

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 17, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Ravi Shahani.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

Approves the minutes of the May 3 regular board meeting and May 3 work session.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Approves the May 19, 2010 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN
RESOURCES REPORT

Approves recommendations from the Elementary Mathematics Adoption Committee and the Instructional Materials Committee to adopt the above listed materials for use in grades Pre K - 5 in the district.

DISTRICT TEXTBOOK
ADOPTION,
ELEMENTARY
MATHEMATICS

Approves change order No. 15 to Lydig Construction Inc. for work at the Lake Washington High School Modernization in the amount of \$43,447.00 increasing the contract amount to \$57,857,221.00.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 15
LAKE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION

Adopts Resolution No. 2053 certifying that the Board approves the Building Commissioning Report recommendations for Robert Frost Elementary School by Engineering Economics Inc. as presented.

BUILDING
COMMISSIONING
REPORT, ROBERT
FROST ELEMENTARY,
RESOLUTION NO. 2053

Adopts Resolution No. 2054 to accept the work of Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the new Robert Frost Elementary School.

ACCEPTANCE OF
PROJECT, ROBERT
FROST ELEMENTARY,
RESOLUTION NO. 2054

Adopts Resolution No. 2055 which provides the certification required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the submission of an application to construct a new facility at Helen Keller Elementary School and affirm that the District, once the new school is constructed, will not use the existing school for instructional purposes.

NEW CONSTRUCTION
IN LIEU OF
MODERNIZATION,
HELEN KELLER
ELEMENTARY,
RESOLUTION NO. 2055

Adopts Resolution No. 2056 which provides the certification required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the submission of an application to construct a new facility at Carl Sandburg Elementary School and affirm that the District, once the new school is constructed, will not use the existing school for instructional purposes.

NEW CONSTRUCTION
IN LIEU OF
MODERNIZATION,
CARL SANDBURG
ELEMENTARY,
RESOLUTION NO. 2055

NON-CONSENT
AGENDA

MONITORING BOARD
POLICY -

Chip Kimball presented EL-9, District Calendar, for first reading.

EL-9, DISTRICT
CALENDAR

Chip Kimball presented EL-18, Technology, for first reading. He responded to board members questions. A question was received from a community member regarding security of data; he provided an overview of the district's security protocols.

EL-18, TECHNOLOGY

Ravi Shahani conveyed that at the board retreat, it was discussed to revise item #3 as follows: Establish technology application expectations for staff and students and ensure that these are met. Chip Kimball concurred and indicated that the policy will be submitted for board approval. He noted that progress has been made with the implementation of IT², a more integrated approach is now taken. Teachers are required to demonstrate proficiency. Technology will be the focus of the June 7 work session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Chip Kimball noted that there were several parents in the audience who are concerned over the feeder bump and grade configuration announced earlier. He reviewed the rationale and overview of the proposed changes. *{See May 3 board meeting minutes.}*

Chip Kimball reported that the district will change the current grade configuration to K-5, 6-8, 9-12. While the grade configuration change addresses the imbalance in elementary and secondary school populations, there are also imbalances in school population between geographic areas. Three changes in feeder patterns are planned to coincide with the 2012-13 grade configuration change. This will affect students currently in fourth grade and below. Bell Elementary will feed into Finn Hill Junior High and Juanita High School, instead of Kirkland Junior High and Lake Washington High School. Audubon Elementary will feed into Rose Hill Junior High and Lake Washington High School instead of Redmond Junior High and Redmond High School. These changes effectively shift population westward, from Redmond High through Lake Washington High to Juanita High School. In addition, Einstein Elementary students will shift from Evergreen Junior High to Redmond Junior High but will still go on to Redmond High School.

He continued and noted that the Lake Washington School District operates under policy governance. The board holds him accountable for student academic results within the parameters set and monitors the progress. The board was informed throughout the process, but this is his decision. He examined all of the various options, but only one answer emerged. A decision has been made and he wants to help the community understand the issues. He knows that this will be difficult for some families.

Jackie Pendergrass pointed out that with the change in grade configuration, all of the middle and high schools will be different.

Chip Kimball continued and noted that Redmond and Eastlake high schools will require either doubleshifting and/or extensions (portables or permanent classrooms). This will require additional funding. The formation of a choice campus is also an option for housing students.

Jackie Pendergrass conveyed that the community supports going to a four-year high school as evidenced in surveys. Chip Kimball noted that the district did conduct three surveys which showed support of four-year high schools. He commented that a survey showed that the failure of the bond issue was as a result of the economy.

Chip Kimball indicated that he did not want to minimize the concerns of families. Parent/community meetings are being held at Bell, Audubon, and Einstein.

Doug Eglington commented that it is a balancing act and he understood the impacts that it causes families. Nancy Bernard stated that the district works hard to solicit input but that when there isn't any other alternative, then it doesn't make sense to solicit input. Chris Carlson explained that public comment is taken at the first board meeting of each month; he invited parents to speak at the June 7 board meeting.

Chip Kimball indicated that if someone were to come up with other alternatives, he would examine the feasibility.

Doug Eglington reported that Senator Ken Jacobsen, 46th district, is retiring; he has been a strong supporter of public education.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jackie Pendergrass related that she attended the exit conference with the auditors. The district received an excellent report.

BOARD COMMENT

Doug Eglington attended the KCTS Advisory Board meeting; they changed their mission and their structures are now very healthy compared to where they were a few years ago.

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Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by ADJOURNMENT
Doug Eglington.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Chip Kimball, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary