

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 2, 2009

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Chip Kimball.

Doug Eglington moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Roni Hardie, Eastlake Principal, introduced Christina Thomas, Associate Principal; Chris Bede, Assistant Principal; and Cheryl Lewis and Gayle Adams, PTSA Co-Presidents. She conveyed that the data confirms that Eastlake provides an exceptional learning environment which has been built on research and best practices. She explained that school is organized by sophomore, junior and senior levels to provide opportunities for personalization and collaboration. There is an advisory model and those team members will stay with those students throughout their high school experience. Christina Thomas highlighted the school's partnerships and their focus. She talked about creating multiple data sources to empower teachers to develop systems of interventions and implement research-based instructional strategies to improve teaching strategies and student learning. Chris Beade spoke about student involvement and leadership and described steps taken to create an environment to ensure that students feel connected and valued. He highlighted the partnerships with the PTSA, Lake Washington Schools Foundation, and community organizations.

HOST SCHOOL

Cheryl Lewis and Gayle Adams highlighted the PTSA activities and programs at the school.

Jackie Pendergrass conveyed that Roni Hardie would be retiring and thanked her for her years of service to the district and the students. Doug Eglington echoed her comments and conveyed that she would be missed.

Jackie Pendergrass read the proclamation declaring the week of March 9-13 as Classified Staff Appreciation Week.

Sue McCauley, Dan Spaulding, Kara Spaulding, Lori Hollasch, Cathy Renner, Jana Brady, Lori Cobb, Snoqualmie Valley School District residents, expressed their concerns about the proposed transfer of territory from the Snoqualmie Valley School District to Lake Washington School District. They requested that the board deny the petition submitted.

Carl Brandt, Snoqualmie Valley School District resident, spoke in favor of the boundary petition.

Raj Paul, Susan Wynne, Sundar Balakrishan, Lisa Grat, Jeanne Blue, and Robert Blue, expressed their support to create a dual class ranking system or a weighted class ranking system. They felt that the current class ranking system is having a detrimental effect on high achieving students as they apply to various colleges and for scholarships.

Wendy Delong, Lake Washington PTSA Council President, highlighted the Focus Day held in Olympia on February 26. There were over 400 people in attendance on the Capitol steps. This is a time to be inspired and called to action to support legislation to reform education. She thanked Dr. Kimball and Janene Fogard for lending their support and participating in the rally and serving as advocates for our students.

Chip Kimball conveyed that the issue of class ranking is being explored and a report should be forthcoming in mid-April.

RECOGNITION

CLASSIFIED STAFF
APPRECIATION
PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Eglington moved to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass, yes; Doug Eglington, yes; Ravi Shahani,
yes; and Chris Carlson, yes.

Motion carried.

Approves the February 2009 vouchers:

VOUCHERS

General Fund

316802-317652 \$4,956,367.69

Payroll

869-927 \$53,416.44

Payroll Direct Deposit \$7,431,829.69

U.S. Savings Bond Transfer 1,450.00

Electronic Payroll Tax Withdrawal 2,772,641.76

Flex Spending 54,303.18

Electronic Vision (NBN) 41,107.48

Electronic Long Term Disability 4,521.76

School Employees Credit Union 141,942.24

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,007,209.14

Dept. of Retirement Systems 604,317.75

Deferred Comp 63,998.00

TSA Envoy 238,881.81

APP FUEL 37,824.40

Acquisition Card 728,467.83

\$13,128,495.04

Capital Projects

28078-28133 \$2,418,715.86

ASB

46143 \$152,989.58

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST

524-538 \$1,330.00

Approves February 9, 2009 minutes.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Approves March 2, 2009 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: Writing Literature Essays
Author: Chip Lee
Publisher: People's Education
Copyright: 2009
No. of Copies: 65
Price: 17.95
School Requesting: Redmond High School
Classification: Language Arts, Grade 12

Title: Building Academic Literacy
Author: A. Fielding and R. Schoenbach
Publisher: Jossey Bass
Copyright: 2003
No. of Copies: 22
Price: 18.00
School Requesting: Redmond High School
Classification: English, Grade 12

Title: A Thief of Time
Author: Tony Hillerman
Publisher: Harper and Row
Copyright: 1988
No. of Copies: 25
Price: \$8.00
School Requesting: International Community School
Classification: Focus Week, Grade 7-12

Approves the Building Use Fee Schedule as presented.

