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**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
November 27, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Olympia School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Russ Lehman at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 27, 2006, at Jefferson Middle School, 2200 Conger Avenue, Olympia, Washington 98502. Also attending were Vice President Rich Nafziger, Directors Carolyn Barclift, Michelle Parvinen and Bob Shirley, Student Representative Rachel Reclam, and Superintendent Bill Lahmann.

President Lehman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michael Cimino, Principal of Jefferson Middle School, welcomed the Board. Eva Gheorghiu, a Jefferson student and gifted soprano, sang a selection for the Board in German and English. Mr. Cimino provided information on Jefferson's WASL statistics and the improvements they have made. He and Susan Straka, OSD Student Information Systems, presented a review and demonstration of **Family Access**, Skyward's online window into student achievement and progress reports, now in use for a full year. Included were testimonies from parents, who were very supportive of, and expressed gratitude for, the program.

The Board asked questions pertaining to the future of the program throughout the District, and were told the District will phase it into every school, with funds derived from the Technology levy.

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006. DIRECTOR BARCLIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. SIX AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

There were no audience members identified who wished to address agenda items.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Melanie Bakala spoke in support of **Family Access**, stating she can't imagine her daughter going through high school without it. She also asked the Board not to require three years of advanced math.

Jim Lazar, Rhenda Strub and Jerry Parker spoke in support of full **impact fees**. They cited the excellence of our schools as a driver of the cost of housing in our District, and recommended impact fees, rather than higher taxes, as a means of minimizing the impact on all taxpayers. It was noted that higher impact fees do not result in higher housing costs. A higher discount for affordable housing, with clearly established criteria, was supported.

Michael Snodgrass – spoke regarding **Family Access**, supportive of the program, but suggesting that there will always be some teachers who will not utilize it if it isn't mandated. He also spoke with concern about the District's efforts to promote **diversity** into the curriculum, although some schools excel. He noted, with appreciation, a volunteer Spanish class at one of our elementary schools, and of his disappointment that it is being eliminated due to lack of space. He suggested that such a volunteer effort, which serves as a valuable resource, should instead be supported with enthusiasm.

Laurie Niewolny said she appreciated much of the information provided at the recent math study session, and asked the Board to remain aware that a single textbook or curriculum will not provide a complete program. She suggested energies be refocused to a more systemic approach.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, December 4, 6:30 pm, **Joint Meeting with Griffin Board**, at Griffin
- Monday, December 11, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, January 8, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, McLane ES
- Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm, **Study Session (Drop Out Committee Report)**, Knox Center
- Monday, February 12, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Knox Center
- Monday, February 26, 7:00 pm, **Regular Board Meeting**, Marshall MS

2 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

The Board approved one **new contract**:

Bratlie, Mark – Olympia Regional Learning Academy, Learning Specialist. Approved a one-year .50 FTE contract effective the 2006-07 school year, beginning November 15, 2006.

2.2 Out-of-Endorsement Assignments

The Board approved fourteen (14) out-of-endorsement assignments for the 2006-07 school year.

3 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report dated November 27, 2006.

4 PUPILS & PROGRAMS

4.1 Approval of Instructional Materials

The Board approved the materials requested by the Instructional Materials Committee.

8 FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved the following: cancellation of specific warrants totaling \$152,625.70; Associated Student Body Fund Voucher Nos. 28770 through 28812, in the total amount of \$68,098.76; Capital Projects Voucher Nos. 8980 through 9004, in the total amount of \$541,232.26; and, General Fund Voucher Nos. 137319 through 137449, in the total amount of \$410,755.71.

8.2 Facility Use Agreement – Olympia Bible Baptist Church

The Board approved a facility use agreement with Olympia Bible Baptist Church to use McLane Elementary School for Sunday worship services for one year.

REGULAR AGENDA

8 FINANCES

8.1 Resolution 434, 2007-2012 Capital Facilities Plan

Bob Wolpert, Director of Facilities & Operations, presented the final draft of the 2007-2012 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), requesting approval of the Plan and approval of the Impact Fee Schedule for new single-family, multi-family and downtown residential units, through adoption of Resolution 434.

DIRECTOR BARCLIFT MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 434, THE 2007-2012 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN. DIRECTOR PARVINEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

The ensuing discussion considered the practice of discounting impact fees, with Directors Barclift and Parvinen supporting 20% discounts on both multi-family and single family housing units, while President Lehman and Director Shirley encouraged 10%. Director Shirley stated he did not see the fees resulting from a 10% discount as a deterrent to anyone who wants to purchase a home in Olympia. He also suggested that the current Pioneer Elementary School construction project might not have had to be cut back if lower discounts had been in place.

Director Barclift stated she was willing to amend her motion to provide a 15% discount on impact fees; Director Parvinen supported the amendment.

FOR THE AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 434, 2007-2012 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN, WITH IMPACT FEES DISCOUNTED 15%. FIVE AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

A ten minute break was called at 9:15 pm; the meeting resumed at 9:30 pm.

4 TEACHING & LEARNING

4.1 Professional Development Update

Matt McCauley, Executive Director of K-12 Teaching & Learning, and David Brooks, Professional Development Coordinator, provided an update on current and planned professional development activities in the District.

A discussion ensued concerning staff development coordination and the level at which the District is currently able to support professional development activities. It was noted that additional hours would enable the District to better maximize development offerings in order to provide a more strategically-planned, site-driven model.

1 SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Strategic Planning Process

President Russ Lehman and Vice President Rich Nafziger outlined the process they are proposing to the Board for renewed strategic planning for the District. The discussion which followed included comments about timing, identifying resources, whether further review of policy governance should be included, and the role local business leaders might play in the process.

More information will be gathered for the next Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / HOT TOPICS

Superintendent Lahmann reminded the Board that a management review of the District was scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of the current week. He also reminded the Board of the meeting with the Griffin School District Board of Directors coming up in a week, as well as the Legislative Representative breakfast which was coming up.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Boardocs.com* –Vendors to be scheduled to present to the Board.

Director Parvinen noted that the next meeting would include reorganizing the Board. She asked about a request from The Latino Family Group to appear before the Board, and was advised that it was being scheduled. She also informed the Board that her term was up on the Board of Directors of **TOGETHER!**, and their Executive Director, Mary Segawa, hoped it could be addressed at this meeting. It was agreed that Director Parvinen would continue to serve in this capacity.

There was no Executive Session required.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lahmann, Secretary

Russ Lehman, President