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**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
October 24, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Michelle Parvinen at 7:00 pm, Monday, October 24, 2005, at McKenny Elementary School, 3250 Morse-Merryman Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Also attending were Vice President Russ Lehman, Directors Carolyn Barclift and John McGee, Student Representative Palmer Buchholz and Superintendent Bill Lahmann. Director Rich Nafziger was unable to attend.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Parvinen.

FOCUS ON McKENNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Adora Nwankwo and **Chantal Arevalo**, 4th and 5th graders, welcomed the Board to McKenny. Sue Gribble, principal of McKenny Elementary School, introduced McKenny staff members who were present. She gave an overview of the background and development of the current McKenny School Improvement Plan and the areas of emphasis for the 2005-2006 school year. Students shared their learning experiences from a water quality testing program along the Deschutes River, from their Garden Club work, and from their studies of estuaries, demonstrating their focus on science and the integration of science into their reading and math programs.

VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2005. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Audience members who wished to speak regarding agenda items were identified.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Carl Corbin and **Karen Sell** of the Lions Club, presented President Parvinen and Superintendent Lahmann with copies of the dictionaries their Club recently donated to third graders throughout the District.

Bob Jacobs addressed the issue of impact fees and asked the Board to impose the full impact fees on developers, thereby lessening the impact on taxpayers.

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan asked what plans were in place in the event of a flu epidemic. Superintendent Lahmann stated that the District is currently working with our health professionals and the Department of Health to develop a plan.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Vice President Lehman asked the administration to investigate the use of performance-enhancing substances in the District, suggesting a survey of coaches and athletes, and looking into what other districts are doing. Superintendent Lahmann stated that he has spoken with several coaches from time to time, and has found them to be very alert to the possibility, but that perhaps a more formal approach could be undertaken. Discussion ensued, with caution recommended in the area of surveying students and consideration of the costs that might be involved in pursuing an investigation. Superintendent Lahmann stated the administration would report back to the Board in the near future.

Director Barclift reminded the Board of the State Board of Education elections were coming soon and encouraged the directors to be certain to mail in their ballots.

Director Barclift also commented on a recent Career and Technical Education kickoff she attended, where Mike Hickman and our CTE teachers were frequently recognized and praised for the excellence of our program.

Director Barclift asked about her earlier request for information on fuel and energy costs and the impact rising prices will have on this year's budget. Superintendent Lahmann stated that the information would be forthcoming at the next Board meeting.

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

Consent Agenda

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- 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 two leaves of absence, one increase in contract and one new contract:

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 not required.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated October 24, 2005.

4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials Committee

The Board approved a list of instructional materials previously presented for review.

4.2 Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:

- **Hansen Elementary School** – 5th grade field trip; Portland, Oregon; **EXPLORATION, STUDY OF LEWIS & CLARK, OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY**; 26 students, 20 parent chaperones, one teacher; October 27-29, 2005.
- **Olympia High School** – DECA Western Region Leadership Conference; Portland, Oregon; **DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, EXPLORE BUSINESS OPTIONS, PURSUE AREAS OF INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**; 15 students, one teacher, one parent chaperone; November 17-19, 2005.

5 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

5.1 Approval of Construction Change Order - Bid 606, Removal of Fungal Contamination Material at Capital High School.

The Board approved Construction Change Order #2 in the amount of \$195,000 for the removal of fungal contamination in the hallways of Pods A, B, C, and D.

6 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS—NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Final Acceptance-Knox Gymnasium Improvements

The Board approved final acceptance of the Knox Gymnasium Improvements project.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following expenditures: Associated Student Body Voucher Nos. 27430 to 27507, in the total amount of \$81,063.30; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 8278 through 8305, in the total amount of \$770,434.31; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 133954 through 134106, in the total amount of \$457,677.70.

Regular Agenda

4 PUPILS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 2005-06 School Improvement Plans

Matt McCauley, Executive Director, K-12 Teaching & Learning, requested Board approval of the 2005-06 School Improvement Plans, submitted for review at the last Board meeting.

DIRECTOR McGEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2005-06 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AS PRESENTED. VICE PRESIDENT LEHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 2005-06 SPI 1497 Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance

SPI 1497, the Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance report, is required to be submitted annually to the State Board of Education. Beth Scouller, Director, Human Resources, presented and asked for approval of SPI 1497, explaining the components of the report and suggesting the following motion:

“I MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2005-06 APPLICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT TO BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REPORT INCLUDES UTILIZATION OF THE ALLOWED AMOUNT OF CONFERENCE, RECESS AND PASSING TIME IN THE CALCULATION OF THE AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK OF CONTACT TIME AND THE COMPLETION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.”

DIRECTOR McGEE SO MOVED; DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

8 FINANCES

It is noted that the Board agreed to hear following items out of order.

