

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
September 13, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President John McGee at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2004, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also present were Vice President Michelle Parvinen, Directors Russ Lehman and Rich Nafziger, Student Representative Joe Anderson, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Director Carolyn Barclift was absent due to illness.

The salute to the flag was led by President McGee

DIRECTOR RICH NAFZIGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2004. VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION. VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN REQUESTED A CORRECTION TO INDICATE HER ABSTENTION FROM VOTING FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 12, 2004, SINCE SHE WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, PRESIDENT MCGEE CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2004, MEETING, AS AMENDED. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes of the emergency meeting of August 25, 2004, were held for consideration at the next meeting.

There were no audience members who indicated their desire to address the Board on agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Donna Obermeyer – Special Education – requested the addition of a disability section to health and fitness curriculum at all levels, no later than the fall of the 2005-06 school year. All students must be taught an understanding of disabilities, the real world causes and effects of disabilities, and that no one chooses to have a disability. We want students to see past disabilities, to understand that students with disabilities deserve as much courtesy and respect as any other student. With understanding comes tolerance, and tolerance is best achieved through education.

Vice President Parvinen asked if there is an established curriculum currently available or would they have to be developed? It was agreed that the question would need to be researched.

Mike Freeman – Special Education – indicated that improved enrollment and revenue pictures, might provide an opportunity for talking sooner about restoration in special services. He spoke to needs in the area of transition planning; planning for post-graduate, post-school age activities, as required by law. He went on to state that we suffer from very low expectations with regards to our special needs students, and we are very concerned about this particular area.

Director Nafziger asked if this is something that is part of the restoration, or is it an unmet need? Mr. Freeman stated that it is something we haven't done very well in the past, perhaps as a result of diminishing resources over the years, adding that the District has a one-stop shop for transition services, the Moore (Dee) House. The law requires us to take a look at this at age 14; we need to be considering our options much earlier than that.

Danny Kadden – stated that there was definite community interest in a restoration plan. He commended the administration and Board for the District's organic food plan, which was a national news item today, though steps still need to be taken at the high school level. A key is empowering parents to be involved.

Bill Fleming – president of Lincoln Options site council. Mr. Fleming also commended the Board on its efforts to support healthy foods in the schools. He referred to agenda item 1.3, New and Revised Board Policy Section 4000 – *Community Relations*, specifically Policy 4050, Business Involvement in Our Schools, suggesting that the policy should include a reference to school grounds.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Director Nafziger proposed a resolution be considered at the next Board meeting which would endorse Initiative 884, providing additional funding for early childhood learning, smaller class sizes, capital improvement projects, and other education provisions as well.

President McGee stated that he would like more information on how students with disabilities currently fit into our health and fitness curriculum, suggesting that the Board might want to consider whether to address it further.

Superintendent Lahmann noted that the Board had received a letter from WSSDA regarding the upcoming legislative assembly, suggesting that the Board contact Director Barclift with input of comments.

Director Nafziger suggested that the Board might consider the issue of start times for teenagers, perhaps putting it on the agenda to be addressed in the future.

VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, September 20, 2004, 6:30 pm, **Board Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, September 27, 2004, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Marshall Middle School, 3939 20th Avenue NW, Olympia, Washington 98502.
- Monday, October 11, 2004, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.
- Monday, October 18, 2004, 6:30 pm, **Board Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.

1.2 Ingersoll Stadium Procedures

The Board acknowledged the revised the facility use and rental procedures for Ingersoll Stadium in compliance with the City of Olympia Site Plan Review Committee's conditional approval dated June 4, 2004.

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved two leaves of absence, two increases in contract, and ten new contracts.

2.2 Executive Session

An Executive Session was held for contract negotiation and real estate matters.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated September 13, 2004.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:

- Olympia High School – Volleyball Team; Cispus Learning Center, Randle, Washington; goal setting and team bonding; 36-40 students; 3 teacher chaperones; August 26-27, 2004.
- Capital High School – Cross Country Competition, Men & Women; Yakima, Washington; to experience and participate in one of the largest cross-country meets in the nation; 35 students, 2 teacher chaperones, 6 parent chaperones; October 2-3, 2004.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS—NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Award of Bid No. 584—Jefferson Middle School, Fast Pitch Fields—New Drainage

The Board accepted the bid from Gencon Pacific to install new field drainage for the fast pitch fields at Jefferson Middle School.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 26038 through 26084, in the total amount of \$49,732.33; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 7647 through 7672, in the total amount of \$1,642,113.51; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 130329 through 130510, in the total amount of \$376,125.71.

