

OFFICIAL
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 7, 2007

The Board meeting was called to order
by President Pendergrass at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Jackie Pendergrass,
Doug Eglington, Ravi Shahani, and
Nancy Bernard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Don Saul.

Doug Eglington moved to approve the
May 7 agenda. Seconded by Ravi
Shahani.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Motion carried.

Principal Jay Ellis, Stella Schola, related
that this is a comprehensive 6, 7, and 8
program which offers historical themes
and classical learning environments.
Ms. Liz Warren, 6th grade teacher;
Mr. Gorchaes, 8th grade teacher, and
Ms. Tennis, 7th grade teacher, highlighted
instructional strategies and personalized
support offered. Several students (Ellen
Alessandro, Leeda, and Rita) shared the
strengths of knowing other students and
how the school challenges them
academically. Parent involvement is
mandatory - at least 20 hours a year.
Mr. Chirichigno, Mrs. Ghassemi,
Mr. Gowers, and Mr. Loporace, current
and former parents, emphasized the
strong connection between school and
home, level of success for all students,
and their observations. A video was
shown depicting the various programs
and activities offered at the site.

HOST SCHOOL

Alcott Elementary School

Alcott Principal Karin Janik personally thanked her staff, district staff members, PTSA, and the community for the outpouring of support received in the aftermath of the fire at their school. Businesses and neighboring school districts donated items in order to open school. Next week, portables will be available to house the 1st and 2nd grade students. On behalf of the board, Jackie Pendergrass and Ms. Janik distributed certificates of commendation for the extraordinary efforts of staff to restore what was lost for the sake of the students.

RECOGNITIONS

Commendations were given to:

Facilities Staff

Forrest Miller, Steve Schipper, Regan Landis, Chris Clemetson, Tina Dennis, Richard Ellison, Randy Fusch, and Steve Cole

Central Office:

Scott Emry, Charlene Turner, Pat Hergert, George Walker, Janene Fogard, Kathryn Reith, and Barbara Posthumus

Alcott Elementary

Karin Janik, Judy Cimmeyotti, Alicia Weatherbee, Jan Gardner, Heather Torn, Jenny Herbison, Stephanie Johnson, Tammy Dumire, Nyla Nordvik, Laurie Altenburg, Shelley Behrens, Suzanne Hizzey, Matt Laughlin, Sharlene Durbin, Kaycie Hoffman, Jeir Broze, and Janet McPhillips

Proclamation – Teacher Appreciation
Week, May 6-12, 2007

Jackie Pendergrass presented to Kevin Teeley, Lake Washington Education Association, a Proclamation declaring the week of May 6-12, 2007 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Kevin Teeley thanked the board. He related by working together strides can be made to improve education. A sobering statistic indicates that Washington is 47th in class size and 42nd in spending per pupil. He noted that the board, staff, community, and parents work together to help teachers be successful in order to provide a high quality education for the students in this district.

Proclamation – School Nurse Day, May 9, 2007

Jackie Pendergrass read a Proclamation declaring May 9 as School Nurse Appreciation Day.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda as amended (the removal of IMC Adoption from board consideration). Seconded by Ravi Shahani.

CONSENT AGENDA

Shahani, yes; Bernard, yes; Eglington, yes; and Pendergrass, yes.

Motion carried.

Approval of the April 23, 2007 minutes.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

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Approval of May 7, 2007 Human
Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF
HUMAN RESOURCES
REPORT

Approval of submission of application to
OSPI for Emergency Closure Waiver due to
fire at Alcott Elementary School on April
resulting in two-day closure on April 9 and
10.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE
WAIVER - ALCOTT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval of the monitoring report for
Board Policy EL-17, Facilities, as presented
at the March 19, 2007 Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORT
EL -17, FACILITIES

Approval of NEVAC Interdistrict
Cooperative Agreement, 2007-08,
Resolution No. 1999

NEVAC
INTERDISTRICT
COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT,
RESOLUTION NO. 1999

Acceptance from Kamiakin PTSA to
Kamiakin Junior High of \$1,600 for student
planners

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Lousia May Alcott to
Alcott Elementary of \$3,500 for field trips

Acceptance from the Intermec Foundation
to Robert Frost Elementary of \$2,000 to
support non-fiction books and AR Tests
Project

Acceptance from Norman Rockwell PTSA
to Rockwell Elementary of \$12,401.27 for
playground equipment and \$1,700 for
outdoor education and childcare

Acceptance from Carl Sandburg PTA to Sandburg Elementary of \$4,404.19 for paintbrushes, tetherballs, musical equipment, social studies equipment, and WASL Prep materials and \$1,126.08 for vertical blinds for library

Acceptance from Ben Franklin PTA to Franklin Elementary of \$5,050.00 for field trips

The board reviewed the following board policies: GP-1 (Governance Commitment), GP-2 (Governing Style), GP-3 (Board Job Description), GP-4 (Monitoring Board Governance Process and Board-CEO Relationship Policies), and GP-5 President's Role), GP-6 (Board Committee Principles), GP-7 (Committee Structure), GP-8 (Annual Agenda Planning), GP-9 (Board Members' Code of Conduct), GP-10 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), GP-11 (Process for Addressing Board Member Violations), and GP-12 (Handling Requests or Complaints). These policies will be presented for approval on the consent agenda at the June 4 board meeting.