8.3 2007-2008 Maintenance & Operations Levy

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Business & Operations, reported on a maintenance and operations levy request for 2007 and 2008, to replace the current voter-approved levy which runs through 2006. He presented an overview of the current levy and its impact on the operation of the District, and how a levy request is calculated. Mr. Crawford addressed questions from the Board, and asked to return for their approval at a November Board meeting of a two year maintenance and operations levy.

8.2 Technology Levy Review

Ron Morsette, Technology Coordinator, gave an overview of the history of the last 15 years and the impact technology has had on all aspects of the operations of the District, particularly with respect to student learning. He introduced members of the OSD Technology Levy

Advisory Committee who presented the Committee's recommendations for a capital project levy for technology. Three teachers addressed their uses of computer-enhanced learning in their classrooms, including the challenges they face due to outdated hardware, programs and infrastructure.

David Yantis, a community member who served on the advisory committee, spoke to the "why" of the technology levy recommendation: the evidence expressed by the students who opened the meeting and the comments from their teachers, the slow computers in many classrooms, the frequency of missing teaching moments by not being able to access data from the internet, the many teachers who are seeking used equipment and donations to buy equipment so they have improved technology in their classrooms. He stated that it is time to upgrade and to make technology-based learning easy for teachers to integrate into their classrooms.

Mr. Morsette provided an overview of how new technology funding would be used to provide for an enhanced technology system: updated hardware, educational programs and overall training of technicians, teachers and staff to maximize performance. Another important aspect of the levy is the funding is the opportunity it will provide to equalize our systems across the District. Currently our schools are at different technological levels, and our goal is to standardize our capabilities from school to school.

Board members asked several questions of presenters and Mr. Morsette, with a strong focus on how improved technology will result in improved student learning. Superintendent Lahmann stated that the administration is supporting the capital projects levy for technology recommendation, including running the levy now in order to avoid a further decline in our capabilities. Additional concern from the Board involved the ability of the District to communicate with and gain support from the community, given the timing and the running of a maintenance and operations levy concurrently.

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan, a para-educator at Marshall Middle School, spoke of a need for training of all staff, not just teachers, and for a higher level of technical support in the school, all the time.

Mike Snodgrass, a member of the advisory committee, stated he came to the committee as a skeptic and became fully engaged in the recommendation. He noted they moved to this District in order to provide first-class education for their children, and he has not been disappointed in any area except technology. He volunteered to be part of a Levy Committee to educate the community on the need for approval.

Director McGee advised exercising caution in proceeding without sufficient time to engage the community. Student Representative Buchholz commented on the urgent need for improvements in the classrooms to maximize student learning. Director Barclift spoke from her daughter's experience in looking for a part time job, as every application, no matter the type of position, requires a certain amount of computer knowledge and experience. She noted that if we continue to put it off we will only fall the further behind. All students, she went on, whether going to college or entering the work force, will be impacted by the technological skills and experiences they have in high school. Vice President Lehman expressed his reluctance to support a capital projects levy for technology at the same time we are running a maintenance and operations levy. Directors Barclift and McGee, and President Parvinen agreed they would like to have the item brought forth as an action item for the next Board meeting, though they may not take action at that time.

8.1 2006-2011 Capital Facilities Plan & Impact Fees

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the final draft of the 2006-2011 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), including information regarding school impact fees. He reviewed

the projects completed and underway, current enrollment and projections, and plans for future projects. He also gave an overview of the impact fee process, examples of how funds have been used, and current recommendations. He noted that he would return to the Board seeking their approval at the second Board meeting in November.

Superintendent Lahmann commented on the County's position with regard to not collecting impact fees for school districts, noting that Thurston County Superintendents appeared to be moving toward offering a united front to the County Commissioners and making a formal request to the Commissioners.

There were no additional items brought up by persons present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Barclift asked about "portfolio options" as a future agenda item, suggesting that it be set for a study session and taken off the list of future agenda items.

Superintendent Lahmann stated a need for a representative to accept a seat on the ESD Board of Directors, asking the Board to give consideration to individuals who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

President Parvinen acknowledged a letter she received from a parent, expressing concern about PE credits, but also highly complimentary of the responses he received from Olympia High School staff.

Vice President Lehman asked about a meeting of the Chamber Education Committee, and Superintendent Lahmann explained that he would present our intent to run a maintenance and operations levy, and would also suggest the possibility of a capital projects levy for technology. Vice President Lehman further suggested that a Board member should attend the Chamber meeting as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **High School Graduation/Drop Out Rates** – November 14, 2005
- **Physical Education/High School Equivalency Requirements** – Spring 2006
- **Highly-Capable Program Update** – Spring 2006
- **Portfolio Options** – February 6, 2007, Study Session
- **Outdoor School Options**

No executive session was required.

President Parvinen adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President