

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
October 10, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2005, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Joy Walton, principal of Avanti High School.

Beth Scouller, Human Resources Director, introduced the principals of Avanti and Capital High Schools, Jefferson and Marshall Middle Schools, and Boston Harbor, L.P. Brown, Garfield, Hansen and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, who, in turn, introduced new staff members at each of their schools. A new staff person with K-12 Teaching & Learning was introduced by Jeff Carpenter, Health, Fitness and Athletic Programs Coordinator.

President Parvinen called a ten minutes recess at 7:21 pm in order for the Board to greet the new staff members. The meeting reconvened at 7:44 pm.

VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005, AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE A REVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY REQUIREMENTS AS A FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEM. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

No community members indicated their desire to speak to agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Bill Fleming – conveying good news of thanks for the work the Board does and particularly for the return of the Lincoln/Alki/MAP bus.

Hugh O’Neal – stated that the return of the bus has made a big difference to his family and their day.

Byron Glenn – as we have been reminded by the two recent hurricanes, access to transportation is more than just a ride.

Eric Bushnell – said he was also here to offer thanks for reinstating the bus route.

Tamara Crane – added her thanks to the Board for hearing and acting upon the concerns of the community for the alternative bus.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Director Barclift introduced five items:

- She has been receiving emails about a “65% Solution” and suggested to the Board that they watch for these messages. She stated that it appears to be a simple message to taxpayers about funding for schools, but one that offers a very narrow picture and fails to include key services.
- At the Washington State School Directors’ Association (WSSDA) Region 5 meeting, it was noted that the diploma generated through alternative assessment is the same as the diploma received by passing the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL), in contrast to the concerns raised at the previous Board meeting by community member Raul de la Rosa.
- During the meeting of the WSSDA Legislative Committee recently, Director Barclift was elected to the position of Vice Chair of the committee.
- As a result of the increases in the cost of fuel, she asked the administration to provide a comparison for the next regular meeting of District fuel expenses incurred since the beginning of school this year versus the same period last year, and suggested a discussion as to how the District will fund the difference.

- She noted that the WSSDA Annual Conference is to be held November 16-19, 2005, and she is registered and plans to attend; however, her family has been notified that her son may return from Iraq on the 17th of November. If that occurs she may be unable to attend the conference, or some part of the conference.

Director Nafziger requested the administration research the "65% Solution" message to prepare the Board and the administration for questions that may come from the community.

Vice President Lehman noted that the certification of the election will not occur until November 29th, which means Director McGee will retain his seat, and the newly-elected Board member will not be sworn in, until December 12th.

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

Consent Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, October 17, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, October 24, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, McKenny Elementary School, 3250 Morse-Merryman Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, November 14, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, November 21, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Study Session**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, November 28, 2005, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Avanti High School, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, December 5, 2005, 6:30 pm, **Joint Meeting with Griffin School Board**, Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Monday, December 12, 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 one contract status amendment, one increase in contract and one new contract, as follows:

CONTRACT STATUS AMENDMENT

Womer, Felicity – Infant Toddler and Integrated Kindergarten at Garfield Elementary School. Approved to amend her contract status from .50 FTE continuing to .40 FTE continuing and .10 FTE one-year.

INCREASE IN CONTRACT

Schooler, Joan – Block at Reeves Middle School. Approved a continuing .30 FTE increase in contract (from .50 to .80) effective the 2005-06 school year. (FTE increase needed for enrollment.)

NEW CONTRACT

Dickerson, Ilene – Speech/Language Pathologist with Special Services. Approved a .40 FTE continuing contract effective the 2005-06 school year, beginning October 4, 2005.

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

2.3 Executive Session

An Executive Session was held for Personnel matters.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated October 10, 2005.

4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials Committee (IMC)

The IMC has provided the Board with a list of instructional materials for review. The materials will be available for study in the K-12 Teaching & Learning office for a period of two weeks.

4.2 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:

- **Olympia High School** – DECA Fall Leadership Conference; Bellevue, Washington; INCREASING MARKETING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS; nine students, one teacher; October 23-25, 2005.
- **Reeves Middle School** – ALKI Program, Pacific Beach, Washington; LIFE SCIENCE FOCUS—SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATIVE GROUP SKILLS, STUDY OF INTERTIDAL ZONES AND ECOLOGY OF BEACH TIDE POOLS—54 students; 18+ parents, 2 teachers; October 5-7, 2005.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Voucher Nos. 27365 to 27429, in the total amount of \$112,833.33; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 8245 through 8277, in the total amount of \$3,862,296.36; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 133822 through 133953, in the total amount of \$378,670.79.

8.2 Declaration of Surplus – Furniture & Equipment

The Board approved a declaration of surplus for miscellaneous classroom and office furniture, equipment and materials, food service and maintenance equipment stored at the old Madison Elementary School. All items are surplus to the educational and operational programs of the district or are beyond economic repair or functional usefulness.

8.3 Declaration of Surplus – Vehicles

The Board approved a declaration of surplus for six buses which have exceeded their anticipated usefulness and have been replaced.

Regular Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Second Reading, Revision to Policy 2410, High School Graduation Requirements

Matt McCauley, Executive Director, K-12 Teaching & Learning, presented for second reading the administration's recommended revisions to Policy 2410. The policy is being recommended for revision in order to comply with State Board of Education rules and Federal laws regarding high school graduation. Also enclosed for reference is the procedure created to support the policy.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE REVISED POLICY 2410, AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR McGEE SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1.2 Resolution 428, Authority for newly-Elected Board Members to Attend WSSDA

Resolution 428 was presented to permit persons newly-elected to the District Board of Directors to attend the annual conference of the Washington State School Directors' Association to be held November 16-19, 2005, in Seattle.

DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 428. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Approval of Agreements

The administration recommended approval of the agreements reached with the members of Teamster Local 252, Custodial Maintenance and Transportation Employees, and with Food Service Employees, also part of Teamster Local 252.

At the request of Superintendent Lahmann, the Board deferred action on item 3.1 until after Executive Session.

4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Item 4.1 was pulled from the agenda.

4.2 School Improvement Planning Process

Matt McCauley, Executive Director, K-12 Teaching & Learning, presented information on the Olympia School District's School Improvement Planning process and Basic Education Funding, noting that the administration would return at the next Board meeting for approval of SPI 1497, Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance.

4.3 Curriculum Review/Adoption Cycle

Matt McCauley, Executive Director, K-12 Teaching & Learning, presented a draft "Curriculum Review/Adoption Cycle," as an introduction to the curriculum review process to be further reviewed at Board meetings and study sessions throughout the 2005-06 school year.

5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

5.1 John Rogers School Health & Safety

Bob Wolpert, Facilities & Operations Director, provided the Board with a detailed report on cleanup of the facility, improvements made, and health and safety testing and procedures initiated at John Rogers School in preparation for student occupancy of the building this school year after being vacant for two years.

8 FINANCES

8.1 October Enrollment Update

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal & Operations, presented an update on student enrollment data for October 2005, noting that while enrollment is a little higher than anticipated, the count is holding steady and there seem to be no "hot spots" requiring current action.

Superintendent Lahmann reported many classrooms are quite full, but no obvious places to increase staffing have been identified for now. He further noted that the administration is watching these schools closely.

There were no items brought up by persons present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Barclift reported on her recent trip to Canada, where teachers did not strike, but rather "withdrew services" to mark their dissatisfaction with their working conditions. She stated that teachers are responsible to their provincial government, not a local Board of Directors, and that their lack of a pay increase for two years is tied to the same standards as all other provincial employees.

Superintendent Lahmann directed the Board's attention to two upcoming conferences and requested they consider attending: the OSPI Winter Conference in Seattle in January 2006 – he noted that the District would be sending a team from the administration and would like to have a Board member or

members as part of that team – and the National School Boards' Association Annual Conference in Chicago in April 2006. In response to a question from President Parvinen, Superintendent Lahmann noted that while it would be difficult to fund the full Board at the conference, the budget would permit some representation by the Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **High School Graduation/Drop Out Rates, to Include PE Requirements and High School Equivalency** – November 14, 2005
- **Highly-Capable Program Update** – Spring 2006
- **Portfolio Option** – Task Force to be formed and input provided from the State
- **Outdoor School Options** – Spring 2006

President Parvinen recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:15 pm. The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 pm.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 252, CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE AND TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES, AND FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES. VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President