BUILDING USE FEES

Authorizes the disposal of Portable No. 1 (ID # 311), Portable No. 2 (ID # 312), Portable No. 3 (ID # 313), & Portable No. 4 (ID # 307) in a manner that best serves the interests of the district.

SURPLUS AND DISPOSAL OF PORTABLE CLASSROOMS, ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RESOLUTION NO. 2030

Approves Resolution No. 2031 which adopts a districtwide Asset Preservation Program to extend the useful life of district owned facilities and to satisfy the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Washington insuring state match funding eligibility for modernization and construction of our schools.

DISTRICTWIDE ASSET PRESERVATION PROGRAM, RESOLUTION NO. 2031

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Approves the proposed modifications to Policy B/CR 5,
Annual Summative Evaluation of the CEO as presented.

BOARD POLICY, B/CR-5,
ANNUAL SUMMATIVE
EVALUATION OF THE
CEO, SECOND READING
AND ADOPTION

Approves the monitoring report for Board Policy EL-4,
Emergency CEO Succession, as presented at the February 9,
2009 Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORT
EL-4, EMERGENCY CEO
SUCCESSION

Approves the monitoring report for Board Policy EL-4,
Annual Report to the Public, as presented at the February 9,
2009 Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORT
EL-4, ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE PUBLIC

Approves the monitoring report for Board Policy EL-10,
Student Discipline, as presented at the February 9, 2009
Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORT
EL-10, STUDENT
DISCIPLINE

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Accepts from Lake Washington Schools Foundation in the amount of
\$28,700.00 to support high school science initiative program.

Accepts from Eastlake High School PTSA to Eastlake High School in the
amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase tables, microphones, portable music
equipment , and supplemental materials for library, special education,
science, humanities, and music.

Accepts from Juanita Basketball Association to Kamiakin Jr. High in the
amount of \$3,000.00 to support physical education programs at
Kamiakin Jr. High and Evergreen Jr. High.

Accepts from Venture Bank to Ben Rush Elementary School Foundation
in the amount of \$2,096.61 for general school support.

Accepts from Eastlake Little League to Mead Elementary in the amount
of \$5,678.73 to support baseball field improvements.

Accepts from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation to
Redmond EL in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase lunchroom tables.

Accepts from Redmond Elementary PTSA to Redmond Elementary in
the amount of \$5,456.94 to provide matching funds for the purchase of
lunchroom tables (\$1,456.94) and to support field trips (\$4,000.00).

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Accepts from Lake Washington High School PTSA to Lake Washington High School in the amount of \$1,200.00 to provide travel expenses for Future Business Leaders Association competitions (\$200.00), royalties for Drama Department (\$500.00); purchase of library books (\$500.00).

Accepts from Rachel Carson Elementary PTSA to Carson Elementary in the amount of \$2,006.30 to provide stipend for webmaster (\$1,006.30), and reimbursement of school production costs for PTSA (\$1,000.00).

Accepts from A.G. Bell PTSA to Bell Elementary in the amount of \$3,613.00 to provide library grant.

Accepts from Evergreen Jr. High PTSA to Evergreen Jr. High in the amount of \$2,626.12 to purchase student planners.

TOTAL \$69,377.70

NON-CONSENT
AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass reviewed the boundary petition submitted by the Broadhurst/Estates at Thornbury neighborhood. She highlighted some of their concerns and issues. She conveyed that all board members had received and reviewed the petition in addition to the information provided by the Puget Sound ESD and current state rules and regulations. She highlighted the criteria suggested by the RCWs that school boards use review boundary petitions. She described the process. She and Doug Eglington were selected by the board to meet with representatives from the Snoqualmie Valley School District; this meeting was held on February 11. Both sides had an opportunity to present information and discuss the criteria and rational. Each of the criteria identified in the RCW was discussed. At the end of the meeting, the committee indicated that it would recommend the denial of this petition to their specific boards.

