebrates Diversity*  
LAURA WRIGHT, WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- The Conductor: Creates Harmony*  
ANITA WESSELMAN, MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
JODY UNDERWOOD, OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL
- The Dream Team: Supporting Each Other for the Common Good*  
REEVES MIDDLE SCHOOL PARAEducATORS.
- The Instructor: Excels in Teaching*  
TONI KOLOWINSKI, MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- The Playmaker: Supports Others*  
JAMIE LOCKHART, CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL
- The Sparkplug: Ignites and Energizes Individuals and Groups*  
DAVID BLASCEK, TRANSPORTATION
- The Trailblazer: Leadership Beyond the District*  
GREG ALLISON, WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- The Unsung Hero: Goes the Extra Mile*  
DIANA ROSA, TRANSPORTATION  
MARY RUCHTY, GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President Parvinen called a recess at 7:38 pm to allow the Board to greet the award recipients. The meeting reconvened at 7:58 pm.

**DIRECTOR MCGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2005. VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Audience members who desired to address agenda items were identified.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Uriel Iniguez stated he was here to speak about the recent tragedy in the loss of a Washington Middle School student and the issue of school safety. He said that one of the comments his son made was "he was one of the kids who gets picked on in school". He urged the Board to please address this issue in our schools, as many vulnerable children are lonely and unable to talk to their teachers. He asked the Board to please make some progress on this issue in memory of this child.

Donna Obermeyer – **Harrassment, Intidimation and Bullying (HIB)** – Mrs. Obermeyer stated the schools need to be a safe place for our kids, as outlined in Board Policy 3207. She said the community wants the District and staff to adhere to the policy and take immediate steps when they become aware of HIB incidents. She went on to add that the phrases “become aware of,” “immediate,” and “appropriate,” are key to the intent of the policy, but there is concern that lack of clarification could render the policy subject to many interpretations.

Katie Woodland – **HIB** – Mrs. Woodland advocated district-wide tracking of safety issues and other types of feedback received by the District. She added that reports of harassment and the myriad of other concerns brought to the District’s attention needed to be part of a process; that a parent who takes time off from work or other daily activities should be able to rely on full consideration and a paper trail. She suggested a simple half page form – not fancy or time-consuming, but one that could be tracked.

Robert Whitney stated that he was born here and has lived in Olympia all his life, and has been associated with WMS as a parent and as the husband of a teacher. His reason for addressing the Board, he said, was to indicate his support of WMS and its staff for the wonderful job they are doing.

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

Vice President Lehman commented on the tragic loss of the WMS student, and remarked on the importance, at a time like this, of not jumping to conclusions and passing along information of which we are uncertain.

Vice President Lehman suggested the Board might want to consider addressing the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and potential options for the District. He noted that it might be worth investigating whether this District would want to join the suit that has been filed on the basis of the funding issue, and added that the Board and the District have an obligation to the taxpayers of this community to monitor our use of funds. He asked the administration for an assessment of the costs that are being incurred by the state and the District as a result of NCLB.

**VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

### Consent Agenda

#### **1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

##### **1.1 Board Meeting Schedule**

- Monday, May 16, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session – Special Services**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 6:00 pm, **Strategic Plan Review Committee**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, May 23, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Centennial Elementary School, 2637 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, June 6, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session – Budget**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Thursday, June 9, 2005, 4:00 pm, **OSD Retirees Ice Cream Social**, OHS Commons, 1302 North Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, June 13, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 6:00 pm, **Avanti High School Graduation**, Knox Auditorium, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

- Thursday, June 16, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Capital High School Graduation**, St. Martin's Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Friday, June 17, 2005, 7:30 pm, **Olympia High School Graduation**, St. Martin's Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, June 20, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session – Budget**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Tuesday, June 28, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

## 1.2 Elementary School Boundary Adjustment,

The Board approved revised Policy 3130.1, School Service Areas, adjusting the elementary school boundaries in the Pioneer/Centennial and Hansen/McLane service areas as earlier proposed.

## 2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

### 2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board accepted two resignations and the approval of one release from contract, one change in leave of absence, four leaves of absence, one reduction in contract, one increase in contract and two new contracts, as follows:

#### RESIGNATIONS

**LaBell, Jan** – Career & Technical Education at Avanti HS, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

**Wilson, Richard** – Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, effective September 1, 2005.

#### RELEASE FROM CONTRACT

**Wilson, Linda** – Electives at Reeves Middle School, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

#### CHANGE IN LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Manley, Martha** – Grade Five at Lincoln Elementary School, .10 leave of absence rescinded effective April 18, 2005.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

**Cotey, Jennifer** – Special Education at Garfield Elementary School, a one-year 1.0 FTE leave of absence effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Howseman, Susan** – Counselor and Teacher at Reeves Middle School, a one-year 1.0 FTE leave of absence effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Kamerrer, Karen** – Block at Jefferson Middle School, a one-year .40 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .60) effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Thummel, Rachele** – English at Capital High School, a one-year .60 FTE leave of absence (from .60 to .0) effective the 2005-06 school year.

#### REDUCTION IN CONTRACT

**Bell, Amber** – Kindergarten and Art at Lincoln Elementary School, a reduction of .10 FTE effective April 18, 2005 through the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

#### INCREASE IN CONTRACT

**Rydholm, Mary Jo** – Music Teacher, Itinerant, a one-year .187 FTE increase in contract effective the 2004-05 school year.

#### NEW CONTRACTS

**Curry, Camille** – Occupational Therapist with Special Services. Request a continuing 1.0 FTE contract effective the 2005-06 school year. (Ms. Curry is currently on a one-year contract in this position.)

**Wells, Christine** – Hearing Impaired Teacher at Garfield Elementary School. Request a one-year .40 FTE contract effective the 2005-06 school year.)

## 3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated May 9, 2005.

#### **4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

##### **4.1** *(not submitted)*

##### **4.2 Overnight Field Trip Requests**

The Board approved the following:

- **Olympia High School** – FBLA National Conference, Orlando, Florida; **WORKSHOPS AND COMPETITION**; seven students, one teacher; June 22-28, 2005.
- **Marshall Middle School** – Ocean Park, Long Beach Peninsula, WA; **MUSEUMS, LIGHTHOUSES, COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER, WILDLIFE REFUGE—STUDY AND REVIEW WA HISTORY, ECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENT**; 51 students, two teachers, 10-15 parents; May 17-19, 2005.
- **Reeves Middle School** – Seattle, Vashon Island; **MUSEUMS, GALLERIES, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SAFECO FIELD, UNDERGROUND SEATTLE—FOCUS ON ART, HISTORY OF SEATTLE REGION, REGIONAL ISSUES OF HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION**; 54 students, two teachers, 16 parents; June 6-10, 2005.
- **Lincoln Elementary School, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class** – Neah Bay/Quinault/Cape Flattery, Washington; **NATURE HIKE, MUSEUM, RAINFOREST HIKE**; 23 students, 1 teacher, 18± parents; June 8-10, 2005.
- **Lincoln Elementary School** – Bend, Oregon; **UNDERSTANDING THE DESERT-VISIT STATE PARKS, HIGH DESERT MUSEUM, LAVA TUBES**; 25 students, one teacher, 10-14 parents; June 13-17, 2005.
- **Lincoln Elementary School, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class** – Neah Bay/Cape Flattery, Washington; **NATURE HIKE, MUSEUM**; 22 students, one teacher, 20± parents; June 16-17, 2005.

#### **5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

##### **5.1 Use of Facilities & Equipment – District Summer Sports Camps, CHS and OHS**

The Board approved use of District facilities and equipment for the following:

###### **CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**

Girls Volleyball	June 22-24, 2005
Girls Basketball	June 27-30, 2005

###### **OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**

Boys Basketball	June 27-July 1, 2005
Girls Volleyball	July 5-8, 2005
Girls Basketball	July 11-15, 2005
Girls Soccer	July 18-21, 2005
Boys Football	July 25-29, 2005

###### **OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL – USE OF EQUIPMENT ONLY**

Boys Football	June 24-28, 2005
Girls Soccer	July 15-19, 2005

##### **5.2 Joint Use Agreement, City of Olympia and Olympia School District**

The Board approved the Joint Use Agreement with the City of Olympia for the joint City/District use of facilities, playfields, maintenance services and scheduled administration services.

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

##### **6.1 Final Acceptance – Bid 560, LP Brown Kitchen Remodel**

##### **Final Acceptance – Bid 564, Capital High School Portable Relocation**

##### **Final Acceptance – Bid 584, Jefferson Middle School Fast Pitch Field Drainage Improvements**

The Board granted final acceptance of these three capital improvements projects.

