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Student Representative

William V. Lahmann, Superintendent

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 27, 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 Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also attending were Vice President Bob Shirley, Director Frank Wilson and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Director Russ Lehman and Student Representative Adam Buchholz were unable to attend.

President Barclift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry Alexander to newly-appointed Director Allen Miller.

A brief break followed.

PRESENTATION

Michael Velasquez, Principal of Avanti High School, welcomed the Board and introduced staff members who were present. He presented the Board with information on Avanti's mission and goals, and reviewed the status of their School Improvement Plans. He gave an overview of their intervention strategies and methods of assuring success for all Avanti students. Lisa Foster, President, and Malory Salazar, Vice President of Mosaic, Avanti's Diversity Club, spoke briefly of their recent diversity activities and plans for the future. Teacher Brenda Dietrich talked about the robots her students have been creating in her Career and Technical Education classes, while students Kara Walker and Blaze Embry demonstrated. Mr. Velasquez also introduced David Hoekje, the 2008-09 Student Representative to the Board. Other students, who spoke of their experiences and successes at Avanti, were Samantha Ordos, Ashley Monroe and Jessie Weaver.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2008, REGULAR BOARD MEETING. DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SECONDED. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

One audience member was identified to speak regarding an agenda item.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Capital High School parent **Carrie Margolin**, asked that no sports teams be cut. As a faculty member at Evergreen State College, she spoke of ways they have dealt with budget cuts in the past, including a voluntary rotating layoff of 12 weeks per year, demonstrating the value they place on each other as colleagues. If cuts are needed in the athletic budget, she said, let everyone give a little so everyone remains. She compared CISPUS to athletic programs: a couple of days versus four years. She referred to a letter she had sent to the Board about the benefits of athletics for students: increasing athletic performance, building confidence and self esteem, lower rates of depression and eating disorders, less alcohol and substance abuse. She noted particularly the exercise benefits of drill team and the awareness built through community performances. She asked the Board to support athletics on the basis of proven results to students.

Linda W. Lamb, one of three elected members of the State Board of Education (BOE), representing western Washington, said the BOE is redesigning graduation requirements, and she invited OSD Directors to provide input on the third credit in math. At their next meeting in July in Vancouver, she said, they will hold a public hearing and possibly adopt that rule. She said the only hearing on high school graduation requirements to be held on the west side is on June 4th in Seattle at University Heights Center, and a grid outline of the current proposal is available. She said the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) has sent out a letter asking board presidents to respond to a BOE survey for feedback on implementation topics. She said the K-8 math standards have been adopted and high school standards are next, with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) developing plans for implementation and guidance for all math curricula in the state. She noted that science standards will soon follow.

Ms. Lamb spoke of the shared goals of a high-quality education for every child, to make them ready for life beyond high school, with the diploma serving as a declaration that the graduate has achieved a certain skill level. She said the accountability system is the final piece to be quickly addressed, and they are in the process of developing the formula.

Director Shirley asked about the third math credit, and Ms. Lamb responded that the requirement was imposed by the Legislature, though the BOE was leaning in that direction, as well. She noted that many students had completed their math requirements before senior year, some in their sophomore year, which would mean two years without math before going on to post secondary education. She recognized the lack of resources and other difficulties, and spoke of the need for good teachers and ways of keeping kids at the rigor they need. She added that the BOE was recommending the Legislature step up and fund what they recommend, and not put more pressure on the system.

Jennifer Forster, Executive Director of the South Sound Reading Foundation (SSRF), and parent of two students at Pioneer Elementary School, thanked the Board and District for their support of early reading, and provided a quick overview of the SSRF's outreach in reading for children before they enter kindergarten in Olympia. She said 40% of kids now entering kindergarten are below where they should be and will be struggling through school. She asked the Board for its continued support of SSRF.

Laura McDowell is the parent of a child at Garfield and one entering Capital High School. She spoke of the important place athletic programs, and other extra-curricular activities, have in the lives of high school students, as the times we made the best friends, and achieved a sense of teamwork and community. She noted that drill team is a very successful, hardworking group of female athletes, producing award-winning teams. She asked any cuts to the athletic program be shared equally among all.