TRANSFER OF
TERRITORY MOTION
BROADHURST/ESTATES
AT THORNBURY,
RESOLUTION NO. 2032

She presented Resolution No. 2032, Transfer of Territory Motion Broadhurst/Estates at Thornbury, and the supporting documentation.

Doug Eglington moved that the board approve Resolution No. 2032 to deny the territory transfer of the Broadhurst/Estates at Thornbury neighborhood from

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Snoqualmie Valley School District into the Lake Washington School District. The motion was seconded by Ravi Shahani.

Doug Eglington continued and noted that the negotiations team which met on February 11 had analyzed all of the information and the criteria set forth in the RCWs. They considered other factors such as the potential additional boundary requests (domino factor) and the impact that these could have on both the Lake Washington and Snoqualmie Valley school districts. Not wanting to take resources away from Snoqualmie Valley and concern over Lake Washington's projected enrollment projections and ability to ensure adequate housing capacity and possible requirement to increase capital expenditures, he explained that the representatives examined all of these possible impacts and many others. It was determined that it was in the best interest of the school districts to deny this petition.

Jackie Pendergrass echoed Doug Eglington's comments and explained some of her reasoning and rationale. She noted that both sides consulted with legal counsel in examining all of these issues. She pointed out that the domino factor was not the main reason for this decision. She was very concerned about the impact on capacity in our schools.

Board members thanked them for serving on the negotiating committee. Nancy Bernard thanked the Broadhurst/Estates at Thornbury for all of their hard work in drafting and submitting this petition for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chip Kimball, presented Resolution No. 2033, Support of Basic Education Taskforce. The work of the Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance has resulted in legislation being proposed to redefine Basic Education and to address the deficiencies in the current basic education funding structure. Several bills have been introduced to address these deficiencies in the current legislative session, each emphasizing different action plans. While there are differences of opinion among some stakeholder groups as the preferred action plan, there are key elements that the board may want to consider supporting.

SUPPORT OF BASIC
EDUCATION
TASKFORCE
RESOLUTION NO. 2033

Resolution No. 2033 has been prepared to express the board's support for the Washington State Legislature to provide a comprehensive system of public education, programs, finance, and accountability since the current funding system for basic education in the State of Washington is significantly under funded, inadequately defined, and outdated. This resolution states that it is imperative that the Legislature act immediately on the implementation of a funding system for basic education.

It also supports a definition of basic education and the comprehensive definition of education that has been developed by the Washington Learns Steering Committee and the Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance. It would authorize that copies of the Resolution be transmitted to Governor Gregoire, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, OSPI Superintendent Randy Dorn, and to our local representatives.

Doug Eglington moved that the board approve Resolution No. 2033 requesting the Washington State Legislature to provide a comprehensive system of public education, programs, finance, and accountability. The motion was seconded by Ravi Shahani.

Board discussion ensued and clarification sought.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chip Kimball thanked the Lake Washington PTSA and other education advocates for their hard work and efforts to communicate with our elected representatives during the rally held on the Capitol Steps in Olympia.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Forrest Miller, Director of Facilities, provided an update on some of the district's modernization projects.

Doug Eglington provided a status report on HB 1410 and SB 5444 which have now been replaced by HB 2161 and SB 6048. He conveyed that OSPI Superintendent Randy Dorn is taking a leadership role in helping to draft a compromise. We need to work together if there is to be movement in this legislative session. Over 300 education bills are being monitored by WASA.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

He conveyed that the economic stimulus package is the focus at the Congressional level.

Jackie Pendergrass referred to the upcoming board workshop to be held in Leavenworth, March 6-8. A linkage session will be held with elected officials on March 16.

BOARD COMMENTS

Doug Eglington indicated that he attended the American Association of School Administrators' conference in San Francisco and highlighted some of the key speakers and workshops.

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Chip Kimball, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary