

OFFICIAL
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
June 4, 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 Matt
Gregory.

ROLL CALL

Nancy Bernard was excused.

Present: Superintendent Don Saul.

Doug Eglington moved to approve the
June 4 agenda. Seconded by Ravi
Shahani.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Motion carried.

Don Saul asked Mr. Matthew Gregory to
step forward. He administered the oath
of office.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Gregory thanked his family and
friends for their support.

Don Saul – Retiring Superintendent
Jackie Pendergrass thanked Dr. Saul for
his leadership over the last five years as
he guided improvements in curriculum,
teaching strategies and student learning
and assisted in the implementation of
policy governance.

RECOGNITION

Other board members, staff, and
representatives from Lake Washington
Education Association, Lake Washington
Schools Foundation, Lake Washington
PTA Council recognized Dr. Saul's
contributions over the past five years.

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Don Saul reflected on the excellence and grace of the school district due to the level of support from the board, staff, and community and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the district.

PTSA Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Chair Carolyn Vaché and members of the committee, Byron Schutz and Deidre Johnson, presented and announced the following scholarships:

Student Scholarships - \$1,000 college scholarship

Gina Merola – International Community School
Kaylyn Davis – Eastlake High School
Morgan Romans – Lake Washington High School
Adam McGrath – BEST High School
Kathy Po – Juanita High School
Beth Hiskey – Redmond High School

Adria Klein Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 college scholarship

Madelyn Hayes – Eastlake High School

Dr. L.E. Scarr Scholarship - \$1,000 college scholarship

Tracie Byrne – Juanita High School

Dr. Don Saul Scholarship - \$1,000 college scholarship

Liesl Olson – Lake Washington High School

Bob Hughes Scholarship - \$1,000 college scholarship

Alyssa Ehni – Lake Washington High School

LWSD Staff/LWEA Karen Bates Scholarships - \$625 scholarship

Stephen Hynden – Inglewood Junior High
Mandy Smith – Evergreen Junior High
Kate Allender – Redmond Junior High
Rachel Croft – Juanita Elementary

Kirkland Junior High Academic Games,
District Champions, and participants in
national competition -

Janette Cimburek, Advisor, and Amy Myhre, Coach, Kirkland Junior High Academic Games, introduced this year's district champions: Mary Jones (captain), Jeremy Housekeeper, Nenad Kundacina, Mike Polyakov, Peter Loft, Omer Baruch, Natalie Shively, Derek Babine (3rd quarter captain), Grady Olson, Tess Roche, Kevin Lemme, Riley Rataushk, Chelsea Myhre, Matt Crauer, Luke Saling, Marina Ignatyeva, and Paul Pinkoske. This team also participated in the national competition. They highlighted the teams' accomplishments.

Jackie Pendergrass announced that a 15 minute break would be taken. The meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

RECESS

Representative Glenn Anderson from the 5th Legislative District provided highlights of the last legislative session and responded to board inquiries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Holliday and Paula White expressed their concern with the staffing ratio for next year's 6th grade class at Lakeview.

Sharon Peaslee and Cheryl Borely read and distributed a letter and packet of information regarding the district's math program. The following parents also shared their concerns: Laura and Bob Brandt, Julia Wright, Chris Carlson, Karen Duvall, Colleen Wurden, and Kathy Gagliardo.

Some of the comments regarding the math program were: students are struggling with basic and fundamental math skills; the district should follow NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) recommendations and implement a math program based on research and evidence; and that students must be able to read, write, and decipher math.

Zandria Hopper, Blackwell teacher, spoke in support of the district's math program and explained the different strategies being used to teach students.

Kathleen Pingree shared brain research that drilling and mastering new concepts builds up the sheath surrounding the nerves.

Jackie Pendergrass outlined various ways to communicate with the board. She noted that math is an important issue at both the state and national level; it is a topic being discussed. Student success is very important. Periodic updates on curriculum are provided to the board. She requested that the Superintendent's Report be moved ahead on the agenda to provide an update on math.