Eileen Thomson has two daughters at Olympia High School, one who will graduate this year at the top of her class and head off to college, and one daughter on the autism spectrum. She said they had struggled to get adequate services for her. During the meetings and forums on the budget, she said she heard many community members in support of athletics at all levels, and also heard suggestions that special education funding be cut by the same percentage. She reminded the Board and the community that special education is mandated by the federal government, and that special education students don't have access to school-sponsored sports, clubs or pay-to-play opportunities. She asked the Board to carefully consider these factors in their budget deliberations.

Mike Snodgrass reminded the Board of his earlier request that the budget discussion not pit people against each other or put programs in the position of competing for dollars. He noted that a recurring theme was to keep cuts as far away from students as possible, and if you are going to cut one program, cut all programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED.

Director Shirley asked that Voucher No. 141929, representing a payment to Perkins Coie, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. **THE MOTION WAS AMENDED: FOUR AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, June 2, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Thursday, June 5, 4:00 pm, **Retirees' Ice Cream Social**, OHS
- 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
- 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 17, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Budget)**, Knox Center
- Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

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

RETIREMENTS - All requests approved effective the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Anderson, Mary Beth – Grade One at LP Brown Elementary.

Curtright, Jane – Grade One at Boston Harbor Elementary.

Edwards, Joan – Grade Three at Garfield Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS – All requests approved effective the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Aubin, Mary – Special Education Teacher at Washington Middle School.

Bloom, Constance – Nurse at Pioneer Elementary School.

Cousino, Michael – Alki at Reeves Middle School.

Knuth, Dale – English at Capital High School.

Theine, Judith – English Language Learners at Hansen Elementary.

Turcotte, Mary – Infant Toddler Teacher and Speech Language Pathologist at LP Brown Elementary.

Request to resign .20 FTE Speech Language Pathologist position. (Ms. Turcotte will hold a .80 FTE continuing contract, Infant Toddler Teacher.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Havens, Christy – Elementary Teacher on leave of absence. Approved a .80 FTE childcare leave of absence. (.20 FTE placement to be Grade Three at Roosevelt. Filling FTE vacated by Cathy Stottlemeyres' leave of absence.)

Johnston, David – English at Capital High School. Approved a one-year .60 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .40) effective the 2008-09 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 the OEA reimbursing the District for all costs related to the .60 FTE assignment as OEA President.)

NEW CONTRACT

Brickell, Adam – Speech Language Pathologist for Student Support. Approved a 1.0 FTE continuing contract beginning the 2008-09 school year. (Filling a previously-contracted position.)

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated May 27, 2008.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials Committee for Approval

The Board approved the instructional materials submitted by the Instructional Materials Committee at the May 12, 2008, Board meeting.

5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

5.1 Award of Bid 618, Field Reconstruction at Marshall Middle School

The Board approved a bid award to Clements Brothers, Inc., for a base bid in the amount of \$447,617.00 for the Sports Field Reconstruction project at Marshall Middle School. The project, approved as part of the 2003 construction bond, will entail the reconstruction of the existing track and sports field. Existing soils will be removed and replaced with well-draining soils and a new underdrainage system, creating an "all-season" sports field. The existing track surface will be removed and replaced with a new cinder track surface; other minor improvements to this sports facility are also included. The cost estimate for this work was \$500,000.00; the certified low bid is for \$447,000.00. This will be our first project working with Clements Brothers, Inc.; their references have been checked and they have an excellent reputation.

5.2 Award of Bid 626, Produce for Schools

The Board approved a bid award to Northwest Produce of Tacoma for the supply of produce to the District during the contract period of April 28, 2008, through August 31, 2009.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved cancellations totaling \$129,622.73, and the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 30436 through 30491, in the total amount of \$58,835.52; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 9856 through 9865, in the total amount of \$19,133.74; General Fund Voucher Nos. 141775 through 142011, in the total amount of \$550,054.91; and Private Purpose Trust Voucher Nos. 19 and 20, in the total amount of \$245.28.

8.2 Facilities Use Request for Madison Elementary School

The Board approved a one-year request from Rivers of Grace Church for the use of Madison Elementary School for their Sunday worship services.

8.3 School Mitigation Agreement – Deering & Nelson Plat

The Board approved a school mitigation agreement for a 30-unit single family development in a subdivision located in the Garfield Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School and Capital High School service areas.

