



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Monday, September 22, 2008, at Roosevelt Elementary School, 1417 San Francisco Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington 98506.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Adams, a Boy Scout and former Roosevelt Elementary School student, currently attending Reeves Middle School.

FOCUS ON ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Domenico Spatola-Knoll welcomed the Board and introduced Fiona Palazzi, a 5th grade student in Julie Mickelson's class, who recited a poem. He introduced Roosevelt staff members and, with Counselor Michelle Zodrow and Reading Facilitator Alice Harkness, highlighted Roosevelt's programs, successes and community involvement.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:08 pm, reconvening at 7:23 pm.

DIRECTOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. SIX AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Following a brief discussion, Allen Miller was appointed to represent the Board on the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).

There were no audience members who asked to speak about agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Margaret Kennedy, parent of a 13 year-old and a kindergartener, spoke about the length of time four McLane morning kindergarten students spend riding the bus; on average, forty-five minutes going to school in the morning, and an hour and twenty minutes for the return trip.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Crawford said he and Transportation Supervisor Fred Stanley have been in constant communication about this particular bus run and were looking for creative alternatives to lessen the impact on these kindergarten students.

CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. SIX AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, September 24, 5:00 pm, **Board Orientation**, Room 301, Knox Center
- Wednesday, October 1, 5:00 pm, **Board Orientation**, Room 301, Knox Center
- Monday, October 13, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, October 27, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Reeves Middle School
- Monday, November 10, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, November 17, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Strategic Plan)**, Knox Center
- Monday, November 24, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Boston Harbor ES
- Monday, December 8, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (RTI)**, Knox Center
- Monday, December 15, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved one leave of absence, five increases in contract and four new contracts:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rocks, Paul – Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Request a .10 FTE leave of absence effective the 2008-09 school year.

INCREASE IN CONTRACT

Bloomdahl, Kay – Counselor at Capital High School. Request a .20 FTE continuing increase in contract (from .80 to 1.0). (Filling remaining .20 FTE from Ross Register's transfer to Washington.)

Gwin, Sharlon – Special Education at Pioneer Elementary School. Request a .50 FTE continuing increase in contract (from .30 to .80). (Filling FTE vacated by Becky Beswick's transfer to McLane.)

Hughes, Robert – Teacher at Jefferson Middle School. Request a one-year .20 FTE increase in contract (from 1.0 to 1.2). (Filling .20 FTE of Laura Mondau's .60 FTE leave of absence.)

Tradewell, Carrie – Kindergarten at LP Brown Elementary School. Request a .50 FTE continuing increase in contract (from .50 to 1.0). (New allocation due to enrollment.)

Turcotte, Mary – Infant Toddler Teacher at LP Brown Elementary School. Request a one-year .20 FTE increase in contract (from 1.0 to 1.2). (New allocation due to enrollment.)

NEW CONTRACTS

Bigelow, Ron – Math and Exploratory Teacher at Reeves Middle School. Request a .40 FTE retire/rehire contract beginning September 10, 2008. (New allocation due to enrollment.)

Brickell, Tracy – Speech Language Pathologist with Student Support. Request a .60 FTE provisional contract. (Filling a previously contracted position.)

Hahn, Rebecca – Grade Five at McLane Elementary School. Request a one-year 1.0 FTE contract beginning September 12, 2008. (Filling FTE vacated by Julie Mickelson's transfer to Roosevelt Elementary.)

O'Connor, Frank – Math at Boston Harbor Elementary School. Request a .40 FTE retire/rehire contract beginning September 15, 2008. (New allocation due to enrollment.)

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated September 22, 2008. *A discrepancy in the name of the staff person who will be filling the assistant coaching position at WMS will be clarified.*

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:

- **OHS** – Bellevue, WA; DECA State Fall Leadership Conference; workshops, breakout sessions, speakers, trainings; ten students, two parent chaperones; October 26-28, 2008.
- **OHS** – Yakima, WA; Sunfair Invitational Cross Country Meet; seven students, one coach; October 3-4, 2008.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved lost, voided and cancelled warrants totaling \$54,112.23, and the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Voucher Nos. 30720 through 30748, in the total amount of \$42,465.00; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 9979 through 10002, in the total amount of \$159,904.60; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 142721 through 142842, in the total amount of \$600,876.24.

8.2 Request to Sell Surplus Curriculum Materials

The Board approved a sale of surplus curriculum materials at Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA).

REGULAR AGENDA

3 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

3.1 Recruitment & Staffing Update

Human Resources Director Beth Scouler reported on current highlights and challenges in certificated recruitment and staffing for the District. She spoke about teachers who leave the District, due to moves, retirements and changing careers, and those who take leaves of absence. She also talked about teachers who are new to the District or new to the profession, and positions which are difficult to fill.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Summer School Report

Kevin Evoy, Assistant Superintendent K-12 Teaching & Learning, expressed the District's gratitude to the OSD Education Foundation for including Summer School as an entity eligible to participate in their Principals' Checkbook program. He then introduced summer school coordinators, Mick Hart and Dan Casler, who provided a brief report on the District's 2008 elementary, middle and high school summer school program. Mr. Hart addressed enrollment, costs, tuitions and funding. Mr. Casler spoke about the high school program, classes and staff, and introduced Olympia High School Junior Julie Dahlen, who took advantage of the 2008 Summer School Program to complete her Culminating Project.

8 FINANCE

8.1 Budget Development Calendar

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent Fiscal and Operations, presented a calendar for development of the District budget for 2009-10 school year. He also reviewed potential studies discussed by the Board during the adoption of the 2008-09 budget.

A discussion ensued regarding the means by which input on the budget could be gathered.

President Barclift noted the need to re-schedule the Board Orientation meetings. It was determined to hold the first session on October 1st and the second one on Monday, October 20th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

Superintendent Lahmann issued an invitation to everyone for the Science Community Forum being held on October 6th at Olympia High School. He also noted the annual Harvest Festival being held Friday, September 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary to the Board

Carolyn M. Barclift, President

A full recording of the Board meeting is available on the OSD website: <http://osd.wednet.edu>. Click on "Board of Directors," then on "Board Meeting Podcast," and follow the instructions for downloading the appropriate meeting.