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**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111  
June 28, 2005**

The Board of Directors of the Olympia School District held an Executive Session at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen at 7:04 pm, Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also attending were Vice President Russ Lehman, Directors Carolyn Barclift, John McGee and Rich Nafziger, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Parvinen.

In keeping with a tradition began in 1998, the Board recognized two community partners Morningside, and the Olympia and West Olympia Rotary Clubs. Shelley Carr, Director of Communications and Community Relations, made the presentation, providing information on the history of the relationship with these outstanding partners to the Olympic School District, and expressing our gratitude for their commitment to the District. Cindy Kretschmer accepted the award on behalf of Morningside, and Pat Rants accepted on behalf of both Rotary Clubs.

**DIRECTOR JOHN MCGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2005. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

Audience members who wished to address the Board regarding agenda items were identified.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Ann Hemmings of Buckley Nursery addressed the Board in protest of Consent Agenda Item No. 6.1, on the basis that Webfoot Construction, recommended by the administration for the award of Bid 589, was not a registered contractor, as required by the bid documents and the laws of the state of Washington, at the time of the bid submittal to the District.

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded, explaining an oversight on the part of Webfoot Construction which rendered them delinquent in the payment of a small fee, for which they had not been cited. Inasmuch as the District had not contracted with Webfoot during the time of the delinquency, and inasmuch as Webfoot, having had the oversight brought to their attention, has now paid the appropriate fee, and, based upon review by our legal counsel, Mr. Wolpert expressed his continuing recommendation for the award to Webfoot Construction.

**John Whitbeck – PATS** – proud parent of a Western Washington University graduate, named Outstanding Graduate, who was a PATS student, and himself a member of five PATS advisory committees since 1992, including the 1999 review which resulted in several pages of recommendations. He spoke on behalf of the program, and urged the Board to listen carefully and provide some effective transition.

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

Director Nafziger noted an interesting article in the Olympian regarding dropout rates and stated that he found our rate disturbing. He requested that this topic be considered at a future Board meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.1, AWARD OF BID 589 - CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL, J/V BASEBALL AND SOCCER FIELD RENOVATION. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

## Consent Agenda

### **1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

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

- Wednesday, July 6, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session - Budget**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, July 18, 2005, 6:00 pm, **Public Hearing - Budget**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, July 18, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, August 8, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, August 15, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, August 22, 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 Board approved three releases from contract, one leave of absence, two increases in contract and three new contracts, as follows:

##### **RELEASES FROM CONTRACT**

**Carlson, Barbara** – Education Specialist with Special Services. Released from 2005-06 contract.

**Curtis, William** – Social Studies and Foreign Language at Olympia High School. Released from contract, to retire, effective end of the 2004-05 school year.

**Rose-Roger, Jill** – Speech/Language Pathologist. Released from 2005-06 contract.

##### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Tallman, Janet** – Elementary teacher. A one-year 1.0 FTE leave of absence effective the 2005-06 school year.

##### **INCREASES IN CONTRACT**

**Muzatko, Robyn** – Kindergarten at Pioneer Elementary School. A one-year .50 FTE increase in contract (from .50 to 1.0) effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Skinner, Janice** – Grades One and Two at Hansen Elementary School. A continuing .50 FTE increase in contract (from .50 to 1.0) effective the 2005-06 school year.

##### **NEW CONTRACTS**

**Al-Timimi, Jane** – Special Education Teacher, location to be determined. A provisional 1.0 FTE contract effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Kabat, Brenda** – Speech/Language Pathologist with Special Services. A 1.0 FTE provisional contract effective the 2005-06 school year.

**Mar-Chun, Gayle** – Principal of Madison Elementary School and Remedial Programs Coordinator. A 1.0 FTE continuing contract effective July 1, 2005.

**Nelson, Yuko** – Foreign Language at Capital High School. A provisional .60 FTE contract effective the 2005-06 school year.

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

#### **2.2 Issuance of 2005-06 Certificated Administrator Contracts**

The Board authorized the issuance of 2005-06 Certificated Administrator contracts, as recommended by the Superintendent.

### **2.3 Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held for personnel and real estate matters.

## **3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

### **3.1 Classified Personnel Report**

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated June 28, 2005.

### **3.2 Unrepresented Classified Salary Schedule**

The Board approved the 2005-06 Unrepresented Classified Salary Schedule.

## **4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

### **4.1 Instructional Materials Committee Report**

The Board approved the list of materials submitted to the Board for approval by the Instructional Materials Committee.

## **5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

### **5.1 Facility Use Agreement – Rivers of Grace Church**

The Board approved a facility use agreement with Rivers of Grace Church for use of Madison Elementary School for Sunday worship services.

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

### **6.1 Award of Bid 589 - Capital High School, J/V Baseball and Soccer Field Renovation**

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda.

## **8 FINANCES**

### **8.1 Approval of Vouchers**

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Voucher Nos. 27103 through 27191, in the total amount of \$60,352.92; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 8063 through 8088, in the total amount of \$764,272.17; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 133190 through 133339, in the total amount of \$266,314.14.