8.4 Declaration of Surplus

The Board approved the disposal of the following vehicles. These vehicles have exceeded their expected life time and have been replaced:

Vehicle #32	1994 Chevy/Collins Bus	1GBHG31Y1RF138701
Vehicle #37	1994 Chevy/Collins Bus	1GBHG31Y1RF138634
Vehicle #39	1994 Chevy/Collins Bus	1GBHG31Y1RF138852
Vehicle #08	1991 Blue Bird Bus	1BAAHCSA9MF041635
Vehicle #10	1991 Blue Bird Bus	1BAAHCSA9MF041636
Vehicle #18	1991 Blue Bird Bus	1BAAHCSA9MF041639
Vehicle #122	1993 GMC Jimmy	1GKDT13W3P2518220

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Revised Board Policy 6212, Procurement Cards

Business Manager Karen Edison presented for second reading a revision to existing Policy 6212, covering the use of procurement cards in the District for purchases.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 6212, AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.2 Auditor's Request

Director Shirley reviewed the request from the Auditor's office for a copy of a facsimile dated December 7, 2007, from Superintendent Bill Lahmann to legal counsel Val Hughes.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY MOVED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REQUESTED FACSIMILE TO THE AUDITOR, AS REQUESTED. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Update on OSD Mathematics Initiative

Curriculum Director Debbi Hardy, Math Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Monica West, and Assessment Coordinator Alice

Burman, updated the Board on mathematics related to professional development, alignment with the new standards, Measurement of Academic Performance (MAP) 2008 spring data, and plans for professional development in the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Burman noted the positive trends and consistencies in MAP scores, as to year-to-year growth.

Community member and parent **Beth Flynn** said she was hoping for more of an update, such as the number of students in each math track, how Connected Math Project (CMP) students were doing on WASL and MAP testing compared to non-CMP students, and the actual cost of the curriculum and training. She noted her ongoing concern that the District continue to offer advanced math classes so they can skip ahead and take AP Calculus in high school. She requested math track data for fall 2004 to fall 2008, and CMP2 testing results. She asked why CMP2 pilot data hadn't been released. She requested information on training costs for teacher training and the cost of supplemental materials, and asked the Board to hold the administration accountable for the CMP2 results.

Director Shirley noted that Ms. Flynn's first request was simple and that it would be very beneficial to know the costs of training and test result comparisons. Ms. Burman noted that last year's results were very close as to CMP2 students and non-CMP2 students.

4.2 Class of 2008 Graduation Statistics

Assistant Superintendent Matt McCauley reported on the number of students graduating in the class of 2008 and the number of students at risk of not graduating due to lack of credits, WASL scores, incomplete Culminating Projects and incomplete High School and Beyond Plans. He presented a chart reflecting the numbers of students at each of our high schools who are at risk in the stated categories, but noted that the numbers are changing daily as students bring in their final work.

8 FINANCE

ITEM MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 General Fund Voucher No. 141939

The Board considered General Fund Voucher No. 141939, representing payment of legal fees to Perkins Coie. Director Shirley stated that about \$1,000 of the invoice was for a letter of March 5th to David Price, and said he considered the letter to be specious or misleading, in its statement of privilege surrounding an email disclosed in a public information request. He noted his disappointment that we would employ the services of someone who would create a letter he concluded was intended to cow Mr. Price.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHER 141939 AS PRESENTED. PRESIDENT BARCLIFT SECONDED. FOUR AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

(10 MINUTES)

Superintendent Lahmann noted that the next meeting would be the last for Student Representative Adam Buchholz, and the 2008-09 student representative would be sworn in. He asked the Board to take a look at their Board calendar and expressed his appreciation that the Directors were willing to attend so many functions during this time of the year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING: OATH OF OFFICE, 2008-09 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Barclift said she would be sending out some possible dates for a Board retreat and for work on the Strategic Plan, as well as some evening times for the Board to meet with the Olympia Education Association (OEA) and the Olympia Principals' Association (TOPA).

Director Shirley asked if the meetings would be recorded.

Director Miller thanked the Board for his warm welcome.

Director Shirley asked about the scheduling of a collective bargaining update, and President Barclift said she would follow up on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

Carolyn M. Barclift, President