

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
March 16, 2015

The board meeting was called to order by President Jackie Pendergrass at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Jackie Pendergrass, Nancy Bernard, Chris Carlson, Siri Bliesner, and Mark Stuart

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

Siri Bliesner moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Jackie Pendergrass read a proclamation recognizing April 2015 as School Library Month.

RECOGNITION

Jane Todd, Redmond High School Principal, recognized Teri Mitchell, a para-educator at Redmond High School who won the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) 2015 Para-Educator of the Year Award. She will be recognized DADD at their annual business meeting in San Diego, Calif., on April 9. DADD is a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

The Para-Educator of the Year Award recognizes a para-educator who participates as a member of the teaching team, and who exhibits exemplary personal and professional skills in supporting students who have developmental disabilities. Teri Mitchell was nominated by Elizabeth West, an Associate Professor at University of Washington who specializes in special education.

Teri Mitchell conveyed that she and other para-educators work very hard to provide support for students. She works as a team with her colleagues and was honored to have received this award.

Chris Carlson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Chris Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass, yes; Nancy Bernard, yes; Chris Carlson, yes; Siri Bliesner, yes; and Mark Stuart, yes.

Motion carried.

Approves minutes of the March 2, 2015 study session and board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves March 16, 2015 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approval of the following instructional materials for use in the Lake Washington schools -

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADOPTION

**Title:** Step Up to Writing 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
**Author:** Maureen Auman M.A.  
**Publisher:** Cambium Learning  
**No. of Copies:** 1  
**Price:** \$359.00  
**School Requesting:** Kamiakin Middle School  
**Classification:** Grades 6-8

**Title:** IXL Learning  
**Author:** IXL Learning  
**Publisher:** IXL Learning  
**No. of Copies:** 400  
**Price:** \$3.50 per license  
**School Requesting:** Inglewood Middle School  
**Classification:** Grades 6-8

Approves the 2015-2018 District Technology Plan for submittal to the State of Washington.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2015-2018

Authorizes the superintendent to authorize the superintendent to renew the Telecommunications Right of Way Agreement and Agreement regarding fiber optic lines and city conduit plant with the City of Redmond as presented.

RENEWAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT REGARDING FIBER OPTIC LINES AND CITY CONDUIT PLANT, CITY OF REDMOND

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Elizabeth Blackwell PTSA to Blackwell Elementary in the amount of \$11,450.00 to provide per diem for teacher leadership team (\$2,000.00); purchase library books (\$850.00) and preschool play table (\$500.00); and support field trips (\$600.00), assemblies (\$1,500.00), teachers and specialists (\$2,000.00), and academic enrichment (\$4,000.00).

Acceptance from Juanita Elementary School PTSA to Juanita Elementary in the amount of \$3,100.00 to support field trips.

Acceptance from Kelsey Jensen Memorial Fund to Kirk Elementary \$10,000.00 to support academic enrichment.

Acceptance from Rotary Club of Kirkland to Muir Elementary School \$3,000.00 to purchase library books.

Acceptance from Redmond Elementary PTSA to Redmond Elementary \$2,000.00 to purchase subscription renewal for Accelerated Reader.

Acceptance from Norman Rockwell PTSA to Rockwell Elementary \$6,253.00 to provide stipends for student council, choir, and outdoor education.

Acceptance from Juanita High School PTSA to Juanita High \$1,017.50 to provide stipend for computer/website.

Acceptance from Lake Washington High School PTSA to Lake Washington High in the amount of \$1,682.00 to purchase library books (\$499.00), lab equipment (\$424.00), aprons for culinary competition (\$300.00), microphone for English department (\$59.00), and exercise bike for transition classroom (\$200.00); and provide support for key club (\$200.00).

Acceptance from Redmond High School PTSA to Redmond High in the amount of \$1,938.20 to purchase elliptical trainers for P.E. and special education departments (\$1,438.20) and provide reimbursement for speaker (\$500.00).

**TOTAL \$40,440.70**

Dr. Pierce provided an update on Smarter Balanced Assessments. This year, both new standards and a new testing system has begun. The State is shifting from the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) and High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) in English Language Arts and Mathematics to Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). There are three main components of SBA: computer adaptive test, classroom activity (a group lesson), and a performance test. She described each of these components. The test is not timed. The schools have distributed the testing schedule to parents. Informational meetings were

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held with parents and information was posted on the district's website.

Dr. Pierce then read a letter from OSPI Superintendent Randy Dorn to school district superintendents across the state highlighting some of the concerns being expressed by parents. One of those concerns is that there is too much testing. Dorn asked local districts to review their assessments to see which ones could be eliminated. Dr. Pierce noted that, from a local perspective, the district adopted the new state required 24 credit graduation requirement and eliminated the locally-based Level 5 graduation requirements. The state also eliminated the culminating project as a graduation requirement. During this legislative session, there are a number of assessment-related bills being proposed, and the district is monitoring those bills.

Dr. Pierce pointed out that another concern expressed in Supt. Dorn's letter was the technology requirement. Another bill being considered by the legislature, HB 1492, would further increase funding for materials and supplies by \$139 million to ensure equitable access to technology. She noted that many other states have been administering tests online for many years. Some of our schools participated in the pilot field test. She noted that Lake Washington School District has prepared to administer the test by increasing band width, conducting load testing of the network, formulating test schedules, and improving network access. Local technology infrastructure enhancements have been possible due to the local voters' support of the district capital project levies. She reported that the district is well positioned to make this transition to online testing.

The other concern identified in Superintendent Dorn's letter was accountability. Last week the Senate passed SB 5478 which would require state tests to be used to evaluate how teachers and principals. This bill is also being considered by the House.

Dr. Pierce noted that the new English Language Arts and Mathematics standards include college and career ready skills such as those specified in the district's Student Profile. The SBA results will establish a new baseline for student performance for

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English Language Arts and Mathematics. Since SBA is assessing student performance on new standards, results will not be comparable with previous year's reading, writing, and math results. Therefore, new baseline performance and performance targets will need to be established. She responded to Board members questions.

Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Jackie Pendergrass, President

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Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary