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Michelle Parvinen
Bob Shirley
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Student Representative

William V. Lahmann, Superintendent

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Carolyn Barclift at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 21, 2007, at Garfield Elementary School, 325 Plymouth Street NW, Olympia, Washington 98502. Also attending were Directors Russ Lehman, Michelle Parvinen and Bob Shirley, Student Representative Rachel Reclam and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. President Nafziger was out of town.

Vice President Barclift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 7, 2007. DIRECTOR LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Bob Hodges, principal of Garfield Elementary School, introduced staff who were present and spoke of their progress on their School Improvement Plan, highlighting their outstanding work with students. Several presenters and performances were part of "Garfield - You're Family Here."

There were no audience members who desired to speak to agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Christine Charney spoke about National Board Certification, as a means of developing teacher leaders, and suggested that she might present to the Board at a later date the various elements of the program that might greatly benefit the District and generate additional support.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am, **Strategic Plan Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, June 4, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (2007-08 Budget)**, Knox Center
- Thursday, June 7, 4:00 pm, **Retirees' Ice Cream Social**, CHS
- Monday, June 11, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Thursday, June 14, 6:00 pm, **Graduation-Avanti HS**, Knox Auditorium
- Monday, June 18, 7:00 pm, **Graduation-Olympia HS**, St. Martin's Pavilion
- Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 pm, **Graduation-Capital HS**, St. Martin's Pavilion
- Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved two non-renewals of provisional contracts and one release from contract:

NON-RENEWALS OF PROVISIONAL CONTRACT

Clegg, David – Special Education at Olympia High School. Effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Morningside, Jacob – Speech/Language Pathologist with Student Support. Effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

RELEASE FROM CONTRACT

Rhinehart, Cheryl – Special Education at Centennial Elementary School. Requests to be released from her 2007-08 contract effective May 21, 2007.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated May 21, 2007.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials Committee Request

The Board approved a previously-submitted list of recommended materials for the Board's approval.

4.2 Overnight Field Trip Request

The Board approved the following overnight field trip request:

Lincoln: Cape Disappointment State Park, Astoria, Oregon; VISIT LEWIS & CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER, NORTHHEAD LIGHTHOUSE, FORT COLUMBIA, CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, LEADBETTER STATE PARK AND SEVERAL OTHER HISTORICAL SITES; 25 students, one teacher, 18 parent chaperones; June 12-15, 2007.

5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

5.1 Call for Bids – Custodial Supplies

The Board gave approval to call for bids for cleaning, paper and other custodial supplies utilized in the maintenance of all District facilities.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Change Order #1 to Bid 590 – Capital High School East Field Reconstruction and Track Resurfacing

The Board approved the addition of a layer of track surface to the Capital High School track surface reconstruction project at a cost of \$36,000.00.

6.2 Call for Bids – Pioneer Elementary School, Additions & Modernization

The Board gave approval to call for bids for furniture and equipment for the facility.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved cancellations totaling \$196,119.39, and the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 29351 through 29409, in the total amount of \$56,767.52; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 9250 through 9268, in the total amount of \$142,753.95; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 138760 through 138982, in the total amount of \$559,221.99.

8.2 Financial Report – April 2007

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

8.3 Acceptance of Donations

The Board accepted donations from Clintworth Photography to McKenny Elementary School, from Capital Rotary to Madison Elementary School, and from Olympia Rotary to Olympia High School.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Olympia Regional Learning Academy

Joy Walton, Administrator of the Olympia Regional Learning Academy updated the Board on the accomplishments and plans of the Parent Partnership and Online Learning programs.

Director Shirley asked about the cost effectiveness of the program on a per student basis, and Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal & Operations, responded with an estimate that we could expect to be at a breakeven point by 2008-09.

Director Lehman asked about the future in terms of the type of instruction and the potential for a loss of students in the comprehensive high school environment. Superintendent Lahmann explained that the program opened up opportunities to retain students in the District who simply learn better in an online environment, and who would otherwise take online courses in other districts. He also said it was an exciting program, and provides us with an opportunity to serve students who otherwise are not part of the public school system.

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Avanti High School Principal Appointment

Superintendent Bill Lahmann presented his recommendation for principal of Avanti High School, effective the 2007-08 school year. Michael Velasquez is currently serving as a teacher in the Tumwater School District, running his classes on an outcome-based program. He was selected from a field of 23 applicants, narrowed down to five interviewed candidates.

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL VELASQUEZ AS PRINCIPAL OF AVANTI HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR. DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

Superintendent Lahmann noted that candidates for principal of Capital High School will meet with an interview team on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. A parent/community forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 31st, in Pod A, to meet with the top three candidates.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A resolution regarding the "simple majority" proposed legislation was introduced by Vice President Barclift for review. She will be bringing it to the Board for its action at the first June meeting. Director Lehman said he would like to make some changes to the resolution; they will work together toward a modified version.

Vice President Barclift reported on the recent WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) Director Area 5 meeting; with 41 area directors in attendance, it was the largest meeting in the state. Linda Lamb, State Board of Education, spoke about math and other activities of the State Board. Ms. Barclift asked the directors to seriously consider participating in the fall meeting.

Vice President Barclift said she left the NSBA (National School Board Association) annual conference with a project in mind, and although she has not yet worked out the details, it would fall into the category of

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“what kids need to know,” as currently being discussed by the Strategic Plan Committee. She attended a work session put on by another state where they issue a “work ethic” certificate to students based on requirements established in collaboration with businesses to define characteristics employers are looking for in new employees. They have found that employers are giving preference to those students who receive a work ethic certificate. Ms. Barclift said she has spoken with surrounding districts and is looking into a county-wide program.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary

Carolyn Barclift, Vice President