8.2 Facility Use Request – Harvest Life Ministries

The Board approved a one-year extension of the facility use agreement with Harvest Life Ministries for the use of McKenny Elementary School.

8.3 Facility Use Request – Capital Vision Christian Church

The Board approved a one-year extension of the facility use agreement with Capital Vision Christian Church for the use of Olympia High School.

8.4 Lease Agreement – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

The Board approved a lease agreement with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd to use their south wing addition to house the Washington Middle School sixth grade classes during the 2005-06 school year.

Regular Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Appointment of Olympia School District Board Member to the TOGETHER! Board of Directors

The two-year term filled by Vice President Michelle Parvinen on the TOGETHER! Board of Directions will expire at the end of September. TOGETHER! has invited the OSD Board to re-appoint Vice President Michelle Parvinen for another two-year term.

DIRECTOR LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TOGETHER!. DIRECTOR NAFZIGER SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.2 New & Revised Policies, Section 3000, *Students*

Jeff Carpenter, Coordinator of Physical Education and Health, presented seven health-related policies for second reading.

Director Lehman asked for clarity on the descriptions of policies being considered. Superintendent Lahmann explained that a member of the community expressed concern as to whether the notifications we were issuing provided enough information. We realized that when we review several policies within a section, the description of the individual policies was often very brief. As a result, we have revised our process to provide clarity on each policy under consideration.

DIRECTOR NAFZIGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEVEN, SECTION 3000, HEALTH-RELATED POLICIES AS PRESENTED. VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.3 New & Revised Policies, Section 4000, *Community Relations*

Shelley Carr, Director of Communications, presented nine policies for second reading.

Director Nafziger asked about the earlier reference to Policy 4050 and whether it should also provide for limiting advertising on school grounds in addition to within the school buildings. Director Lehman recalled that to do so would have excluded the support we receive from advertisers on our sports fields. He went on to suggest that the Board might want to take another look at it in the future.

VICE PRESIDENT PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NINE SECTION 4000 COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICIES AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR NAFZIGER SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 2004-05 School Year Opening Update

Superintendent Lahmann and Assistant Superintendent Jim Crawford presented information on enrollment figures and other details of the first four opening days of 2004-05. Superintendent Lahmann stated that while our enrollment is down as expected, we are seeing a great deal of energy throughout the District, resulting in a very smooth opening. Mr. Crawford advised that September enrollment numbers are indicators, while the October figures would provide a more accurate picture, and while the numbers were lower than last year, they were somewhat above our projections.

A discussion of class sizes, adjustments, student/teacher ratios, staffing, and possible fiscal benefits ensued.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Schematic Design – LP Brown Modernization & Additions

John McLaren, Capital Projects Manager, introduced representatives from Erickson McGovern Architects, who presented the schematic design for the LP Brown Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice President Parvinen noted that TOGETHER! is celebrating its 15th anniversary on the 23rd of this month.

Superintendent Lahmann reminded the Board that a study session is scheduled for next Monday. WASL data will be discussed, and some schools will present their successes. Both Reeves Middle School and Capital High School have shown great achievement in special education. He explained that the scheduled October study session will focus on alternative programs, including a presentation by Joy Walton of some of her ideas for expanding into the community and providing services to home schooled students. November's session will be devoted to Special Services.

Vice President Parvinen received support for holding the next Board retreat on Sunday, October 3rd, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Superintendent Lahmann will explore options for a facilitator.

Student Representative Joe Anderson questioned an email regarding physical education waivers and forms. Superintendent Lahmann responded that high school principals used to have the authority to waive certain graduation requirements, but that authority has been taken away by the State Board. Mike Hickman, Director of Career and Technical Education, noted that every student must take the health portion or the requirement, but that the fitness segment could be substituted with an equivalent activity, and principals do have the authority to grant equivalency credits. President McGee noted that in the past most exceptions were given for academic reasons. Superintendent Lahmann stated that at the moment there are no provisions that substitute sports for physical education requirements. More information is being gathered, including looking into possible differences occurring between Capital and Olympia High Schools.

In response to a question from Director Nafziger, Superintendent Lahmann stated that the administration could prepare a resolution for the Board's consideration with regard to endorsement of I-884.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Policy Updates
- Board Email Communications

At 9:00pm President McGee recessed the meeting to Executive Session for a discussion of contract negotiations and real estate matters.

President McGee adjourned the meeting at 11:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President