### **8.2 Financial Report – May 2005**

The Board approved the May 2005 Revenue and Expenditures Report for the General, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Associated Student Body and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

## Regular Agenda

## **1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

### **1.1 P.A.T.S. Review**

Ken Benny, Assistant Superintendent for K-12 Teaching and Learning, presented the preliminary work of a parent and staff committee assembled to review the strengths and challenges of our Program for Academically Talented Students (P.A.T.S.), and made recommendations for a future work plan. He spoke from a PowerPoint file, and provided the Board with a copy of the slide document.

Also speaking for the Review Committee were Stephen Martin, PATS teacher; Chris Woods, Principal of Pioneer Elementary School and District PATS Coordinator; and, Frank McCormick, parent of two PATS students, one of whom will attend Washington Middle School next year.

Discussion ensued as to assessment and how we can improve the program immediately while looking to the future of the program. Vice President Lehman stated that he hadn't heard much new information and he had been hopeful for a better delivery model recommendation, particularly considering the lack of implementation of previous recommendations.

Director Barclift stated that the current request for review came about in part because the PATS program was being attacked, but that five meetings were not sufficient to address it. She added that while it is true PATS students are not any more or less important, it is also

true that highly-capable students have special needs, and she would like to see an ongoing committee to provide a continual review. Director Nafziger commented favorably on the recommendation calling for the use of existing data to track an appropriate path going forward. He also indicated interested in the middle school issue, as being a point where you start losing students. Mr. Martin agreed, stating the middle school was a somewhat less nurturing environment where we are less able to observe changes in students, and suggesting mentoring as one solution. Director Nafziger asked if an opportunity might be available to partner with NOVA, and Mr. Martin said a dialogue could easily be initiated.

Director McGee noted while some of the recommendations are bigger picture, more costly items, but some of it, dedicated web space for instance, are lower ticket items and how could we implement them in the short term. Mr. Benny responded by stating that Chris Woods is empowered to move forward on a work plan and to work very closely with Teaching & Learning to have budget available, and he added that an ongoing advisory group would keep the flame alive.

Superintendent Lahmann agreed that Mr. Woods would have the authority, as well as the responsibility, for moving forward and that Superintendent Lahmann would be working with him, as well as the Technology office and the teachers, to implement a work plan and begin tracking student progress through high school. He noted that Diane Waiste had a panel every year of high school students to talk about the impact the PATS program had on their overall education experience. He agreed there is a high interest in the program at NOVA. Director McGee asked if an update could happen in July, and Superintendent Lahmann said every effort would be made, depending upon availability of staff.

Director Barclift was excused from the meeting at 9:00 pm, at which time President Parvinen called a brief recess; the meeting reconvened at 9:12 pm.

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

### **6.1 Award of Bid 589 - Capital High School, J/V Baseball and Soccer Field Renovation**

In response to the protest registered under Community Comment, the Board moved this item to the Regular Agenda from the Consent Agenda. After discussion of the points earlier made, and not wanting the project to be postponed on a technicality, given confirming advice from legal counsel:

**DIRECTOR NAFZIGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF BASE BID AND ALTERNATE BID NOS. 1 & 2 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE LOWER FIELD (J/V BASEBALL AND SOCCER FIELD) AT CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL TO WEBFOOT CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$436,365. DIRECTOR MCGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8 FINANCE**

### **8.2 Bond Sale Resolution 425 and Purchase Contract - 2003 Capital Facilities Bond**

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, and Jon Gores, Vice President of Seattle Northwest Securities presented the final Bond Sale Resolution and Purchase Contract to complete financing of the capital construction projects authorized by voters in the 2003 Capital Facilities Bond. The final bond sale provides funds necessary to complete the construction projects at Capital High School, Washington and Reeves Middle Schools, and LP Brown and Pioneer Elementary Schools.

Mr. Gores reported to the Board on the Bond Sale, indicating a very successful sale, with highly desirable results. In response to a question from Vice President Lehman, Mr. Gores stated that Seattle-Northwest Securities had agreed to provide advisory services to the District for a fee capped at \$50,000.

**VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 425, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2005 SERIES A, AND UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, 2005 SERIES B. DIRECTOR NAFZIGER SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION**

**6.1 Capital Facilities Plan, 2006-2011**

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the draft of the District's 2006-2011 Capital Facilities Plan, including new calculations for student generation ratios and school impact fees.

**8 FINANCE**

**8.1 2004-05 Budget Status Report**

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services, updated the Board on the status of the current year budget and expenditures.

**8.3 Mitigation Agreement – Castle West Development**

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities & Operations, presented a mitigation agreement for Castle West Development, a new 45-unit, single-family development located in the L.P. Brown Elementary School service area.

**DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PRESENTED MITIGATION AGREEMENT FOR CASTLE WEST DEVELOPMENT FOR A 45-UNIT, SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN THE L.P. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVICE AREA. DIRECTOR LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no items brought up by persons present.

Vice President Lehman noted that the Board needed to schedule a Board retreat during the summer. He will poll the Board for a date.

Director McGee stated he had announced he would not be seeking re-election to the Board in the fall.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- High School Drop Out Rates
- Status Report on PATS Review

President Parvinen recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:54 pm, and reconvened at 10:54 pm.

**VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GAYLE MAR-CHUN, AS PRINCIPAL OF MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND REMEDIAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR. DIRECTOR NAFZIGER SECONDED THE MOTION. FOUR AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President