##### **6.2 Award of Bid 594 – Improvements to Rogers Elementary, Phase I – Interior Improvements**

The Board approved award of Bid 594 to Berschauer Construction Company, in the amount of \$187,500.

##### **6.3 Award of Bid 595 – Improvements to Rogers Elementary, Phase II – HVAC**

The Board approved award of Bid No. 595, Improvements to Rogers Elementary School, Phase II, to Blue Mountain Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$206,950.

##### **6.4 Award of Bid for Washington Middle School, Sustainable Schools Hardware: Bid No. 598, Plumbing; Bid No. 601, Rainwater Harvesting; and Bid No. 602, Commercial Dishwasher.**

The Board approved the following award of bids for the Sustainable Schools Hardware to be incorporated into the Washington Middle School project:

- Bid No. 598: Bids A, B, D, and E, to Rosen Supply in the amount of \$36,996.
- Bid No. 598: Bid C to Ferguson Enterprise in the amount of \$1,732.
- Bid No. 601: Bids A, B, and C to Ferguson Enterprise in the amount of \$4,172.
- Bid No. 601: Bids D and E to Eagle Harbor in the amount of \$4,410
- Bid No. 602: to Duray in the amount of \$14,500.

## **8 FINANCES**

### **8.1 Approval of Vouchers**

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 26886 through 26947, in the total amount of \$44,091.14; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 7984 through 8009, in the total amount of \$267,361.24; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 132668 through 132796, in the total amount of \$317,161.51.

### **8.2 Request for Matching Funds**

#### **OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM**

The Board approved a request from the Olympia High School Academic Decathlon Team for the district to absorb one-third, or \$1,718.60, of the travel costs for their participation in the United States Academic Decathlon National Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, April 13-16, 2005.

### **8.3 Facility Use Agreement – The Church of Living Water**

The Board approved a one-year facility use agreement with the Church of Living Water to use Olympia High School for Sunday worship services.

Superintendent informed the Board that by their action they had accepted the resignation of Rick Wilson and his wife, Linda, a teacher at Reeves Middle School. Dr. Wilson has accepted a position as an Assistant Superintendent in the Vancouver School District.

## Regular Agenda

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

#### **1.1 Revision to Policy 1000.1 – Student Representative, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Superintendent Bill Lahmann and Student Representative Joe Anderson presented a first reading of a proposed revision to existing Policy 1000.1, offering clarification to the responsibilities of the student representative position. Vice President Lehman questioned the advisability of the District sponsoring the student's attendance at WSSDA.

#### **1.2 New Policy 2108, Remediation Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Hans Landig, Director of Special Services, presented new Policy 2108 for a second reading, noting that the policy summarizes the District's legal obligations under the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) and Title 1 of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Vice President Lehman asked for clarification of the phrase "financial capacity," contained within the first paragraph of the policy. The wording will be re-considered and the policy returned to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

#### **1.3 New Policy 2127, Health and Fitness, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Jeff Carpenter, Coordinator of Health, Fitness and Athletics, presented a first reading of new Policy 2127, designed to formally establish the District's programs for health and fitness, as required by state and federal laws. He provided a comprehensive overview of the policy, including a review of the proposed procedures which will accompany the policy.

**1.4 New Policy 2162, Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Hans Landig, Director of Special Services, will present a second reading and ask for approval of new Policy 2162, which summarizes the District's legal obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as interpreted and enforced by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). The District is mandated to have a policy in place which describes these obligations.

**VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE BOARD POLICY 2162 AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**1.5 Revised Policy 3231, Student Records, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Jeff Carpenter, Coordinator of Health, Fitness and Athletics, presented a first reading of a revision to Policy 3231, specifically under the section titled "Access by School Personnel," which will allow access by selected non-certificated and non-ESA staff in order to provide appropriate and necessary services to students.

**1.6 Revised Policy 3405, District Nutrition Standards**

Paul Flock, Director of Child Nutrition Services, presented for first reading revised Policy 3405, establishing District standards for the distribution of food and beverages at all school levels. He stated that the previously-approved Middle School Nutrition Standards was used as a base, with a Citizens Advisory Committee formed to create a district-wide policy. Mr. Flock reviewed the modifications being recommended, and asked for comments from four members of the nutrition committee.