Dr. Chip Kimball presented information on the district's new web site, Vista Update, and district's math curriculum. He reviewed how Lake Washington approaches math achievement, test scores, and current research and best practices. He explained what is currently being provided, what changes were implemented this year, future steps to be taken next year, and expectations. The district is looking at research to determine what is best for students. He noted that the board would receive periodic updates.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Gregory, yes/abstained from approving minutes; Eglington, yes; Shahani, yes; and Pendergrass, yes.

Motion carried.

Approval of the May 7, 2007 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 4, 2007 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approval of the monitoring report for GP-1 (Governance Commitment), GP-2 (Governing Style), GP-3 (Board Job Description), GP-4 (Monitoring Board Governance Process and Board-CEO Relationship Policies), 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) presented at the May 7 board meeting

APPROVAL OF MONITORING REPORT

Approval of the monitoring report for: 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) as presented at the May 7 board meeting.

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DONATIONS

Acceptance from Carl Sandburg PTSA to Sandburg Elementary of \$7,771.38 for Outdoor Education Grant.

Acceptance from Louisa May Alcott PTSA to Alcott Elementary of \$2,050.00 for Academic Discretionary Fund (\$500); substitute teachers for teachers affected by fire (\$1,400); and teacher materials for Mrs. Spangenberg (\$150) and \$53,000 for playground equipment.

Acceptance from Lakeview Elementary School PTA to Lakeview Elementary School of \$6,542.41 for Instructional Materials Grant.

Acceptance from Redmond High School PTSA to Redmond High of \$4,437.00 for blenders and fry pans (\$400); Reading materials (\$1,000); Stereomicroscopes (\$1,200); Low-level reading materials (\$300); Weighted jump ropes (\$900); and Spectrophotometers (\$637).

Acceptance from Horace Mann PTSA to Mann Elementary of \$4,000.00 for construction of a ball wall.

Acceptance from Finn Hill PTSA to Finn Hill Junior High of \$1,300.00 for 2006-07 Field Day.

Acceptance from Redmond Elementary PTSA to Redmond Elementary of \$3,470.52 for outdoor tables and garbage cans.

Acceptance from A.G. Bell PTSA to Bell Elementary of \$33,186.30 for playground equipment.

Acceptance from Christa McAuliffe PTSA to McAuliffe Elementary of \$1,750.00 for assembly and writing workshops.

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to John Muir Elementary of \$1,475.77 for Scholastic Level Books for classroom.

Acceptance from Inglewood Junior High PTSA to Inglewood Junior of \$1,198.00 for laser timers; \$1,500.00 for repair and maintenance of musical instruments; and \$1,200.00 for transportation to drama classes at Children's Theater.

It was further noted that the Lake Washington Schools Foundation awarded 37 classroom and school enrichment grants for the 2006-07 school year in the amount of \$49,746.50.

NON-CONSENT
AGENDA

Dr. Saul presented and reviewed EL-2,
Emergency CEO Succession.

MONITORING BOARD
POLICY – EL 2

Dr. Saul presented and reviewed EL-8,
Instructional Materials Selection. Board
members asked questions.

MONITORING BOARD
POLICY – EL 8

Dr. Saul presented and reviewed EL-9, District
Calendar. Dr. Kimball responded to board
members inquiries.

MONITORING BOARD
POLICY – EL 9

Doug Eglington noted that the Representative
Anderson’s perception of the last legislative
session was accurate; they failed to address
adequate funding for schools. He indicated that
the school board has been requested to support a
resolution from National School Board
Association (NSBA) on improvements to the No
Child Left Behind proposed by Representative
Don Young. The Washington State School
Directors’ Association is again soliciting
legislative proposals for consideration in
September.

LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

Jackie Pendergrass noted that the Eastlake
newsletter reminded parents and students of the
increased vigilance for graduation parties; “party
patrols” will begin. A meeting was held with
officials from the City of Kirkland and the
district to discuss and share issues.

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

Doug Eglington referred to the information
regarding joining Chicago Climate Exchange.
Based on the information received, he
understood the decision not to join the exchange
at this time, however, expressed an interest in
looking at this issue as part of the district’s EL
monitoring.

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Jackie Pendergrass related that a presentation on the budget would be presented at the June 25 board meeting.

Doug Eglinton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ravi Shahani.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Don Saul, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary