



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AUGUST 12, 2008**

A special meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Carolyn Barclift at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also present were Directors Allen Miller and Frank Wilson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

President Barclift reviewed the process for the evening to include brief introductions by each candidate.

For Director District 3, Jim Justin, Doug Pennington and Eileen Thomson each introduced themselves and made a few opening remarks.

The questions were:

1. As a committee, we spent quite a bit of time and got wide input to develop a four-year strategic plan:
  - a. Have you read it?
  - b. How would you see the plan linked to the District budget?
2. I would like to ask the candidates to identify the nature of any relationships they may have with the superintendent, administration officials, or any sitting board member, including business, familial, etc. For any relationships that exist, I would ask those candidates to state whether that relationship would prevent him or her from objectively participating in evaluations, disciplinary actions, or any other duties as a board member were they to be appointed.
3. Former school board member Bob Shirley came to each meeting well prepared. He had studied the board packet, reached out to the community and spoken with school staff. How do you plan on filling his seat and bringing the same level of preparation to the board meetings?
4. As budgets continue to be difficult, how do you see using the District's Strategic Plan to guide budget decisions? Please include your thoughts on how you would consider the potential need to shift money to increase/improve direct student instruction.
5. What role do you feel the Board should have in working with the administration to improve and change programs or program components that need improvement?
6. If you are selected to be on the school board, how do you plan to work with district staff to prioritize budget decisions to prevent significant budget cuts in the future?
7. What innovative sources for district budgets might be tapped? What specific kinds of budget help can the community offer?

*To hear the responses of the candidates, go to <http://osd.wednet.edu>, click on Board of Directors, Board Meeting Podcasts.*

President Barclift provided the candidates with an opportunity to offer closing comments.

The Director District 3 session was concluded at 7:17 p.m.

At 7:46 p.m., the Director District 5 session was opened.

President Barclift thanked everyone and explained the process, including what would occur at the selection meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Candidates Mark Campeau, Jerry Vicks and Ron Wieland introduced themselves and made a few opening remarks.

The questions were:

1. If you are selected to be a director, how do you plan to prioritize your time to read the lengthy board packet, be prepared for meetings and meet with teachers, students, district staff and parents?
2. As a committee, we spent quite a bit of time and got wide input to develop a four-year strategic plan:
  - a. Have you read it?
  - b. How would you see the plan linked to the District budget?
3. What role should the Board have in working with the administration to improve and change programs or program components that need improvement?
4. As budgets continue to be difficult, how do you see using the district's Strategic Plan to guide budget decisions? Please include your thoughts on how you would consider the potential need to shift money to increase/improve direct student instruction.
5. What innovative sources for district budgets might be tapped? What specific kinds of budget help can the community offer?
6. I would like to ask the candidates to identify the nature of any relationships they may have with the superintendent, administration officials, or any sitting board member, including business, familial, etc. For any relationships that exist, I would ask those candidates to state whether that relationship would prevent him or her from objectively participating in evaluations, disciplinary actions, or any other duties as a board member were they to be appointed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

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Carolyn M. Barclift, President

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