Nathan Young, a Capital High School student, acknowledged the impacts on the student body and pointed out that the phasing-in will allow time for adjustment. He referred to the proposed policy as an advantageous health document and a mandate for creativity, as students and faculty will have to be more creative in their fundraising efforts, and may find alternatives that are more effective.

John Hanby, a teacher at Avanti High School, stated that the committee was a highly dynamic group with a lot of different ideas. He noted three elements which he felt drove the committee: 1) funding, which is an unknown, 2) student choice and 3) nutrition vs. junk food, but we need to train our students to make healthy choices, not in an atmosphere of prohibition, but one of balance.

Meredith Rafferty, a parent of two students, examined her own family's habits when she became part of the nutrition committee. She believes parents need to set the tone, the role of family in eating patterns is very important. Her family found they ate a lot of snack food and realized if they wanted nutrition from the recommended daily allowances, there wasn't room for junk. In her research she found that young people receive 25% of their daily calories from snacks. She noted that it takes time to change, and taking incremental steps allows individuals to become more accepting and allows the market to change. She also stated that although it takes time to change, the endpoint should be an environment that is 100% nutritious. She asked the Board for their support.

Matt Grant, principal of Olympia High School, supported the proposed policy as heading in the right direction, acknowledging that we all need to get healthier. He added that ultimately we don't want to rely on vending machines for funding our programs, and we need to work together to develop ways of dealing with revenue loss, if it occurs. He noted the valuable role of extra-curricular activities in the educational experience, and wants coaches and advisors to have the needed instructional time with students, rather than being distracted by concerns of

funding for the activities. This policy will provide the time necessary to make the change.

Director McGee asked, relative to the 80%, if it was driven entirely by funding, and Mr. Flock responded that the committee's position was more related to the students' right for choice.

Vanessa Ruddy, an organizer of the organic foods lunch program, said she is making a film on children's health and nutrition. She noted that the Berkeley School District decided they needed to work on children's health and eliminate junk foods, but continued to offer chocolate milk, with high fructose corn syrup content, until she demonstrated the need to eliminate that as well. She urged the Board to add that into the policy. She added that children do not have the maturity to choose between chocolate and salad—it's too much to ask children to make right choices when poor choices are available.

Diane Dakin, a family physician with Group Health, stated that the focus on revenue and student choice detracted from the primary health issues. She noted that she was speaking as part of the minority opinion of the committee who did not support the final policy recommendation, but the minority is supported by the local health community. She asked the Board to support a no candy or soft drinks policy at the high schools, not an 80/20 split, which she said would send a mixed message and fail to support the many families encourage their kids to make healthy choices. Obesity is far easier to prevent than to treat. The schools shouldn't provide ready access to unhealthy choices. She asked the Board to vote for health—health, not money, should drive this policy.

Dixie Havlak spoke about a Healthy Food Expo she attended the previous Friday, referring to it as a big fair with about 40 vendors offering healthy options that will meet the guidelines the District is establishing. She noted that in one year's time there has been a huge effort by food purveyors to fill the need for healthier food options. She expressed concern that sugar guidelines were left out of the proposed policy. She addressed the issue of the use of food rewards in the classroom, noting that many parents are very much against having teachers offer food for reasons other than hunger or nutrition, and requested that the policy contain the stipulation that "the use of food rewards in the classroom will not be allowed".

Megan Hubbard applauded the efforts of Paul Flock and the committee, but said use of progression as the process is a mistake; the goals should be the same at high school as middle school. She stated that sugar is not addictive and they will not go through withdrawal. She asked for a zero junk food tolerance, and for timely review of the policy that is adopted.

Gordon Wheat, speaking as the parent of three students in the District, stated his concern that the goals of the policy would be circumvented, with 80% offerings leading to a policy that would offer no change at all. He indicated his disappointment that the students did not rise to the challenge and find creative solutions. The only responsible action is to base the policy on sales, not offerings. Do we allow children to make choices with regard to substances that cause irreversible diseases? Within a year or two, obesity will be the number one cause of preventable death in our country; it is an incurable disease, a public health crisis.

Cora Vargus, spoke as a nutritionist with eight children who have gone through Thurston County schools, in support of going to a 100% nutrition policy. She agreed that we are in a crisis in this country.

Ann Sabatino is the parent of two children, one at Jefferson Middle School and one at Olympia High School. She noted that Thurston County has one of the highest rates of dental disease in the state, if not the highest, and she is an advocate of 100% eradication of junk food in the schools—it is only common sense. The impact on many low income families locally rivals conditions as bad as any third world country.

Student Representative Joe Anderson stated that students like junk food; given the option, students will often choose junk food. He said he strongly believed we should go to 100%; at 20% too many students will still choose soda. It's an issue of convenience, and it may not be popular, but students will adapt when they are provided with a variety of healthy choices, and will come to realize the value of it. The health issues are huge. It is important that we recognize the need to lead in this area and encourage healthy habits.

Vice President Lehman stated that a world class school district should provide a safe environment and not promote an unsafe environment. The medical and scientific evidence is incontrovertible—we have an absolute responsibility to protect children, and children don't always make the right decisions. He said he is disappointed in the committee: it has now been a year and he would have hoped for much more than this in the process of a year's work. Other districts have made the change and are making more money. This is not a considerable step forward. "The impacts on students" is using the exact same language used years ago about tobacco. There are many areas where we don't give our students choices, we make many decisions that are in their best interest. He said for him it was about the public hypocrisy of not only offering poor choices in our schools, but profiting from it. He said he thought the committee was going to be charged with: the world is changing; our District is going to change; we want you to help us get there and wouldn't it be great to use our business, DECA, and other students, to go out and research alternatives. That didn't happen.

Director McGee asked about the high fructose corn syrup issue. Mr. Flock responded that there are a lot of studies showing that children will drink more milk if it is flavored, and there is overwhelming support for flavored milk. In regard to the 80%/20% issue, Director McGee asked if there was a reason the recommendation didn't go to zero tolerance. Mr. Flock stated that the majority of the committee could not accept a complete ban on junk food, and student choice was the number one factor. Director McGee then asked if the 80/20 pertained to supply or consumption, and Mr. Flock noted that while that had been considered, they didn't have all the answers, but felt the 80/20 was in keeping with the spirit of the policy. While they did look at the impact on ASBs, they did not review booster clubs.

Director McGee said he would support running it out to 0, and preventing food rewards. He noted concern regarding "timely review," since we haven't done it well in the past. With regard to funding, he noted that the Board would need to consider optional funding if they support an option that results in a loss of funds. He added that he is not at all disappointed in the work of the committee: he would support the policy as presented but would be amenable to changes. He further noted that he has never seen prohibition work as an effective policy in anything.

President Parvinen asked about the removal of the section dealing with 35% of sugar by weight or 15 grams, and whether that was taken out for a particular reason or as part of the section on candy. Mr. Flock noted that it was incidental to the candy section.

Vice President Lehman suggested that the next agenda include discussion between Board and staff, with approval scheduled for the meeting after that.

**1.7 New Policy 6810, Energy and Resource Management and Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Brittin Witzenburg, Resource Conservation Manager, presented for first reading New Policy 6810, created to establish District guidelines for appropriate use of natural resources. She said the goal has three main points: 1) OSD will strive to be a leader in energy and resource conservation, 2) we will use resource management as a means of reducing cost, and, 3) OSD will incorporate resource conservation into the everyday operation of the District.

Director McGee stated his concern for indoor air quality and HVAC impacts, and would like to see it specifically addressed.

Vice President Lehman asked if we could commit to having all new and renovated structures meet certain sustainable standards.

Superintendent Lahmann commented that it is certainly something to take a look at. There are matching funds available from the state for construction projects meeting sustainable guidelines.

Bob Wolpert stated that design and construction meeting more rigid standards is more costly, somewhere between 4% and 6%. He noted that we must meet the standards in order to receive matching funds going forward, but our current projects are not designed to those standards.

**6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION**

**6.1 Award of Bid 587 - LP Brown Elementary School Additions and Modernization**

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, stated that the bid process on the project had hit a snag. He noted that as successful as we were on the Capital High School and Washington Middle School projects, LP Brown had only two bidders, and the lowest bid was \$800,000 above our budget. He noted that they are continuing to work through it, but may recommend delaying the project a year. He requested time for further review and will return to the Board at the next meeting.

There were no additional comments by persons present.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Superintendent Lahmann reminded the Board of the Strategic Plan Review on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President Lehman asked for a final accounting of the funds raised by the community group for the Cispus Outdoor School program. Assistant Superintendent Jim Crawford stated that the group has given the District the bulk of the funds they raised. He noted that they might currently be as much as \$1,000 short, but he will bring the final figures to the Board when available.

President Parvinen adjourned the meeting at 11:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President