MONITOR BOARD
POLICY
GP 1-12

The board reviewed the following monitoring report for Board Policy B/CR-1 (Governance-Management Connection), B/CR-2 (Unity of Control), B/CR-3 (Accountability of the CEO), B/CR-4 (Delegation to the CEO, and B/CR-5 (Monitoring CEO Performance). These policies will be presented for approval on the consent agenda at the June 4 board meeting.

MONITOR BOARD
POLICY
B/CR 1-5

Dr. Saul indicated that the Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution No. 1940, authorizing the Superintendent to join the School Districts' Alliance and to pursue a lawsuit against the State of Washington as a part of the effort to improve special education funding. It was recommended to continue to pursue the lawsuit through appeal in *School Districts' Alliance for Adequate Funding of Special Education et al. v. State of Washington* case.

CONTINUATION TO
PURSUE SPECIAL
EDUCATION LAWSUIT
THROUGH APPEAL

Board discussion followed. Board members expressed concern if the Judge's ruling was final. Special education needs to be fully funded by the State.

Doug Eglington moves to authorize the Superintendent to continue to pursue the lawsuit through appeal in *School Districts' Alliance for Adequate Funding of Special Education et al. v. State of Washington* case. Motion seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Motion carried.

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Director of Teaching and Learning
Traci Pierce presented the
recommendations of the Instructional
Materials Committee.

DISTRICT 11th and 12th
Grade Reading
TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

The Instructional Materials Committee
subsequently voted to recommend the
Board approve the suggested materials
for grades 11 and 12:

- Grades 11:
*Literature and the Language Arts –
The American Tradition* (EMC
Masterpiece)
American Short Stories (Perfection
Learning)
- Grade 12:
*Poetry in Six Dimensions – 20th
Century Voices* (Perfection Learning)

Upon board approval, teachers will
begin using these materials in their
classrooms this fall. She responded to
board members questions.

Doug Eglinton moved that the board
approves the recommendations from
the Secondary Language Arts Adoption
Committee and the Instructional
Materials Committee to adopt the
above listed materials for use in grades
11-12 in the district. Motion seconded
by Ravi Shahani.

Motion carried.

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Jackie Pendergrass related that at the March 19 regular board meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Bob Hughes, school board member, from Director District #2. The board solicited applications to fill this vacancy; four applications were received. The board interviewed the four applicants on April 25. The Board discussed and selected a candidate to fill the vacancy for Director District #2.

APPOINTMENT OF
CANDIDATE TO FILL
DIRECTOR DISTRICT #2
VACANCY

Nancy Bernard reviewed the qualifications being sought by the board. Doug Eglington and Ravi Shahani conveyed that having a business perspective was valuable. Jackie Pendergrass related that community involvement was another key element. All candidates were highly qualified.

Doug Eglington moved to appoint Matthew Gregory to fill the vacancy for Director District #2. Motion seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Jackie Pendergrass stated that Matthew Gregory is a long-time resident, an architect, and actively involved in the community. Ravi Shahani related that Matt Gregory is a qualified individual. He expressed his support for Christopher Carlson. He is a strong advocate for the math program and academics.

Following roll call vote: Nancy Bernard, yes; Doug Eglington, yes; Ravi Shahani, no; Jackie Pendergrass, yes.

Motion carried.

Jackie Pendergrass thanked the candidates for their participation and encouraged them to continue to be involved in the district.

Doug Eglington provided highlights of the last legislative session – promoting early learning, increased funding for school districts, helping students meet standard, advancement of teachers, simple majority, etc. He noted that the actions of the legislature will create mixed results. Due to the impact of cost of living adjustments for all staff and increased pension costs, the district will be impacted by \$1.5 million in local levy monies. The district will receive \$1.3 million in enhancements and \$2.3 million in categorical funding. The results of how the money is allocated will impact the district. Budget adjustments will need to be made.

He continued and noted that the National School Board Association (NSBA) is working on amendments introduced by Representative Don Young to No Child Left Behind Act. This information will be reviewed.

Jackie Pendergrass reviewed the 2007-08 board meeting schedule.

Nancy Bernard requested that a letter of support be drafted to Senator Patty Murray in support of the Friends of the Hidden River proposal that will build the Sustainable Energy and Environment Suite at the Regional Community Environmental Center. This request would fund the design and outfit of two Sustainable Energy and Environment Laboratories to provide first class education and training to local citizens and students.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

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It will also allow the design of energy exhibits within and outside the Sustainable Energy Exhibit Hall to highlight breakthroughs in new energy technology for the public. This would be collocated at the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant in South Snohomish County. Board consensus was to support this request.

Jackie Pendergrass noted that the May 21 regular board meeting would be cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Doug Eglington.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Don Saul, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary