



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

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, November 9, 2009, at the Knox Administrative Center, 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Washington 98501. Directors Mark Campeau, Allen Miller, Eileen Thomson and Frank Wilson, Student Representative Vamsi Chunduru and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Evoy were also in attendance. Superintendent Lahmann was out of town.

President Barclift led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DIRECTOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2009, REGULAR BOARD MEETING. DIRECTORS CAMPEAU AND WILSON SECONDED SIMULTANEOUSLY. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

There were no audience members who wished to speak to the Board about agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

David Johnston, President of the Olympia Education Association, updated the Board on the NEWS (Network for Excellence in Washington Schools) litigation process, noting that the trial had ended and the judge had indicated he would take a full 90 days to render his decision.

Anne Larsen, a Boston Harbor parent, updated the Board on the fundraising progress being made by Save Outdoor Schools-OlyKids to enable an outdoor overnight program at Cispus for 5th graders. She said they were about half way to their \$49,000 goal, and mentioned several activities and events they currently have planned through December.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Student Achievement)**, Knox Center
- Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Marshall MS
- Monday, December 7, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Technology & Facilities Review)**, Knox Center
- Monday, December 14, 6:30 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved two releases from contract, one reduction in contract and two new contracts:

RELEASE FROM CONTRACT

Kuczynski, Jed – Special Education at Avanti High School. Requests release from his 2009-10 contract effective December 18, 2009.

Nicandri, Lauren – Social Studies at Capital High School. Requests release from her 2009-10 contract pending the hiring of a suitable replacement.

REDUCTION IN CONTRACT

Brand, Kelly – Special Education at Hansen Elementary School. Request a .60 FTE reduction in contract.

NEW CONTRACTS

Dempster, Michael – Music at Lincoln Elementary School. Request a .10 FTE leave replacement contract effective November 3, 2009. (Filling Paul Rocks .10 FTE leave of absence.)

Williams, Melissa – Social Studies at Olympia High School. Request a 1.0 FTE one-year contract effective October 22, 2009. (Fill FTE vacated by Stephen O'Neill.)

2.2 OSD/Olympia Education Association Athletic & Activities Department Contract Approval

The Board ratified the proposed contract between the Olympia School District and the Olympia Education Association Activities & Athletics Department for the period beginning September 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2010.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report of November 9, 2009.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Overnight Field Trip

The Board approved the following overnight field trip:

OHS: DECA Western Region Leadership Conference; Reno, Nevada; workshops, trainings, speakers; seven students, one teacher/advisor; November 12-15, 2009.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved cancelled warrants totaling \$372,723.02, and the following expenditures: General Fund Voucher Nos. 146181 through 146318, in the total amount of \$442,776.90; Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 31530 through 31567, in the total amount of \$47,624.23; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 10335 through 10343, in the total amount of \$212,640.40; and, Transportation Vehicle Fund Voucher Nos. 73 through 75, in the total amount of \$297,361.68.

8.2 Financial Report – August 2009 Year End Report

The Board approved the August 2009 Year End Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, Debt Service, General, and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

8.3 Financial Report – September 2009

The Board approved the September 2009 Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, Debt Service, General, and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

8.4 Gifts to the District

The Board accepted the following gift:

October 2009, \$5,225 to Olympia High School from the Olympia High School Foundation; \$3,000 for AVID, a new program designed to encourage students to expand their educational objectives beyond high school graduation, and \$2,225 to support Challenge Day, a program that helps students and staff break down barriers.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Modification to Policy 3200, Addendum II -

Athletic Code for High School Students, Physical Examination – 1st Reading

Jeff Carpenter, Health, Fitness & Athletics Coordinator, presented a proposed revision to the section of the High School Athletic Code which establishes annual physical exams for all high school interscholastic sports participants.

Director Miller suggested the insertion of a clarifying phrase in the second paragraph to say “no earlier than the May 1 occurring before the first practice.” The revised modification will return for approval at the next Board meeting.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.2 2009-2010 School Improvement Plans

Kevin Evoy, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Teaching & Learning, presented the 2009-2010 School Improvement Plans for approval. It was noted that McLane Elementary School’s SIP was not included, although it has now been completed.

DIRECTOR CAMPEAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS, AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR MILLER SECONDED. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

4.3 Title I Remedial Education Programs Report on Stimulus Funding

Gayle Mar-Chun, Principal at Madison Elementary School and Title I Coordinator, presented information on the use of Federal Stimulus funds at our Title I schools.

8 FINANCES

8.1 2008-2009 Fiscal Close Report

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal and Operations, reported to the Board on the close of the 2008-2009 fiscal year, including an update on final revenues, expenditures and ending fund balance.

8.2 Resolution 456, 2010 M&O Levy Rollback

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal and Operations, reviewed the levy process and explained why a rollback becomes necessary. He requested Board adoption of Resolution 456, to reduce the 2010 Maintenance and Operations Levy authority from the voter-approved amount of \$20,140,000 to \$17,574,843, the maximum allowable levy under state law.

DIRECTOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 456, AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR WILSON SECONDED. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

8.3 Annual Refund Levy

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal and Operations, briefed the Board on county-administered District property tax refunds from October 2008 to September 2009. He reviewed the Board’s option to adopt an annual refund levy to recover District revenue losses resulting from property tax refunds last year.

DIRECTOR WILSON MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE A REFUND LEVY WITH THURSTON COUNTY. DIRECTOR MILLER SECONDED. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

8.4 Technology Levy Options

Jim Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal and Operations, and Ron Morsette, Technology Director, reviewed options with the Board regarding the potential for placing a replacement technology levy on the February 9, 2010 general election ballot, noting that without reauthorization, the District's technology levy will expire in 2011.

President Barclift asked for information on the cost potential between e-curriculum and standard textbooks. Director Miller asked about stakeholder input to date (students, parents, staff), and Mr. Morsette said most of the input to date has come from the advisory process at committee level over the past two years. Director Wilson asked about impact on staff. Mr. Morsette responded that much of the process is intuitive, from data that is already available but would need to be redirected. He said there shouldn't be a tight learning curve at the teacher level, due to the template-based nature of the process.

Director Thomson expressed her concern about the training and time involved for staff, and would like to hear from staff about their comfort with the options presented. Director Campeau echoed those concerns, and also expressed concern about laptops in the classroom and how to define the point at which a laptop becomes more of a distraction than a learning tool.

If a measure is to be placed on the February ballot, a resolution will need to be adopted in December.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Evoy, offered congratulations to those Directors recently re-elected. He reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Griffin School Board on January 4th at Capital High School. He also reminded them of the Study Session on Student Achievement on November 16th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Miller offered congratulations to the Capital High School cross-country teams, both boys and girls, who were named all-academic best in the state, as was the Olympia High School girls' swim team. Director Thomson offered kudos to the Friend-to-Friend autism demystification program, and the great work being done by Kelli Ehresmann and her assistant, Robin Fink. Director Wilson thanked Joni Wolpert for a worthwhile tour of some current special education programs, Michael Havens for a discussion about staff development, and Maureen Spacciante for an interesting session that involved Evelyn Probert, the District's literacy consultant.

Director Wilson reminded the Board of next week's annual Washington State School Directors Association, as well as the scheduling of a Board retreat on January 9th.

President Barclift noted that she would be on vacation and would miss the November 16 study session and the next regular Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Evoy, Assistant Superintendent
Acting 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.